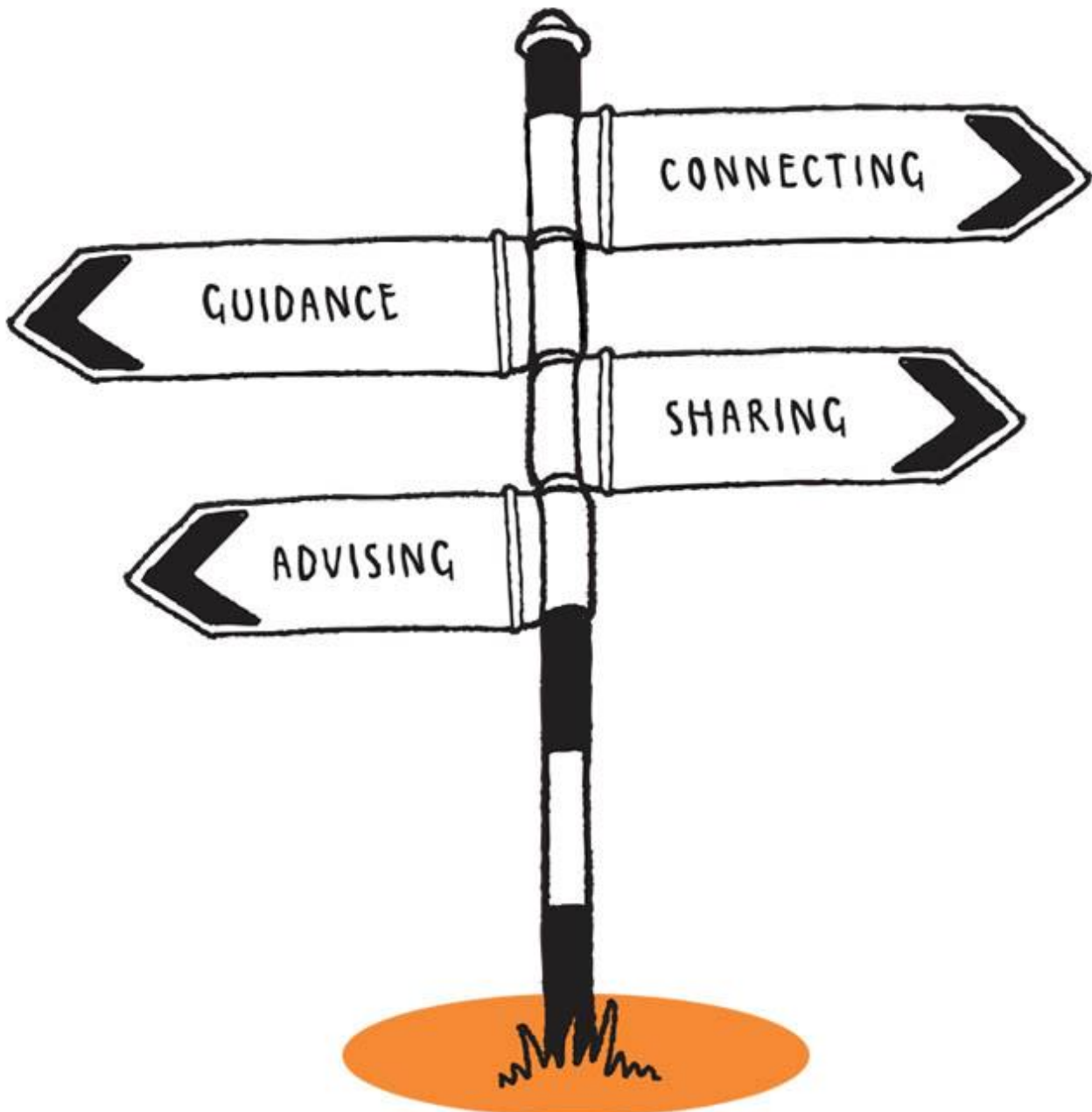


CIPFA Benefits and Revenues Service (CBRS)

your CBRS membership

2019/20



Welcome to the CBRS

Welcome to the CIPFA Benefits and Revenues Service (CBRS) which has now been established for over 25 years. Between the two network advisors they have 40 years' experience of working in the area of Benefits and Revenues which they can draw on to support practitioners in their current and future challenges.

The CBRS 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 revenues and benefits.

Our website events material and detailed documentation written to accompany the events along with regular briefing notes on topics of current interest, which can be downloaded free of charge for all CBRS subscribers.

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

Our e-alerts service, provided to around 1,000 members, contains updates on changes in legislation, recent case law 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 CBRS, 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, open training courses for this network and topical conferences either using pre-purchased places or on a pay as you go basis at a reduced rate
- Technical support and guidance from expert advisors
- Timely updates on relevant political, financial and legislative issues giving you all the facts at your fingertips, and information on how these will affect your job role, service delivery and your wider authority
- Opportunities for networking, career development and CPD
- Discounts off open training events run by other CIPFA Networks
- Access to a generic CIPFA LinkedIn group as well as a dedicated Twitter account (#cipfanetworks)
- 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
- Sharing of knowledge and best practice with peers to create an environment where the key financial and policy issues of the day can be debated and addressed
- Exclusive website access – network websites contain a wealth of published information including regular briefings, newsletters and updates, as well as current and past event materials to allow you to engage with colleagues and members in your area and share best practice
- Regular newsletters to keep you updated on the latest financial and policy issues affecting your network
- Preferential rates for any onsite network workshops (see *CIPFA Essentials* training playbook below)
- Access to other network events when bought under a corporate membership arrangement.

Adrian has an excellent knowledge of the Revenues area and provides practical advice and guidance based on his work experience and comments from previous events

Martin Cole, New Forest District Council

Sheldon has an excellent technical knowledge and the course was really informative and a positive experience.

Anonymous, Harrogate Borough Council

Programme of events

Our planned headline events below are complemented by briefings, monthly newsletters and advisor support for subscribers only.

Our technical events held throughout the year will cover, interpret and update on current issues, best practice and regulatory updates at that time. Areas expected to feature throughout 2019 will include: Welfare Reform, Universal Credit, 100% and progress on moving towards 75% Business Rates Retention.

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 workshops are a great way to help develop knowledge and awareness and are 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 CBRS subscribers.

February, June & November 2019 – Introduction to Council Tax

This event offers a comprehensive introduction to council tax for local authority staff. It is ideal for revenues staff new to the area or staff wanting to know more about council tax.

February, June & November 2019 – Introduction to Non-Domestic rates

This event offers a comprehensive introduction to NNDR for local authority staff. It is ideal for revenues staff new to the area or staff wanting to know more.

March 2019 – Completing the 18/19 Housing Benefit Subsidy Claim Form

This annual event provides up to date details of the 2018/19 housing benefit subsidy arrangements and the accurate completion of the housing benefit subsidy claim.

March 2019 – Completing and Accounting for the NNDR 3 2018/19

This annual event provides up to date details on completing the NNDR 3 form, the accounting implications of each section and finalising the NNDR 3 process.

Summer 2019 – Guide to Universal Credit

This event provides comprehensive information relating to the structure, claiming process and roll-out of universal credit. It is ideal for Benefit practitioners and other local authority staff impacted by the ongoing expansion of universal credit

Technical Update Events

These events take place on a quarterly basis throughout the year for both Benefits and Revenues practitioners giving updates on the latest technical and strategic issues, developments in legislation and case law.

All CBRS events and training courses can be delivered on-site.

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

How to join CBRS

If you are interested in joining CBRS 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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