

Local Government Accounting Conferences Technical Update Days: Title: Building Public Trust and the Role of Effective Financial Reporting

Edinburgh: 20 November 2018, CIPFA Scotland, 160 Dundee Street, Edinburgh, EH11 1DQ, Chair Nick Bennett, Scott-Moncrieff

09.30 – 10.00 Refreshments and Registration

10.00 – 10.10 **Chair's welcome and introduction**

10.10 – 10.55 **The latest developments in the *Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom***

- The very latest in the developments on the local authority accounting Code following the consultation on the 2019/20 Code including:
 - IFRS 16 *Leases* consultation
 - IASB IFRS Conceptual Framework
 - narrow scope amendments to IFRS
 - Group Accounts reporting
 - Accounting for Service Concession Arrangements
 - The use of the IASB Materiality Practice Statement
- The key concepts that underpin the development of the Code and how this impacts on local authority financial reporting?

Speaker:

Gillian Woolman, Audit Scotland and Chair of LASAAC

10:55- 11:25 **Streamlining and Simplification of Local Authority Financial Statements**

The financial statements are key documents to build public trust and promote stewardship, accountability and effective decision making by local authority management. However, there are frequent commentaries that the statements are complex and obscure the key messages. This session will cover:

- The need to challenge the disclosure framework for local authorities
- What is the role of statutory mitigation?
- What can we do now?
- How can we ensure that we communicate the key messages in local authority financial statements?

Speakers: ***Peter Worth, Technical Advisor, Westminster City Council and Don Peebles Head of CIPFA Policy & Technical UK***

11:25 – 11:45 Refreshment break

11:45 – 12:15

What are key issues impacting on financial reporting in 2018/19?

This session will cover the issues which will imminently impact on local authority financial statements and include:

- A reminder of the changes to the 2018/19 Code
 - IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* including the possible impact of any statutory mitigation
 - IFRS 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*
 - Clarifications in relation to the Telling the Story changes to the Code
 - Other changes
- Other financial reporting developments

Speaker: **Caroline White, CIPFA FAN Advisor**

12.15 – 13:00

Key issues for capital finance

The author of CIPFA's upcoming capital finance publications will discuss the very latest on capital finance including:

- What are the key capital finance issues facing local authorities in Scotland?
- What do you need to consider when drafting your capital strategy?
- Other key issues in relation to capital finance including other statutory changes
- Valuation issues

Speaker: **Gareth Davies, Technical Manager, CIPFA**

13:00- 13:50

Lunch

13:50 – 14.25

Building Financial Resilience – The role of the CIPFA Financial Management Code

In the Summer of 2019 CIPFA will be releasing the new Financial Management Code. This key document will sit alongside other CIPFA Codes such as the Prudential Code and is a key part of CIPFA's financial resilience work. This session brings delegates up to date with the work and explains what finance practitioners can expect to see in 2019. The presentation will also cover other financial resilience work such as the CIPFA resilience index placing this in the wider policy context.

Speaker:

Don Peebles, Head of CIPFA Policy & Technical UK

14:25 – 15:15

IFRS 16 Leases – How will this impact on financial reporting for local authorities?

Following the consultation on IFRS 16 this presentation will set out the detailed issues facing local authorities on the adoption of the new standard. It will consider:

- the outcomes of the impact assessment
- the key technical issues which local authorities will need to explore including:
 - identification of the lease
 - the use of the practical expedients including the recognition exemptions
 - measurement (including subsequent measurement of the right-of-use asset)
 - transitional reporting requirements
- the capital financing implications
- the practical issues that will arise including information requirements, the impact on systems and procedures and on stakeholders.

Speaker:

Gareth Davies, Technical Manager, CIPFA

15:15 – 15.35

Refreshment break

15:35 – 16.10

Audit issues 2017/18 and key audit focus areas for 2018/19

- A local authority auditor will discuss the audit process examine the issues from the 2017/18 close down and what authorities will need to look out for in 2018/19.

Speaker:

Paul O'Brien Audit Scotland and CIPFA/LASAAC Member

16:10 -16:15

Chair's Summary

16:15

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