

IT development for CIPFA regions

Background

The issue of funding a development project to improve the IT systems for CIPFA regions was discussed at the regional meeting on 8 July. To enable the project to start and improvements to be made, regions have been asked to contribute to the cost. This would be a one-off charge, any over-runs will be covered by CIPFA and there will be no on-going cost to CIPFA regions.

Some regions agreed to pay out of reserves while others express reservations about the payment methodology. It was agreed to consider other options to enable regions to make a fair and proportionate contribution. Please consider the funding options below and provide feedback by 20 August 2019.

Funding options

1. Regions to contribute 10% of cash held (as at 31 December 2018).
2. Contribute £1 per member and student in the region plus 5% of reserves.
3. Regions make no financial contribution this year, but funds (of @ £30k) will be will be ring fenced for IT development from the 2020 regional budget (expected to be £70k in total). This will reduce the amount available for regional subventions / development funding next year.

Next steps

Please advise:

- Which option does your region prefer?
- How much is your region prepared to contribute?
- Do you have any other comments or suggestions?

Please send your feedback to Alastair Barr (Alastair.barr@cipfa.org) by 20 August 2019.

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