

CIPFA Better Governance Forum and Procurement and Commissioning Network

CIPFA Procurement and Contract Audit Summit

Getting ready for new commercial opportunities & challenges

26 September 2018, Hilton Deansgate Manchester

The Annual CIPFA Procurement and Contract Audit Summit has been specially developed for auditors and procurement practitioners in public bodies. Key highlights for this year's event will include a session on the potential impact of Brexit on public sector supply chains, to help organisations prepare for potential significant fallout as crunch negotiations come to a close. There will also be a session on GDPR and contracts, which is turning into a challenging issue as part of the implementation plan and could expose organisation's to potentially huge fines for data breaches.

9.30 – 10.00 **Coffee and Registration**

10.00 – 10.10 **Introductions and workshop overview**

Diana Melville, Governance Advisor and Mohamed Hans, Procurement Advisor

10.10 – 10.50

Brexit: What does it mean for public sector supply chains?

By the time of the Summit, there will be 6 months left before the UK exits the EU. Whilst the longer term may bring changes to procurement legislation, the short term impact of Brexit may be felt in the supply chain. Depending on the deal negotiated, or the worst-case scenario of no-deal, there could be dire consequences for the UK's common fragile supply chains and risks organisations and consumers paying considerably more for goods imported from the European Union. Key issues that will be covered:

- Need to engage with key suppliers to understand how they, and their supply chains could be impacted?
- Likely impact on fuel prices, IT equipment and food prices amongst others
- Developing supply chain contingency options, for example UK or non-EU suppliers? Under what scenarios do alternative suppliers become more attractive?
- Impact on existing and future supply chain contracts

Colin Cram, Public Sector Procurement Specialist

10.50 – 11.20

GDPR and Supply Chain – Your weakest link!

In this session Mohamed will consider the steps organisations should be taking to assure themselves that their suppliers are comply with the new regulations. The session will cover:

- Contract risk categorisation
- Differences between Data Controller/ Processor and Controller/ Controller arrangements
- What due diligence is required
- Do suppliers have to accept the changes?
- Completing the Data Schedule and DPIA

Mohamed Hans, Solicitor, Procurement Advisor CIPFA

11.20 – 11.40

Break

11.40 – 12.30	<p>Understanding Government Procurement</p> <p>This session will provide a summary of unpublished Institute for Government analysis of government procurement spend. It will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How much different parts of government spend, what they buy, and who supplies them ▪ How many contracts are published, their duration, and value ▪ Why the quality of contracting data is poor and why this matters ▪ What can be done to improve the quality of contracting data <p>Nick Davies, Programme Director, Institute for Government</p>
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 14.10	<p>Auditing Vulnerability of Care Markets</p> <p>As social care continues to come under financial pressure many councils have experienced problems of care contractors going into liquidation or handing back contracts. How should councils be exercising due diligence and effective monitoring to protect these vital service areas?</p> <p>This session will outline audit work in this area.</p> <p>Tom Powell, Head of Internal Audit, Manchester City Council</p>
14.10 – 14.50	<p>Harnessing the Blockchain Revolution in the Public Sector</p> <p>Blockchain technology holds real potential to make government services more efficient. Its multi-faceted nature means it can be deployed in a wide variety of areas from tracking benefits claimants, grant allocations and smart contracts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What is blockchain and how does it work? ▪ How would blockchain work in public bodies? ▪ Opportunities and challenges of blockchain ▪ Legal hurdles around blockchain <p>Gareth Oldale, Partner, Head of Technology and Data & Raj Shah, Associate, Sharpe Pritchard LLP</p>
14.50 – 15.00	Break
15.00 – 15.35	<p>Assurance on Ethical Standards for Public Service Providers</p> <p>Diana Melville will outline the findings from the recent report from the Committee on Standards in Public Life and consider how key contractors and partners should support a public body's governance arrangements. She will also consider how internal auditors can gain assurance on this area.</p> <p>Diana Melville, Governance Advisor CIPFA</p>
15.35 – 15.40	Close

Bookings:

To secure your place, please book online at www.cipfa.org/procurement/ or www.cipfa.org/services/networks/better-governance-forum

Members of the Procurement and Commissioning Network and Better Governance Forum can use pre-paid places to attend this event.

Enquiries:

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The facilitators for this event will be Diana Melville, Governance Advisor and Mohamed Hans, Procurement Advisor, CIPFA Procurement Network

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