

## CIPFA Police and Fire Network

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### **Force Management Statements and their implications for Annual Governance Statements**

5 December 2017 in London

7 December 2017 in York

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09.30–10.00      **Coffee and registration**

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10.00–10.10      **Introductions**

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10.10–10.35      **Technical update: strategic issues for policing**

Alison Dewhirst, Police Advisor for CIPFA, will provide an update on the latest strategic issues for police forces and OPCCs.

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10.35–11.15      **Summary of the consultation on Force Management Statements**

Alison Dewhirst will provide a summary of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services' (HMICFRS) consultation paper on the Force Management Statement Template. This will include the aims of the FMS, what they will entail in terms of financial and governance information and the timescale of what needs to be done and when.

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11.15–11.30      **Refreshments**

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11.30–12.15      **Minimising duplication with the AGS**

We will look at the requirements and timescales of the chief constable's AGS (bearing in mind the earlier closing of the accounts) and those of the FMS. How can we dovetail the FMS and AGS to minimise duplication of effort and check that both documents are consistent with one another? What processes are needed to ensure that they maintain consistency? What are the potential implications for the PCC's AGS?

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12.15–13.00      **Finance, governance and audit issues**

What are the issues for finance such as resources to support the FMS process, checks and balances on the process, implications for force and budget prioritisation, the links to the medium term financial strategy and use of reserves? What are the issues for governance, accountability and audit? How can we address these issues to ensure the process runs smoothly? What might the benefits of FMS be to the force and PCC?

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13.00–13.30

**Lunch**

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13.30–13.45

**Preparing for FMS**

In this final session, we will consider what finance and governance staff need to do now to prepare for the introduction of FMS.

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13.45

**Close**

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*The facilitator for the events will be Alison Dewhirst.*

*We reserve the right to alter the timing or content of sessions where circumstances require.*