

CIPFA NETWORKS CHILDREN'S SERVICES FINANCE ADVISORY NETWORK

Introduction to Education Finance

1st October Sheffield, 2nd October London : 2019
10.00am - 4pm

Welcome and Introductions

This short session will set out the context for the day, looking at the challenges and opportunities of the current climate

Understanding school funding - Context, history and where we are now.

This will concentrate on

- A brief history of the move to the 'dedicated schools grant'
- The current move towards a national funding formula
- Understanding cost drivers and the current prescription on formulas.

Academies and Free Schools- Understanding of

- Government principles and landscape of increased academisation
- Understanding the academy conversion process
- Funding, financial reporting and regulation for stand-alone and multi academy trusts
- Autonomy and the difference between local authority schools

School budgets and the government drive for school efficiency

- Regulation, guidance, supporting materials and challenge

Structures and Governance

- Understanding the governance arrangements of different types of schools

Accountability

- The key players
- The Public Accounts Committee and National Audit Office comments
- School forums
- Examples of financial mismanagement

Challenges- current and future

- What can schools do to balance the books?
- Understanding costs
- A step into curriculum planning

Summary of key points affecting the education sector

The day will include refreshments and lunch

The day will also include facilitated group discussions / exercises.

*The facilitator for this event will be Senior Consultant Lisa Forster
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