



Finance Advisory Network Newsletter

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Advisor Update

Welcome to the November FAN Newsletter for practitioners in organisations that don't subscribe to the FAN service.

If you haven't already considered it, CIPFA is offering an [introductory promotion](#) for authorities taking out a new subscription to FAN or other networks.

If you take out a subscription before 31 December 2020 you will get membership up to 31 March 2022 for the 12-month price i.e. 16 months for the price of 12 if you take it out now. The earlier you take out a new membership the higher the saving. If you opt to include any pre-pay places with your membership these can be used at any time up to 31 March 2022 for any FAN events included in our Service Plan.

FAN membership gets you access to all subscriber newsletters and our past event documentation and slides on the website, as well as access to the FAN team for any technical accounting questions. English FAN membership also includes the two 2020/21 Collection Fund toolkits developed by Caroline, which if you have read the article written by Caroline below and concluded you are having problems with your collection fund, you might find useful.

If this promotion is of interest, please do get in touch.

Events

Capital Valuations: Avoiding the pitfalls

[3 December, Webinar](#)

Introduction to Adult and Children's Social Care

[8/10 December, Webinar](#)

Impact of COVID-19 on NNDR and Council Tax Budget-Setting and Accounting (additional date)

[10 December, Webinar](#)

Wales Cymru Public Service Challenge In A Post Covid-19 World

[10 December, Webinar](#)

CIPFA Health and Social Care Conference 2020

[14 December, Webinar](#)

Social Care Spending Round 2021 and Covid 19

[17 December, Webinar](#)

2020/21 Accounts Closedown and Financial Reporting Workshops

[Various dates - see article below](#)

Introduction to Collection Fund Accounts

[16 February, Webinar](#)

[FAN Home](#)

Any authorities that currently purchase the collection fund accounting models rather than subscribing to FAN, please let Caroline know if you would like to pre-order the updated 2020/21 versions. Any authority that currently doesn't purchase the models but would like to for the first time (although the FAN offer mentioned above is better value for money), again, please give Caroline a shout.

You may have heard on the grapevine about the possibility of IFRS 16 being deferred for a further 12 months until 2022/23. CIPFA/LASAAC will make a final decision on this next week.

Don't forget we can still deliver any of our [Essentials](#) 'Introduction to...' events exclusively for your authority too, so do get in touch if interested in a 'local' delivery.

As usual, we hope you find the newsletter helpful

Best wishes, and please stay safe.

David, Caroline and Sandra

Network and CIPFA News

FAN 2020/21 Accounts Closedown and Financial Reporting Workshops (webinars in January and February 2021)

The FAN team are working again with associate Graham Liddell for our annual closedown series, which this year (in line with other CIPFA workshops) is being delivered via webinar. The workshops will feature the usual healthy mix of technical updates and topical discussion and details of the programme can be found on the website (see link to all events in the events listing). The series is expected to run from 7 January to 10 February, so there will be plenty of dates to choose from, and as they are being delivered by webinar, they are now more accessible with no need to travel.

As with previous years the 2020/21 closedown series includes separate events for local authorities in England, Wales and Scotland, plus events for police practitioners in England (Welsh police bodies are encouraged to attend the main Wales events due to the regulatory differences that apply).

So, pick your date and book your slot.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Delivery</u>
Thu	07/01/2021	Webinar
Mon	11/01/2021	Webinar
Tue	12/01/2021	Webinar
Wed	13/01/2021	Webinar
Thu	14/01/2021	Webinar - Wales
Mon	18/01/2021	Webinar
Tue	19/01/2021	Webinar - Police
Wed	20/01/2021	Webinar - Scotland
Thu	21/01/2021	Webinar

Mon	25/01/2021	Webinar
Tue	26/01/2021	Webinar - Wales
Wed	27/01/2021	Webinar
Thu	28/01/2021	Webinar
Mon	01/02/2021	Webinar
Tue	02/02/2021	Webinar
Wed	03/02/2021	Webinar - Police
Thu	04/02/2021	Webinar
Mon	08/02/2021	Webinar
Tue	09/02/2021	Webinar - Scotland
Wed	10/02/2021	Webinar

Impact of COVID19 on NNDR and Council Tax budget setting (2021/22) and accounting England (2020/2021) – Webinars December 2020

Following a number of requests, this joint event between FAN and CBRS allows the opportunity for revenues and accounting delegates to work together and consider their respective and combined roles and responsibilities in both completing the NNDR 1 2021/22 form and setting the council tax base.

The COVID-19 measures introduced by MHCLG, which include the requirement for authorities to spread the collection fund deficit, will directly impact on the structure and completion of NNDR 1 2021/22 form. The COVID-19 measures will also impact on the calculation of the 2021/22 council tax base for tax setting purposes, which will also be considered in this session alongside the accounting for the 2020/21 collection fund and Section 31 grants.

Caroline has been working directly with MHCLG on making the spreading proposal work and both she and Adrian Blaylock, lead Revenues Advisor are working with them on the NNDR 1 2021/22 form, so are right at the heart of what is going on. There are still a small number of places left on the [10 December](#) event.

Are you suffering from collection fund accounting issues?

Caroline has written an [article for CIPFA Thinks](#) on the common problems that local authorities seemed to encounter with their 2019/20 Collection Fund accounting. It's more of a checklist of questions you should be asking yourself for assurance that you are happy with your own approach. Hopefully you are confident in your approach but if not, we have also added a [collection fund support page](#) to the FAN website detailing all the different support options we offer in this area. Bookings are already being taken for consultancy support and external reviews for 2020/21 collection fund closedown, so do get in touch with Caroline if either of these is something you would be interested in.

Wales Cymru Public Service Challenge in a Post Covid-19 World – 10 December 2020

Wales CYMRU is currently addressing the biggest public service challenges since devolution in having to navigate its way through the end of the first year of the pandemic. CIPFA proposes to support Wales CYMRU's public service leaders in a virtual gathering to enable current debate. The webinar will be chaired by Rebecca Nelson, CIPFA Wales Cymru Branch President with key speakers

including Rebecca Evans, MS, Minister for Finance and Trefnydd, Adrian Crompton, Auditor General for Wales, Guto Ifan, Wales Governance Centre and many more.

Whether working from home or one of the few who will have returned to office accommodation, the event will provide delegates with the opportunity to listen to, and engage with speakers and to begin to plot the economic and public service recovery in Wales, 'a conference at your desk'. To ensure that Wales CYMRU's CIPFA members and finance professionals have the opportunity to attend, the webinar can be attended at £49+VAT.

See events listing to book.

Performance Tracker 2020

How public services have coped with coronavirus.

[Performance Tracker 2020](#), published with CIPFA, analyses the disruptions in hospitals, general practice, adult social care, schools and criminal courts, and the changes made in response.

Additional COVID-19 advice and support for local authorities

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

Essential guidance for local authorities on all aspects of the coronavirus support can be found on the [GOV.UK website](#).

CIPFA Thinks

Don't forget to periodically check [CIPFA Thinks](#) to see the latest set of articles, comments and publications covering topical aspects of public finance and also those issues specific to [local government](#).

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](#).

LinkedIn Discussions

CIPFA has its own [LinkedIn group](#) where you can find up to date announcements and discussions on all the latest issues in the public sector. Why not join in one of the discussions or start a conversation of your own?

News Roundup

This service is for FAN subscribers only.

Publications

[Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom Guidance Notes for 2020/21 Accounts \(online\)](#)

[Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom: Disclosure Checklist for 2020/21 Accounts \(online\)](#)

[A Guide to Local Authority and Public Sector Asset Management](#)

[Service Reporting Code of Practice for Local Authorities 2021/22](#)

[Planning to Deliver Good Value in Demand-led Services \(social care\)](#)

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