

CIPFA Police and Fire Network

Programme of events 2020/21

Our planned headline events below are complemented by horizon scanning and other briefings, events materials, FAN newsletters and advisor technical accounting and policy support for subscribers only. Prepaid places can be used to attend any events set out in the service plan for the relevant year from the annual allocation of places. New events may be added as policing or fire related agendas develop and eligibility for use of prepaid places at those extra events will be confirmed as part of the event promotion materials.

2020/21:

Please note that the events below will be supplemented by FAN events and other CIPFA advisory events with implications for police forces and OPCCs. Please refer to the Police and Fire Network and Finance Advisory Network webpages for more information.

22 April 2020 – Introduction to Police Finance – webinar

This event provides an overview of policing, its structures and how it is financed. This event is a good introduction to anyone who has recently joined a police force or the office of a police and crime commissioner.

23 April 2020 – Introduction to Fire Finance – webinar

This event provides an overview of fire and rescue services, their structures and how they are financed. It is a good introduction to anyone who has recently joined a fire and rescue service or authority.

13 May 2020 – Update for Police Audit Committee Members – webinar

This half-day webinar provides members of police joint audit committees with up to date briefings on developments in policing, accounting, audit and governance arrangements in the light of the coronavirus pandemic. The webinar specifically focuses on the implications for joint audit committees on the changes to the revised financial reporting deadlines for 2019//20, the AGS for 2019/20, the challenges faced by OPCCs and police forces and their impact on plans and priorities.

25 June 2020 – Introduction to Police Budgeting – now a webinar

This webinar provide delegates with a good basic understanding of how to set, monitor and report on their local service budgets within police forces. It is aimed at finance staff and non-finance budget holders.

Early July 2020 – AFEP Benchmarking Streams: Findings from year 1 and preparations for year 2 – now a webinar

Just over a year into the AFEP programme, this webinar will provide overall findings from a whole range of benchmarking streams included in year 1 of the AFEP programme and will share the latest on the year 2 benchmarking streams. We will also consider how PCCs and forces can make the most of their data to make fully informed decisions.

Round table: national, regional and local arrangements – postponed

A round table event to consider any possible changes to the balance of national, regional and local policing services and any likely governance and finance implications for local PCCs and police forces.

9 September 2020 – Introduction to Police Audit Committees

An event for new police joint audit committee members, providing a basic understanding of the role and remit of the audit committee, the legal, governance and audit frameworks in policing, the committee's relationships with others and how the committee can provide assurance to the PCC and chief constable.

17 September – Operation Uplift: integrating financial and strategic plans

An event to gain a better understanding of how police forces can integrate their financial and strategic plans in order to get the best out of Operation Uplift. This event has been postponed from 28 April.

30 September and 1 October 2020 – Police Audit Committee Members' Development Days

Two regional events for police audit committee members on emerging developments on audit and governance issues for police audit committee members.

8 October 2020 – Compliance with the FM Code

A one day event to consider preparations of police forces, OPCCs and fire and rescue services in implementing the requirements of the CIPFA Financial Management Code in anticipation of the 1 April 2021 deadline.

7 and 15 October 2020 – Hot topics in Police and Fire Finance

Two regional events focusing on the latest hot topics in police finance, fire finance and technical accounting developments ahead of the 2020/21 closedown. We will also consider the changes in audit for the first year of the new Code of Audit Practice, and the latest on the Redmond Review and the CIPFA LASAAC review.

November 2020 – Scoping the Future for Police and Fire Finance

Looking ahead to the likely demands on both services and the policy and strategic direction, this event will assess the financial landscapes for police and fire services. How can we ensure that finance can meet the challenges ahead and equip finance for the medium to longer term? What does the future of police and fire finance look like? How can we ensure financial resilience in both sectors? Following up from our round table, how might any future changes to the balance of what is done locally, regionally and nationally affect finance and governance arrangements?

February 2021 – Local Authority Accounts Closedown Series 2019/20: police and fire (FAN)

As part of FAN's popular closedown series, we are holding two specific events for finance practitioners in police forces, OPCCs and fire and rescue services.