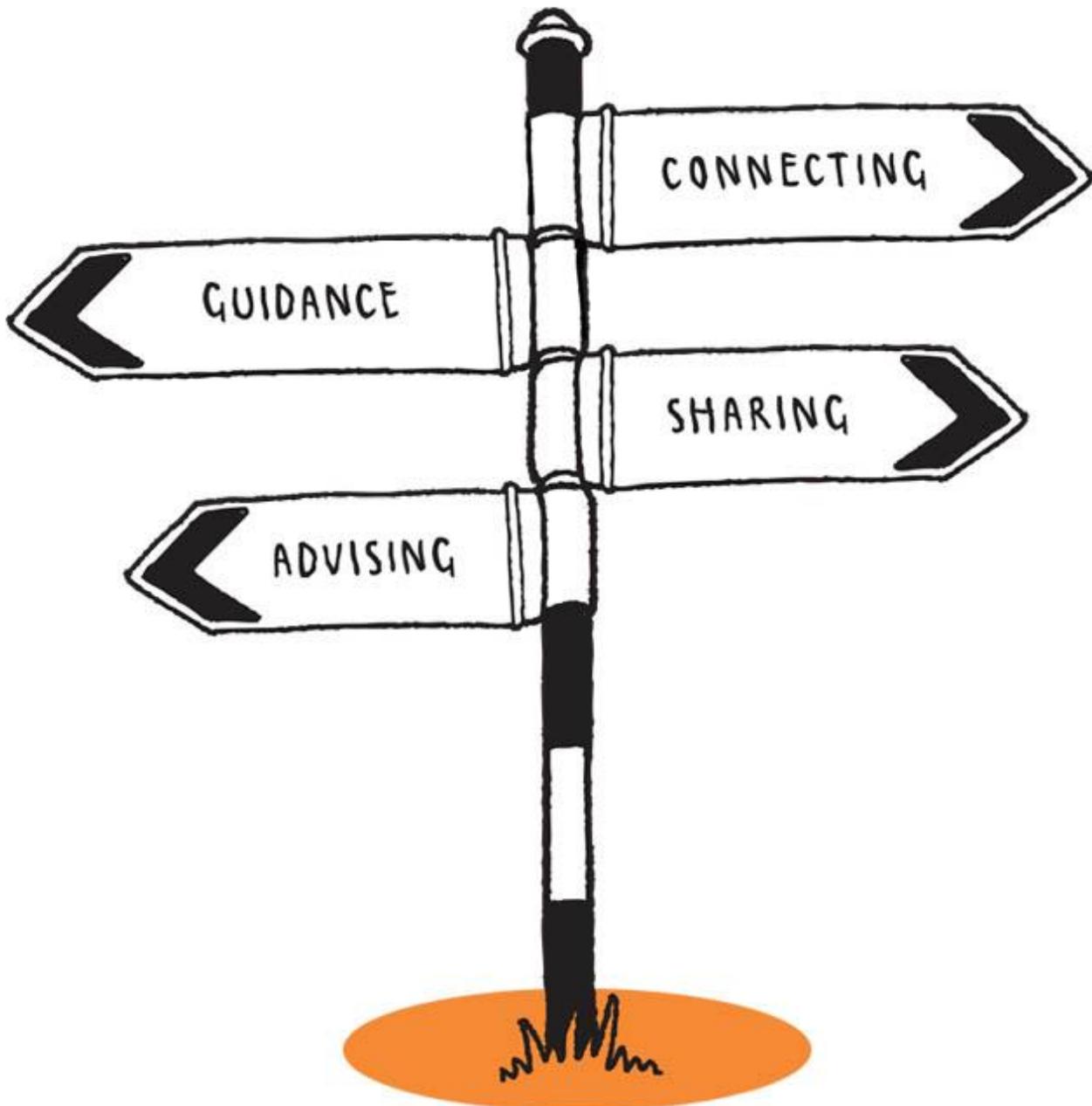


CIPFA Better Governance Forum (BGF)

your BGF membership

2019/20



Welcome to CIPFA BGF

The CIPFA Better Governance Forum (BGF) provides support to governance practitioners and internal auditors in the public services.

It offers a wide range of valuable face-to-face events at various regional venues as well as expert support and guidance that is centred on all aspects of governance and internal audit.

Our website also contains presentations from past events, newsletters and key resources to support your governance work. Our briefings for audit committee members can be downloaded free of charge for all BGF subscribers.

All BGF training events can be delivered on-site, at a discounted rate for network members.

Our weekly newsletter, provided to over 650 members, contains updates on changes in legislation and comments on policy and topical issues.

For those with specific questions, our advisors are on hand to help. If you would like further information about the benefits of subscribing to the BGF, please contact any member of our highly skilled and dedicated advisory team, listed below.

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Benefits of your membership

- Attendance at a wide selection of regional network events and workshops using pre-purchased places or on a pay as you go basis at special reduced subscriber rates
- Technical support and guidance from expert advisors
- Regular newsletter to keep you updated on the latest governance and policy issues affecting your work
- Timely updates on relevant political, financial and legislative issues and information on how these will affect your job role, service delivery and your wider authority
- Exclusive website access to a wealth of published information including past briefings and newsletters as well as our current and past event materials
- A regional and national practitioner network for you to share your views and concerns in order to drive change and strengthen the voice of your authority
- Complimentary copy of the assessment tool for the Code of Practice on Managing the Risk of Fraud and Corruption
- Three issues of Audit Committee Update to support and brief your audit committee members on new developments and good practice
- 20% discount on CIPFA internal audit benchmarking club
- Sharing of knowledge and best practice with peers
- Opportunities for networking, career development and CPD
- Discounts off any *CIPFA Essentials* training events run by other CIPFA Networks
- Preferential rates for any onsite network workshops
- Access to other network events when bought under a corporate membership arrangement.

A Practical Understanding of Good Governance in Local Government 2018

"The event was very useful and I picked up lots of top tips to support production of the 2018/19 AGS. The pace, content and delivery of the course was just right.

Susan Richards, Risk Advisor, Newcastle City Council

CIPFA Winter Internal Audit Update 2018

"Excellent - I look forward to this every year as I find it so informative and useful."

Rachel Abbott Team Leader Audit, Lincolnshire County Council

Programme of events

Our planned headline events below are complemented by briefings, weekly newsletters and advisor support for subscribers only. Prepaid places can be used to attend any events set out in this service plan.

New events may be added during the year and will be confirmed as part of the event promotion materials and through our newsletters.

January 2019 – A Practical Understanding of Good Governance in Local Government

These events offers a comprehensive introduction to the governance framework, including the Annual Governance Statement. It is ideal for staff new to the area or taking on responsibility for the AGS for the first time.

January 2019 – Development Day for Local Authority Audit Committees

These annual events provide the latest guidance on audit committees and topical updates on key areas of governance, audit and risk.

February and March 2019 – Governance Practitioner Updates

These events will provide the latest insights from CIPFA on good practice in governance, including the implications of major reports from the National Audit Office and the Committee on Standards in Public Life.

April 2019 – Introduction to Internal Audit (further dates in June and November)

This event offers a comprehensive introduction to internal audit skills and standards. It is ideal for staff new to the area or staff wanting to know more about internal audit.

May 2019 – Auditing Investments and Capital

Along with new regulatory guidance, commercial investments and financial strategies are high profile and significant areas for assurance. Joint events with the Treasury Management Network.

June 2019 – Assurance over financial resilience and value for money

These events will provide support for internal auditors providing assurance over the organisation's value for money arrangements and financial resilience.

October 2019 – Internal Audit Professional Standards and Practice

These annual events focus on the latest developments in professional standards and consider areas of professional good practice.

Developing Internal Audit Effectiveness 2018

"There were ample opportunities for involvement and discussion across the group, perhaps the best Better Governance Forum I have ever attended and it gave me a lot of inspiration and ideas to take back to the office."

Internal Audit Manager, London Borough

Full details of these events will be available at www.cipfa.org/events or contact Diana Melville for details.

Seminars and Updates in 2019

CIPFA offers a range of updates for internal auditors and governance practitioners, featuring expert speakers.

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| June | CIPFA Summer Internal Audit Update |
| September | CIPFA Procurement and Contract Audit Seminar |
| November | CIPFA Governance Seminar |
| November | CIPFA Winter Internal Audit Update |

Support for Audit Committees

CIPFA offers events for audit committee members to support them in their role and to keep them up to date with relevant developments.

May 2019 - Development Day for Police Audit Committees

These annual events provide the latest guidance on audit committees and topical updates on key areas of governance, audit and risk.

September and October 2019 - Introduction to the Knowledge and Skills of the Audit Committee

An introductory event for new audit committee members, covering roles and responsibilities and key topics on the committee agenda.

November and December 2019 - Development Day for Local Authority Audit Committees

Topical updates and guidance for local authority audit committee members.

On-Site Delivery

Some BGF training courses are suitable for on-site delivery. Contact us for more information.

CIPFA Essentials

Our 'Introduction to...' *Essentials* programme is designed to help support those who may be new to the sector, or perhaps working in a new role, and may also benefit non-finance staff and elected Members. These interactive workshops are a great way to help develop knowledge and awareness of a specific service area and is proving increasingly popular with staff development programs.

A full list of our *Essentials* workshops and details of the next available event can be found [here](#), each of which can also be delivered on-site at a reduced rate for BGF subscribers.

How to join the CIPFA BGF

If you are interested in joining CIPFA BGF or have any questions, then please email us cipfanetworks@cipfa.org or 020 7543 5600 and we can provide you with a quote based on your required level of membership.

Our current Networks are:

- **Alternative Service Delivery Network**
- **Better Governance Forum**
- **Benefits and Revenues Service**
- **Children's Services Finance Advisory Network**
- **Finance Advisory Network**
- **Health and Social Care Finance Advisory Network**
- **Housing Network**
- **Insurance Network**
- **Pensions Network**
- **Police and Fire Network**
- **Procurement and Commissioning Network**
- **Treasury Management Network**



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