**CIPFA Local Government Conference 2019**

The Day after Brexit: What it all means for your authority?

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| **26 March 2019, Mansell Street, London**  |
| As the UK heads towards 29th March and our expected departure from the EU, public sector practitioners will need to make sure their organisation is ready for what this exit will mean.But how prepared are councils currently? And are they fully aware and ready for the financial, legal, operational and staffing (immigration impact) outcome that Brexit is likely to bring? |
| 09.15 – 10.00 | Registration and Refreshments |
| 10.00 – 10.10 | Welcome. Introductions and an overview of the day ahead. Cliff Dalton, Head of CIPFA’s Advisory Networks  |
| 10.10 – 11.10 | Be clear on the economic implications of Brexit: separating the facts from *project* fear.Whether you were a *leaver* or *remainer* in the 2016 referendum, it’s fair to say that you will be expecting some form of impact on UK PLC with regards an economic, legal, staffing and other operational outcomes. We are divided not only as a country but also in opinion with regards the likely result of Brexit, with the facts often coming secondary to politics. So what will Brexit really mean for the UK? How will it impact on the public sector and, more specifically, local government? What can we expected on interest rate changes, inflation, business growth, investment and a future funding picture for councils? Peter Levell and Bob Swarup (Camdor) will share their knowledge, insight and latest research on these Brexit hot topics. They will do so at both a UK wide and also a more focused local government level and try to separate the facts from *project* fear.Peter Levell, Senior Research Economist, Institute of Fiscal StudiesBob Swarup, Economist and Author, Camdor-Global |
| 11.10 – 11.50  | How prepared are councils for Brexit? An external auditor’s view.The ‘are we’ / ‘aren’t we’ discussion about leaving the EU and/ or a *Peoples Vote* designed to double check the resolve of the 2016 referendum has certainly not helped focus the mind on how best to prepare for life more divorced from the EU. Instead many councils have put key decisions on hold and are perhaps now finding that they still have much to do to ready themselves for Brexit - whether hard or soft; March 29th or later?PwC have spent much time effort and research working with councils in assessing their preparedness for life after Brexit. In this session Daniel Burke will share an update on the most typical issues and common barriers they have come across. Daniel will also share good practice on where councils have prepared well for Brexit and highlight key messages and approaches that delegates can now benefit from.Daniel Burke, Partner, PwC |
| 11.50 – 12.30 | Brexit means Brexit – or does it?Brexit means Brexit, yet all organisations will remain subject to the requirements of EU law for some time to come. Even if the UK leaves without a deal on 29th March the Withdrawal Act 2018 will have enshrined many EU legal requirements into UK law.So uncertainty remains over the true legal autonomy of exit from our withdrawal agreement and the timeline expected to take effect, in areas such as visa immigration; labour law and commissioning rules, especially if a Northern Ireland backstop requires the UK to stay in some form of customs union.Councils need to understand what all of this will mean legally for them and will need to review, re-think and keep their operational and workforce strategies under review. In this session, Judith Barnes will offer her insight on what this will all mean for councils and how best to keep pace with such volatility in legal change, post Brexit.Judith Barnes, Partner, Bevan Brittan L.L.P. |
| 12.30 - 13.30  | Lunch |
| 13.30 – 15.45  | The devil is in the detail: understanding Brexit’s likely impact at a corporate and service department level CIPFA works closely with councils across all of our advisory services and our afternoon session will be dedicated to sharing a more practical update and impact assessment on where we feel councils need to focus most in the run up to leaving the EU. This extended round table style session will allow CIPFA’s advisory leads to share a much more practitioner focused narrative on the impact of Brexit in their network specialties, including:1. Procurement, and a move towards WTO commissioning
2. Treasury Management, Pension and other investment reviews
3. Options for financial reporting and the accounting Code, as we move away from EU-adopted IFRS
4. A financial management update, under CIPFA’s new Code of Practice this year
5. Governance – process audits and a likely procedural refresh
6. Brexit’s operational impact on some of our most critical areas of spending (Adult Social Care, Children’s Service & Housing).

Delegates will have the opportunity to ask questions of all advisory staff during this session, to help better understand what all of this will mean for their council.Speakers will include: David Ellis (FAN advisor), Neil Sellstrom (Treasury Mgt advisor); Mohamed Hans (Procurement advisor); Diana Melville (Governance advisor); Phil Harding (Children’s and Social Care advisor)  |
| 15.45 -15.50 | Round up, close and networking opportunities |

**Bookings:**

Please book early to avoid disappointment.

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