

Minutes 20 May 2019

CIPFA SOUTH EAST REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Date 20 May 2019
Time 3.00pm to 5.25pm (tea/coffee available from 2.45pm)
Venue iMPOWER, 112/114 Middlesex Street, London E1 7HY

Present	President	Amy Crowson
	Regional Secretary/Vice President	John Barker
	Regional Treasurer	Nicki Cooper
	Corporate Members	Phil Butlin
		Mark Williams
	Immediate Past President/CIPFA Council Member	Rosanne Nulty (T)
	Retired Members' representative	Eric Keighley
	Registered Students	Trisha Brigemohane
	Co-opted Members	Nick Carroll
		Jade Coombes

AGENDA ITEMS

Action by

1. No CIPFA Council colleagues attended this Regional Council (Rosanne teleconferenced). New co-optees agreed for 2019/20 are Paul Clarke, Chris Blundell, Lorna Baxter and James Kidd.
The CIPFA Council election results at www.cipfa.org/about-cipfa/cipfas-governance-structure/council-elections-2019 meant there will be two new CIPFA SE Regional Council Members (Suresh Patel and Caroline Russell) after CIPFA's July AGM
2. Apologies received for today's meeting
3. Minutes from meeting on 30 January 2019 were agreed.

Matters for discussion or decision

4. Tributes to Paul Treadaway (1935 – 2019) were shared. CSE had been notified of his passing and past and present Council members had attended Paul's funeral on 7 May. A donation of £100 to St Luke's Hospice with a letter and flowers to Geraldine Treadaway was agreed. **(NC/JB)**
5. Regional AGM/Spring Conference 27 March 2019 - Feedback was positive and it was agreed to hold our 2020 AGM/Spring Conference on 20 April 2020 at Grant Thornton again. **(All to note)**

6. 2019 Development Plan, Budget Statement and Treasurer's Report. These were reviewed and agreed. Discussion on the forward implications for maintaining our regional activity at current levels followed. The future level of subvention remains unclear – despite repeated requests for indicative multi-year projections from several regions at each Forum and other opportunities. Agreed that an autumn review of some options by Council would be appropriate, to aid production of scenarios for the 2020 Development Plan. **(All to note;AC/NC/JB to initiate)**

7. CIPFA Regional Portal activation and related GDPR issues - to agree access authorities and protocols and the requisite GDPR nominations.

Ongoing dialogue with CIPFA HQ had been slow. Multi access emails had been requested and promised to trial for the Summer Conference. Other issues will be pursued and actioned as required during the summer it is proposed. **(JB/RF)**

8. Update on 2019 Regional Forum telecoms and forward meetings

JB gave a verbal report on 7 March teleconference developments and reminded that our Regional Council was invited to nominate attendance at 'Embedding Ethics' on 24 June.

Next Forum Meeting was planned for 16 May at Mansell Street, followed by an Annual Conference Forum Meeting at Birmingham (Public Finance Live) during 10 July.

The 2019 Annual Regional Forum is planned for 15/16 November, to be hosted by North West Region at Chester. Council noted these dates.

There may be opportunity to make an in-year bid from the regional subvention unallocated Funds for 2019. Council was asked to offer any ideas for inclusion in the current year or the first draft of the 2020 Development Plan, in advance of our September Council. **(All)**

9. Progress reports on development of major events/new initiatives in 2019

Summer Conference – Wantage Hall, Reading University, 12/14 September (RN)

Planning was almost completed and publicity/promotion of the event was requested from Council members. **(All)**

Annual Regional Dinner – London Marriott Hotel was agreed for 15 November. JB to continue liaison with existing/potential sponsors and to initiate e-shot publicity. Council were requested to reserve the date and endeavour to attend. **(All)**

Mentoring Events – host venue confirmed for 10 October at Grant Thornton, Finsbury Square with perhaps an additional session(s) if funding may permit **(TE/SM)**

10. Public Finance Live 9/10 July 2019 – the CIPFA Annual Conference's new name

Regional Council delegate interest noted and further attendance interest will be canvassed. There may be concessionary conference passes available in recognition of volunteer regional support (as advised at last Forum) to be allocated by CIM as host region.

Attendance will be agreed by our President by 31 May, in order to make regional delegate arrangements and hotel reservations and notify CIM for regional stand rota planning. **(All)**

Matters for information or note

11. Updated Events programme at 13 May 2019 V8 was noted.

12. Institute Business

1. CIPFA Council – references made by Rosanne Fleming to issues on the formal debrief Notes (SEO883) to elaborate or explain them in more detail.
2. CIPFA Secretariat update – Joanne Pitt's summary (via JB) highlighted progress on the Ethics Working Group developments and stakeholder consultation on the draft Financial Management Code - both current topics which feature on our regional events programmes during 2019. A Councillor Advisory Service is being developed with a planned launch during July 2019.

Reporting on group activity

13. SE-CSN business

The progress report from Will Goodchild was noted.

14. Retired members' group activities –

Report from Eric Keighley on group activities that 14 attended The Globe Theatre tour on 2 May. An autumn visit is planned to the Post Office Museum, Mount Pleasant. **(EK)**

Any Other Business

15. Phil Butlin commented that he would like to see a review of Regional Council business and would send some thoughts for next agenda consideration to AC and JB **(PB)**

Forward Diary

16. Forward diary for 2019/20 – next Council meeting dates were agreed as -
Regional Council - 18 September (CCLA hosting), 4 December 2019 (iMPower hosting)
and 29 January 2020 (venue to confirm – MW will offer PAC Group, Victoria if available).
AGM/Spring Conference – 20 April 2020 (Grant Thornton, Finsbury Square hosting)

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