

Agenda

CIPFA SOUTH EAST REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING - DIGITAL

Date 14 September 2021
Time 1.30pm – 3.00pm (please provide your own refreshments!)
Venue Digital – via CSE Regional Zoom Meetings platform

Join via this link from 1.20pm –

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82565613133?pwd=citvT1NBNmxvMDNVbzN5TUINbGJtUT09>

Members	President	Kathryn Long
	Junior Vice President	Nicki Cooper
	Regional Secretary/Vice President	John Barker
	Regional Treasurer	Nicki Cooper
	Regional Website Administrator	Lillian Manning
	Corporate Members	Phil Butlin
		Stephanie Mitchener
		Thomas England
		Mark Williams
	Immediate Past President/CIPFA Council Member	Amy Crowson
	Retired Members' representative	Eric Keighley
	Registered Students	Honor Green
		Trisha Brigemohane
	CIPFA Council Elected Members in Region	Naeem Ahmed
		Caroline Al-Beyerty
		Chris Roberts
		Ian Williams
	Co-opted Members	Lorna Baxter
		Chris Blundell
		Matt Bowmer
		Nick Carroll
		Paul Clarke
		James Cook
		Jade Coombes
		Cath Edwards
		Will Goodchild
		James Kidd
		Rosanne Nulty
		Philippa Watkins
		Nick White
		Joanne Pitt

Invited

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Welcome to our newly elected CIPFA Council Members who are now included in our Regional Council membership.

2. Apologies received for today's meeting
3. Minutes and matters arising from digital meetings on 11 May and its continuation on 19 July **(Paper SEO2114)**

Matters for discussion or decision

4. 2021 Regional Development Plan and Budget.

- (1). Development Plan 2021. **(Paper SEO2103 from 11 May Council refers)**

This has been delivered wherever circumstances have made that possible through the ongoing Covid pandemic. It will be revised for 2022 this autumn and Council is asked to make any observations at this time which may then be considered further when the timetable and guidance for the 2022 version submission is received from CIPFA (expected late September/early October).

Council is requested to note this update.

- (2). Budget for 2021. **(Paper SEO2117)**

The September statement has only minor changes since the revised 2021 budget was approved by Council on 19 July.

Council is requested to note this update.

5. Annual Regional Dinner 19 November 2021

Sponsor support is good for this year's proposed Dinner. Several enquiries have been received from previous table groups. A draft contract, based on our 2019 event, is now received from London Marriott Hotel and is still subject to ongoing negotiation regarding the hotel facility use and capacity, as we have provisionally planned NQM certificate presentations as part of the programme for the evening (see also agenda item 6). A key negotiation objective is to facilitate table and individual booking rates very close to our 2019 Dinner after inflation and VAT changes are taken into account. Any further developments will be reported verbally at our meeting.

At 19 July Council we agreed to consider the position at our September meeting, taking into account any implications from the relaxation of Covid restrictions, to determine whether to proceed with our planned Dinner on 19 November.

Given the current position Council is recommended to confirm that we proceed with the planned Dinner date, with the programme for the evening to include presentations to our NQMs, if that feasible.

6. Newly Qualified members' certificate presentations – options for 2021 presentations.

CIPFA Membership has recently sent a list of our regional members who have qualified since October 2019. There are approx.150 colleagues who are eligible for an invitation to our periodic certificate presentation ceremonies formerly held at Mansell Street biennially and more recently as part of our Annual Dinner. (See agenda item 5 for observations on potential Dinner capacity). If it is not possible to accommodate all newly qualified members who wish to have a Dinner certificate presentation it is proposed that we arrange a dedicated ceremony later this year at Mansell Street with other presentations also being made at any live hub or day conference events, when they are reinstated.

Council is requested to offer any further comment and to agree these options.

7. Regional Forum Business

(1) Agenda for 9 September virtual Forum meeting. **(Paper SEO2118/1)**

(2) 11/12 November 2021 – hosted by North East Region **(Paper SEO2118/2)**
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Newcastle

The current draft programme is attached – the final version should be available by late September and will be circulated then. Booking confirmations from each region are requested to be confirmed as soon as possible. The delegate rate has not been confirmed yet but the 9 September Regional Forum advice was that ‘it will be close to the last one’ Council members are requested to agree our overall delegate numbers, based on our 2021 budget provision, and expressions of interest to attend to represent our region are requested to be made by 30 September.

8. Pan Accountancy Lunch 5 November 2021 (from 12.30pm) at Mansion House, London

This annual lunch is reinstated for 2021. CIPFA HQ is a contributing sponsor and will nominate Mike Driver to represent CIPFA Council. Regional Council is invited to nominate members to represent our regional council and expressions of interest are now invited.

9. Mentoring Developments during 2021.

Planning for resumption of live sessions is paused at present. Tom England will advise whether it is feasible to consider restarting planning of virtual speed mentoring sessions yet.

Matters for information or note

10. Updated Events programme at 9 September 2021(V14). **(Paper SEO2119)**

Regional Hub Group meeting dates (provisional) are included to help ongoing dialogues with our actual or potential presenters and sponsors. Our region-wide autumn CPD sessions will continue. There is a possible reinstatement of the CSN Pub Quiz this autumn. The planned Annual Dinner date is included, with a contingent provision for an alternate dedicated NQM ceremony at Mansell Street.

11. Institute Business

CIPFA Council/Secretariat – updates from Joanne Pitt and Amy Crowson as available.
No CIPFA debrief notes have been received in respect of recent CIPFA Council Meetings.

Reporting on group activity

12. SE-CSN business)

Verbal progress report from Honor Green.

13. Retired members’ group activities –

Eric Keighley reports that no further group activities are to be planned until the Covid implications allow them to take place safely.

Any Other Business

14. Please notify the President before the start of the meeting if possible.

Forward Diary

15. Forward diary for 2021/22 Council Meetings – dates to agree (format/venue/times tbc)

6 December 2021 (potentially a live meeting – venue tbc)

2 February 2022 (format/venue tbc)

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