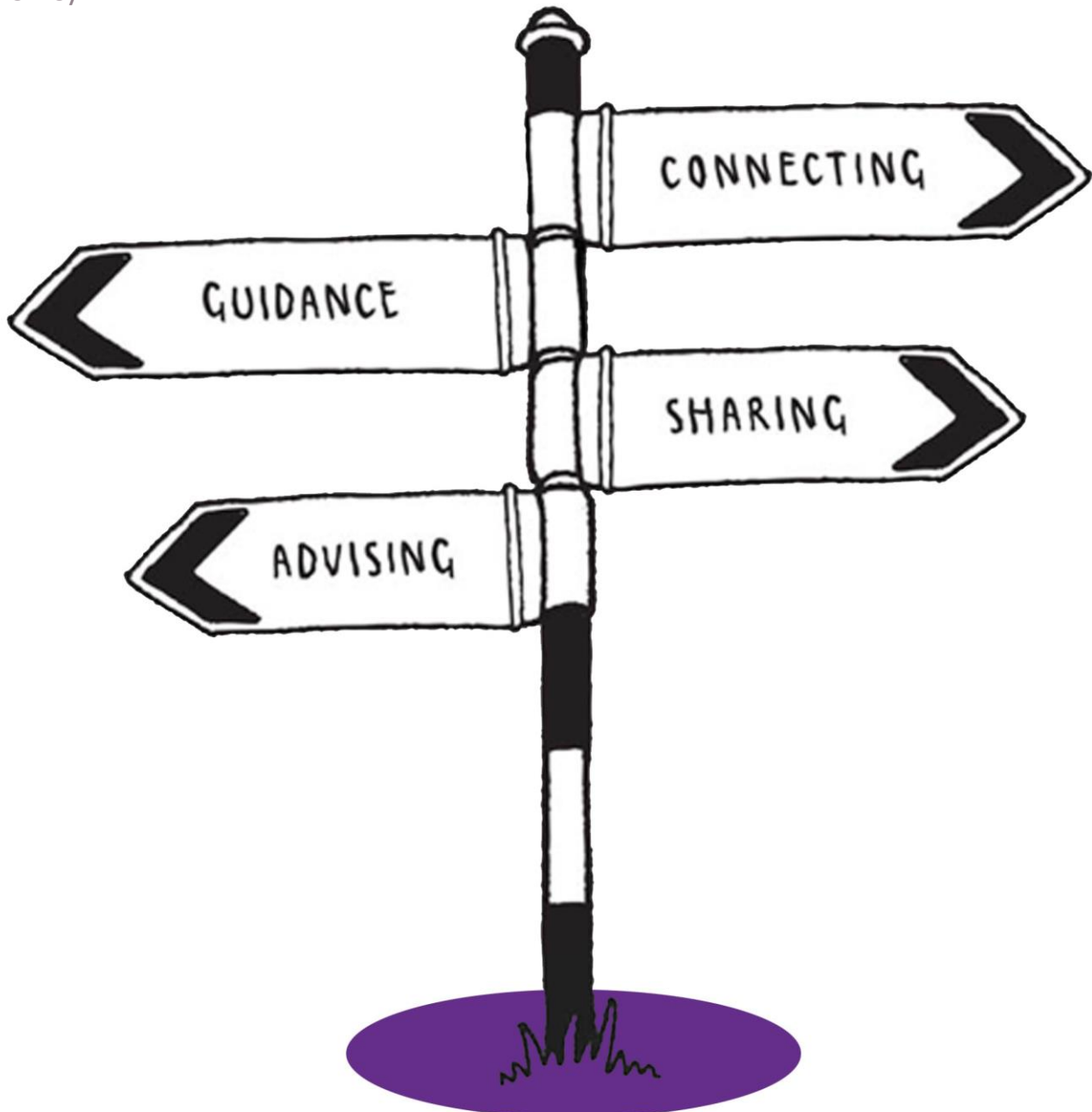


CIPFA Police and Fire Network

your Police and Fire Network membership

2020/21



What does the Police and Fire Network offer?

The Police and Fire Network provides essential, practical and timely advice on strategic issues in police and fire, police and fire finance, accounting issues and transformation, via face-to-face events, an advice line and documentation on our website.

Working closely with colleagues in the Home Office, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services, National Audit Office, Police and Crime Commissioners' Treasurers Society, Fire Finance Network, National Police Chiefs' Council, Association of Police and Crime Commissioners and CIPFA's Police and Fire Panel, we provide horizon scans of developments affecting your organisation. We also provide briefings on legislation, policy and finance developments with analysis of the financial, strategic and practical implications for police forces, police and crime commissioners and fire and rescue services.

Membership also includes access to our Finance Advisory Network, with a wide range of events, expert support and guidance on all aspects of best practice in public finance and accountancy. All of our events can also be delivered on-site, at a special discounted rate for subscribers. For those with specific questions, our advisors are on hand to help and can be accessed via email, telephone or through our 'Ask an Advisor' feature on the website.

If you would like further information about the benefits of subscribing to the Police and Fire Network, please contact any member of our highly skilled and dedicated advisory team, listed below.

How to join the Police and Fire Network

If you are interested in joining the Police and Fire Network or have any questions, then please email us cipfanetworks@cipfa.org or call CIPFA on 020 7543 5600 and we can provide you with a quote based on your required level of membership.

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Features and benefits

- Attendance at a wide selection of Police and Fire Network events and annual conference using pre-purchased places or on a pay as you go basis at reduced subscriber rates
- Access to a wide selection of Finance Advisory Network events using pre-paid places or on a pay as you go basis at reduced subscriber rates
- Access to technical accounting and policy support and guidance from expert advisors
- Horizon scanning briefings and other briefings providing updates on relevant political, financial and legislative issues to keep you updated and informed
- Regular newsletters to keep you updated on the latest accounting and financial management and reporting issues affecting your work
- Sharing of knowledge and best practice with peers to create an environment where the key financial and policy issues of the day can be debated and addressed
- Opportunities for networking, career development and CPD
- Discounts on open training events run by other CIPFA Networks
- Exclusive website access to a wealth of published information including past briefings and FAN newsletters as well as our current and past event materials
- Preferential rates for any onsite network workshops (see CIPFA Essentials training playbook below)
- Access to other network events when bought under the Achieving Finance Excellence in Policing programme

“Colleagues at the CIPFA Police Network are approachable; they provide professional, informed advice and insight and keep us in touch with the wider police family.”

Jeff Carruthers, Chief Finance Officer, Warwickshire Police

“The CIPFA Police Network is an excellent way of keeping up to date with topical police finance related issues.”

Ian Thompson, Chief Finance Officer and Deputy Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Thames Valley

“The CIPFA Police and Fire Network events provide useful and practical insight across a broad range of issues arising from the fire and police reform programmes.”

Simon Rhodes, Corporate Planning Manager, Humberside Fire and Rescue Service

Programme of events

Our planned headline events below are complemented by alerts and horizon scanning briefings, FAN newsletters and dedicated advisor support for practitioners in subscribing organisations. Prepaid places can be used to attend any events set out in this service plan.

New events may be added during the year and details of these, along with options for use of pre-paid places, will be confirmed as part of the event promotion materials, briefings, newsletters and alerts.

April 2020 – Introduction to Police Finance

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.

April 2020 – Introduction to Fire Finance

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.

April – 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.

May 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.

June 2020 – AFEP Benchmarking Streams: Findings from year 1 and preparations for year 2

Just over a year into the AFEP programme, these two events 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.

Full details of these events will be available at www.cipfa.org/events or contact one of the advisors for further details.

June - Introduction to Police Budgeting

These regional events 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.

June 2020 – Round table: national, regional and local arrangements

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.

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.

September 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.

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?

Full details of these events will be available at www.cipfa.org/events or contact Alison Dewhirst for details.

FAN events

Membership of the Police and Fire Network also gives you access to FAN events. Some of the relevant events for police and fire services are given below.

April 2020 – Introduction to Local Authority Capital Accounting

Providing delegates with a solid understanding of local authority capital accounting concepts and principles (additional events in July 2020).

April 2020 – Introduction to Budgeting

This Essentials workshop provides delegates with a good basic understanding of how to set, monitor and report on their local service budgets.

June 2020 – Introduction to Local Authority Accounts and Closedown

These events are for those delegates who are new to local authority accounting and closedown or who are in need of a refresher on the fundamental concepts and approaches (additional dates provided in October 2020).

September 2020 – Financial Planning

As budgeting and medium term financial planning skills become increasingly essential to the finance practitioner, these events will benefit anyone new to this topic or in need of a refresher.

June 2020 – Understanding Local Authority Accounts for Councillors

This unique FAN workshop is designed to increase awareness and understanding of local authority financial statements to assist elected members in fulfilling their governance responsibilities.

June / July 2020 – Introduction to Collection Fund Accounting

Everything you need to know about accounting for council tax and business rates and the general fund implications.

September 2020 – Local Authority Capital Practitioner Workshops

These topical sessions will help authorities to properly account for the ever changing capital accounting and financing agenda in local authorities, including the new lease accounting requirements.

November 2020 – Introduction to Accounting for Collaborative Arrangements

This introductory course considers one of the more complex aspects of financial reporting – identifying the need for and preparation of, group accounts and also the accounting for collaborative arrangements in single entity accounts.

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

FAN's popular closedown series, focusing on closedown for the 2020/21 accounts.

Further support

On-Site Delivery

Most FAN workshops are available as an on-site delivery. Contact us for more information.

CIPFA Essentials

Our 'Introduction to...' *Essentials* programme is designed to help support those who may be new to the sector, or perhaps working in a new role, and may also benefit non-finance staff and elected Members or PCCs. These interactive workshops are a great way to help develop knowledge and awareness of a specific service area and is proving increasingly popular with staff development programs.

A full list of our Essentials workshops and details of the next available event can be found [here](#), each of which can also be delivered on-site at a reduced rate for Police and Fire Network subscribers.

Looking for more support from our Networks?

We offer a number of other networks across a range of topics. We also offer corporate subscriptions for your organisation allowing you and your colleagues to access. Visit <https://www.cipfa.org/services/networks/cipfa-networks-corporate-subscription>

For any other network enquiries, or for details about our corporate network support package, please contact:

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Our current Networks are:

- Alternative Service Delivery Network
- Better Governance Forum
- Benefits and Revenues Service
- Children's & Adult's Social Care Network
- Finance Advisory Network
- Insurance Network
- Pensions Network
- Police and Fire Network
- Procurement and Commissioning Network
- Treasury Management Network



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