

West Midlands Police

# AFEP and me

## Testimonial


Neil Chamberlain, Director of Commercial Services from West Midlands Police chats about his connection with CIPFA and how the development and leadership support provided by CIPFA, has benefitted Neil and his team.

“I’d worked at various public sector organisations (mainly LA’s) and always been impressed with the professional support that CIPFA offered. When I joined West Midlands Police it felt that there was a real opportunity to develop and extend that support across policing, so I made a bee-line for Amie at the CIPFA conference a couple of years ago!


Since then the AFEP programme has been developed and this has already enabled both my Finance team and myself personally to access a range of professional support. A great example is the bespoke Finance Business Partnering training that we hosted for both WMP and a number of other Forces that was provided by CIPFA, I’ve already had 10 Accountants trained on this and the feedback is fantastic.

I attended the inaugural CFO retreat earlier this year which again was a huge success with some great speakers and was well supported by Finance Directors from both Force’s and OPCC alike. I’m continuing to work with Amie and the team to ensure that future retreats compliment the agenda for the joint NPCC/PACCTs conferences that I organise.

I’ve enrolled one of my principal accountants on the Future Leader’s Academy and I’m really looking forward to joining the next cohort of the CFO Academy. These training opportunities are not only great CPD but also facilitate essential networking opportunities to build relationships with others in similar roles from other Forces.”



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