In these changing times, the support of a CIPFA Network is now more valuable than ever.
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Spending cuts across the board and a wave of reform and restructuring will create new challenges and new risks for public services. CIPFA Networks have unrivalled expertise to support you through these times of change by equipping you with the knowledge, skills and insight you need to respond to the fast-changing agenda.

We offer a wide range of topic-focused networks for finance and non-finance specialists in two main areas:

- Finance
- Business change

Our current membership of over 450 public service bodies continues to grow and help practitioners improve the performance and delivery of public services.

Why join?

Subscriptions are held by the organisation and open to all employees. Choose the networks that interest you and get instant access to:

- Dedicated network advisors with expert knowledge and experience
- Attendance at regional and national network and training events (using pre-paid places) throughout the year
- Opportunities for networking, career growth and CPD
- Access to an online library of practical briefings, guides and toolkits to keep up to date with the latest developments
- Specialist network websites with all the resources and toolkits you need in one place to respond to key work challenges
- Regular newsletters delivering the latest information straight to your inbox
The BGF is designed for public sector practitioners with responsibility for promoting better governance in their day-to-day jobs. We help members deliver improved leadership, stewardship and control within their organisation.

Your membership gives you:

- Attendance at events and webinars covering key topics including, BGF Annual Summit, CIPFA Audit Update, Counter Fraud workshop on recovery of Money and Assets and Supply Chain Risk Management.

- A specialist BGF adviser to help with technical queries and help you respond to new legislative requirements in the governance agenda.

- Access to the BGF newsletter and documentation such as three issues of Audit Committee Update each year, Fraud Risk Evaluation Diagnostic, project risk management guidance notes and practitioner examples.
CBRS offers blended learning, development and technical support for Benefits and Revenues professionals. We offer members workable solutions to continuously improve delivery of services for both their customers and staff.

Your membership gives you:

- Analysis and updates from the latest policy changes agenda including the Business Rates Retention scheme, local support for council tax, welfare reform, local authority benefit services and enforcement action.
- Make confident business decisions by sharing ideas and best practice with other practitioners at regional events throughout the year.
- Intelligence that informs your strategy by working with leading experts in each of the specialist areas.
- Access to a wide range of documentation such as the CIPFA HB/CTB Subsidy Guide, Social Security Appeals Tribunals Caselaw Guide and Council Tax Guide.
- Regular detailed documentation and e-mail updates on issues as they happen.
The CHN offers members expert guidance and technical support that will be required to manage the challenges of delivering cost effective, good quality social housing over the coming months and years.

**CIPFA Housing Network (CHN)**

Your membership gives you:

- Best practice case studies – a review of the very best approaches to new models of housing allocation across the sector.
- Joint working with the Chartered Institute of Housing to deliver learning events on Self-Financing, combined with a range of briefings, guidance and on-line support for members.
- Workshops exploring universal credits and changes to housing benefits.
- Social Housing & Environmental challenges – a joint series of regional events with expert colleagues from the CIPFA group exploring the relationship between social housing, health and the environment.
CIPFA Insurance Network (CIN)

The CIN brings together in one place the knowledge and know-how you need to improve your insurance arrangements and achieve real savings through better claims administration and service design.

Your membership gives you:

- A specialist insurance advisor, offering practical advice and guidance to help you improve performance, protection and stewardship of your insurance arrangements.
- Power briefing guides and regular newsletters to keep you informed of new developments.
- Access to resources and references on new legislation, standards, and other general developments in the insurance and procurement field.
- Attendance at events on a range of themed topics: Effective Insurance Claims Handling, Emerging Legal Trends and Auditing Insurance Contracts.
CIPFA Procurement & Commissioning Network (CPCN)

The CPCN helps members transform their procurement and commissioning function to maximise value for money and ensure legal compliance.

Your membership gives you:

- Advice, documentation and toolkits on complying with procurement rules, Tender Award Decision Notices and Category Management.
- Power briefings, case-law, frequent Q & A bank and practitioner documents covering the latest procurement issues.
- An interactive website dedicated to procurement and commissioning professionals.
- Attendance at events and webinars covering topical subjects – Contract Management: How to Secure Savings, Procurement Law Update, Localism Act, Outcome Based Commissioning and Commercial Negotiations.
Children’s Services Finance Advisory Network (CSFAN)

The CSFAN supports children’s services finance professionals to achieve best practice in financial management. We can help you improve service delivery during a period of unprecedented change.

Your membership gives you:

- Attendance at regional and national events on finance and policy developments in local government and broader financial management issues.
- A specialist FAN advisor supporting you on financial management and accounting challenges.
- Access to research analysis and guides on topics such as Budgeting, Accounting, IFRS and Planning for Service Reduction.
- A monthly newsletter providing our expert updates in local government accounting and finance.
The CPN offers a complete service for pensions practitioners engaged in the administration, investment and governance of local government pension funds. Our expert advisors support members to swiftly respond to new legislative requirements.

Your membership gives you:

- Expert advice and best practice on approaches to the new audit arrangements for LGPS Pension Funds and financial management of IFRS on pensions.
- Access to a dedicated website containing a range of resources such as our TISONline Pensions e-book and the CIPFA Good Governance Guide.
- Bespoke training solutions and advisory work using independent pensions experts.
- Attendance at events covering the latest developments in pensions, audit, governance and investment.
CIPFA Police Network

The Police Network helps police practitioners and strategic decision makers deliver cost-effectively under severe constraints on resources.

Your membership gives you:

- Expert analysis and updates from the latest policy and legislative agenda, including strategic policing and practical finance implications of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.
- We will work closely with CIPFA’s Statistics and Benchmarking teams to help you identify and achieve best practice in your organisation.
- Police website – access to briefing papers on government legislation, Home Office policy documents and HMIC reports.
- A monthly round-up with details of recent policing, finance and wider policy developments affecting the police service.
Finance Advisory Network (FAN)

The FAN supports members in the delivery of financial management and accounting during a period of unprecedented public sector reform. Our service is also available to authorities in England, Scotland and Wales.

Your membership gives you:

- Attendance at regional and national events on finance and policy developments in local government and broader financial management issues.
- A specialist FAN advisor, supporting you on financial management and accounting challenges.
- Access to research analysis and guides on topics such as Budgeting, Accounting, IFRS and Planning for Service Reduction.
- A monthly newsletter providing our expert updates in local government accounting and finance.
The HSCFAN is designed for finance and service staff involved in the planning and delivery of adult social care and public health. We help members to swiftly respond to key challenges of adult social care and the emerging public health and well being agenda.

Your membership gives you:

- Access to research analysis and guides on topics such as Public Health and Adult Social Care Developments.

- Attendance at events throughout the year including, Meeting the Savings Challenges of 2012–13 and Beyond, Streamlining the new Health and Social Care Processes and Systems.

- An interactive website and regular newsletters dedicated to adult social care and public health professionals.
The TMN is designed for practitioners with responsibility for delivering the treasury management function. We provide best practice risk-based treasury management advice to enable members to respond to new legislative requirements cost-efficiently.

Your membership gives you:

- A dedicated adviser to help with technical queries and help you respond to the challenges in the treasury management agenda.
- Attendance at events covering key topics on the treasury function, capital financing and IFRS.
- Interactive website with access to useful reports and expert analysis including, Treasury Management TISonline and Treasury Management Toolkit.
- Access to the National Treasury Risk Study results and targeted training and workshops to support our members.
What’s new in 2012

- A series of webinars, accessible via your own workstation at no extra cost, means you can access advice whenever and wherever you are
- ‘Pre-paid places’ can now be used at an extended range of CIPFA seminars, conferences and open training courses
- A new interactive website will provide exclusive access to a wealth of new resources, as well as discounts on a range of other services including on-site training

How to join

To find out how we can help you visit our website: www.cipfa.org/services/networks

For enquiries call our Business Development team on 020 7543 5842 or 020 7543 5822 or email us at: enquiries@cipfa.org
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