

Meeting CIM Council Meeting
 Date Wednesday 17 January 2024
 Time 10.00-12.00
 Venue Microsoft Teams

Notes of the Meeting

Time	Item	Actions
1.	<p>Introductions and apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Present</u>: Theresa Channell (Chair), Amy Oliver, Andy Cardoza, Bev Bull, Colin Sharpe, Holly Hancocks, Kelly Watson, Lee Yale-Helms, Modestus Okafor, Sean Pearce. <u>Apologies</u>: Alston Owens, Emma Cranidge, Sean Prosser. 	
2.	<p>Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of 22 September 2023 Council meeting were approved. The action tracker was updated throughout the meeting and is available with these minutes. 	
3.	<p>Council membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TC reported that Martin Jones from NTU has agreed to be co-opted to represent the HE sector. TC will continue to seek to make contact with national Council members linked to the Midlands. CS explained the essential difference between elected and co-opted Council members is that the elected members are specified in the Constitution and comprise the presidential team, honorary officers, six corporate CIPFA members and two CIPFA students; whereas the AGM and Council can choose to co-opt others to ensure a balanced geographical and employment representation. The majority of Council must be corporate CIPFA members; and six members form a quorum for a meeting, provided a majority are corporate CIPFA members. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The membership from the forthcoming 2024 AGM was discussed, drawing on the draft AGM agenda. Council would like to see a Junior Vice-President identified, to ensure strong succession planning; also wider student representation, to support MO in particular. All to consider whether they wish to put themselves forward for particular roles, and to identify students who could become involved. 	All
4.	<p>Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CIM Development Plan and Business Plan <p>A development/business plan had been submitted to HQ. TC noted that more detailed action plans will be required where particular funding for activities and initiatives has been requested. HQ has not yet announced how much subvention funding will be awarded, although there may be an opportunity to revisit plans as time progresses. The Autumn Regional Forum is expected to be our flagship event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sixth Form Management Games <p>HH reported that HQ are running a version of the games at universities. Regards the Midlands games this coming June/July, planning is well underway and dates are being set.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mentoring <p>KW reported that the programme is being expanded to other regions, although some points remain to be addressed with HQ including how to address any relationship breakdowns. Within the Midlands, mentors and mentees continue to be matched. More active promotion is being considered. The mentoring team would welcome any Council member wishing to help with, or participate in, the programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finances <p>BB reported that the finances are being updated and a statement will be available soon. The 2023 year-end balance will be higher than budget, as spending has been lower.</p>	All
5.	<p>Events planning / Events group</p> <p>The networking/social/get to know us event is scheduled for 25 January in Leicester. Council members were asked to encourage people to attend.</p>	

	<p>KW suggested another networking event would be good, perhaps in May or June and with a focus on students. Opportunities for mutual support are increasingly important.</p> <p>As noted above, the Autumn Regional Forum to be arranged and hosted by the Midlands is expected to be our flagship event.</p>	
6.	<p>Regional AGM – Thursday 28 March 2024</p> <p>Planning continues for the wider event around the formal AGM, with high profile speakers invited/to be invited. Midlands regional awards are being considered. Past-President badges are being sourced by HQ and will be presented if available.</p> <p>The case for a meal/drink on the preceding evening will be reviewed depending upon speakers’ travel plans; some Council members resident around Birmingham offered to be available.</p> <p>Agreed that LY-H will ensure the appropriate badges for the presidential team are sourced.</p>	LY-H
7.	<p>Autumn Regional Forum 2024, to be hosted by the Midlands</p> <p>This is expected to take place in September. TC is leading the initial discussions with HQ, also drawing on experience of regions which have recently hosted. HQ will provide £5,000 to support the arrangements.</p> <p>Our plans are to provide some sessions open to regional members and students generally, around the more formal regional forum sessions.</p>	TC
8.	<p>Student participation</p> <p>MO reported that HQ has an outreach worker to support regions without active students. He has raised this with the Student Network.</p> <p>TC noted the need to get together to provide more support to MO, to include TC, AOW and CS. To be arranged for March. Others to let CS know if they would like to be involved.</p> <p>AOI referenced work with the LGA, will share details with MO.</p>	CS AOI

9.	<p>CIPFA / ICAEW integration / CIPFA HQ update</p> <p>HQ is understood to be progressing the mapping of ICAEW contacts. We should generally be reaching out to ICAEW colleagues.</p> <p>A discussion ensued around CIPFA support for FDs and members more widely; CIPFA's public positioning regards councils in financial difficulty/issuing s114 notices/subject to intervention; CIPFA's national influence more generally; and HQ's engagement with CIPFA members and students about strategy development and supporting actions.</p>	
10.	<p>Dates of future meetings and 2024 AGM</p> <p>The need for a formal meeting ahead of the AGM will be kept under review. CS to arrange meeting dates for 2024/25.</p>	CS
11.	<p>AOB</p> <p>The CIPFA annual conference, Public Finance Live, will be held on 10-11 July 2024 at Manchester Central. TC suggested she should attend along with AOW. MO would be interested in a student place. Any other expressions of interest for a regional place are welcome from Council members not able to benefit from a place through their employer.</p>	All