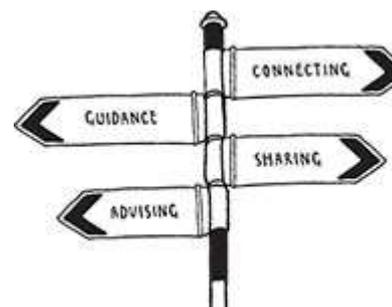


# Scottish Finance Advisory Network

## Newsletter



### Advisor Update

Welcome to the August SFAN Newsletter for practitioners in organisations that don't subscribe to the SFAN network.

As usual the FAN team have been busy supporting practitioners in responding to your many and diverse accounting queries as well as delivering a variety of workshops via webinar.

David has been busy responding to a number of technical accounting queries from subscribers as well as preparing and delivering various web-based training sessions, including Whole of Government Accounts training (with HM Treasury), police finance training, housing finance updates, and has recently delivered a full day on Introduction to Local Authority Capital Accounting, which has been expanded this year to adapt it for Scottish authorities, including the various regulatory differences unique to Scottish capital accounting. David is running another session in October and bookings can be made via the FAN website.

Caroline has been on annual leave in order to move house and is now busy catching up on all the emails and answering technical queries."

After returning from her recent period of annual leave Sandra has been delivering webinars for the SCAN network as well as responding to the usual technical queries from subscribers. She is currently preparing to take part in the upcoming property network webinars around how authorities are responding to Covid-19 and the impact on asset valuations. Details of these can be found in the events section.

That's all for this month's advisor update. Please stay safe.

David, Caroline and Sandra

### Events

**Housing Finance Update: social housing financing and policy post-COVID-19**

[28 July and 29 July, Webinar](#)

**COVID-19 Live Online The Big Valuation Discussion**

[30 July and 4 August, Webinars](#)

**Councillors' Guide to Understanding your Council's Financial Reporting Requirements**

[8 September, Webinar](#)

**Introduction to Financial Planning**

[16 September, Webinar](#)

**Introduction to Local Authority Capital Accounting**

[8 October, Webinar](#)

**Introduction to Local Government Finance**

[17 November, Webinar](#)

**Introduction to Accounting for Groups and Collaborative Arrangements**

[27 November, Webinar](#)

## Network and CIPFA News

### **COSLA; Covid-19 Information for Councils**

All the latest official information as well as guidance and resources from COSLA and key partners including weekly briefings for Elected Members.

<https://www.cosla.gov.uk/covid-19-information-for-councils>

### **Additional COVID-19 advice and support for local authorities**

CIPFA has set-up an [online hub](#) for COVID resources.

Essential guidance on all aspects of coronavirus can be found on the [Gov.Scot](#) website.

### **Follow FAN on Twitter and connect to us on LinkedIn**

David, Sandra and Caroline regularly tweet details of relevant news stories, FAN event updates, CIPFA consultation alerts, COVID-19 updates, etc. We encourage subscribers to follow us on Twitter for the latest news, so even if you don't 'tweet' yourself, it's a great way to keep updated on key issues affecting local authority finance and accounting. Click to find [David Sandra](#) and [Caroline](#) on Twitter, or search for all our network advisor tweets using the hashtag [#cipfanetworks](#).

We can also be found on LinkedIn and increasingly use social media for additional FAN updates, so if you are on LinkedIn then please feel free to connect to us: David, Sandra and [Caroline](#).

## News Roundup

News stories are a part of the subscriber service only.

## Publications

1	<a href="#">IFRS 16 Leases: An Early Guide for Local Authority Practitioners</a>
2	<a href="#">Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2020/21</a>
3	<a href="#">Financial Management Code</a>
4	<a href="#">Financial Management Code Guidance Notes</a>
5	<a href="#">Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom: Disclosure Checklist for 2019/20 Accounts</a>