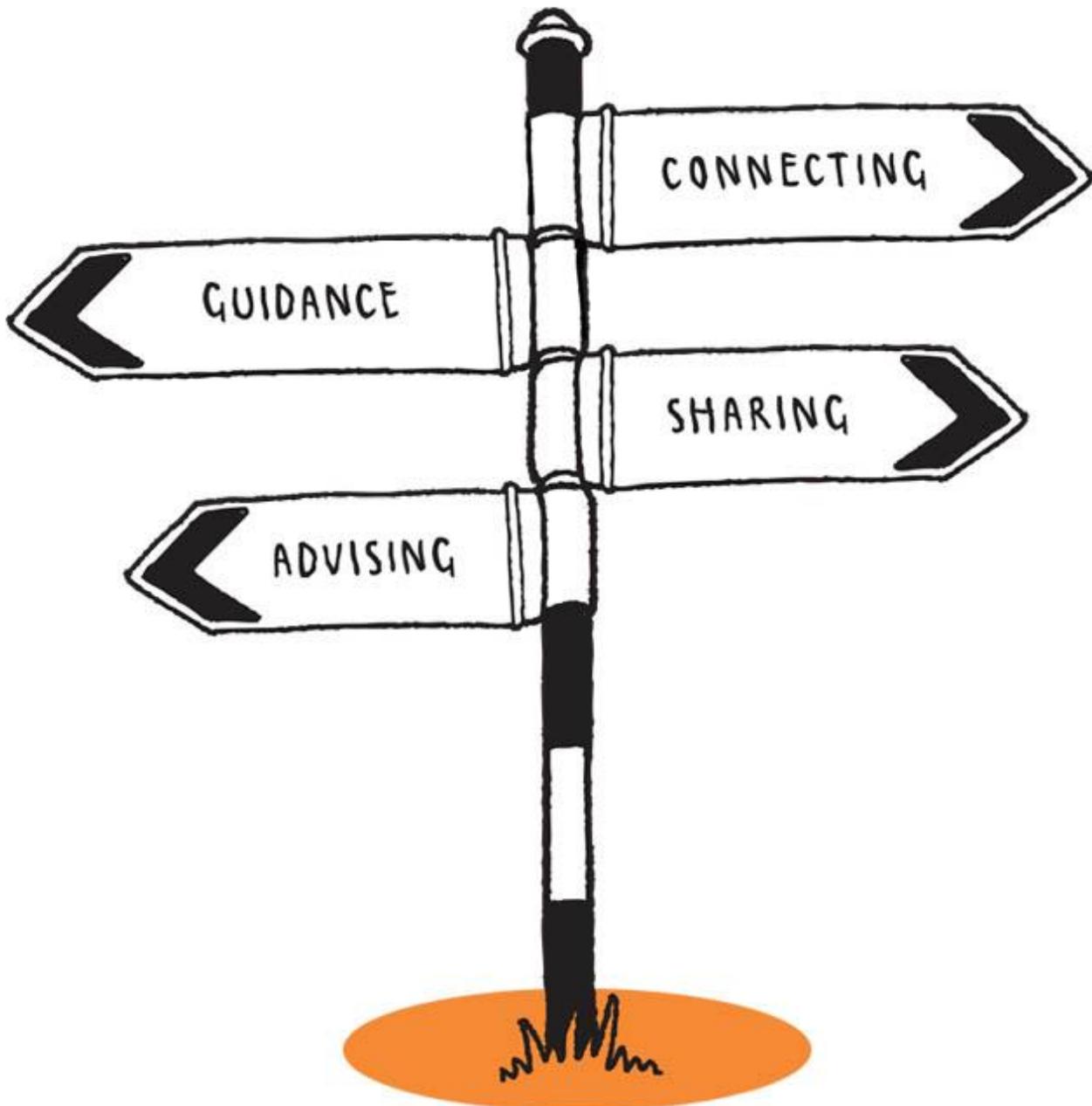


CIPFA Finance Advisory Network (FAN)

your FAN membership

2019/20



Welcome to CIPFA FAN

Between the three main advisors, the Finance Advisory Network (FAN) can draw on over 50 years of experience working in local government finance and accounting to support practitioners through their current and future challenges.

FAN offers a wide range of valuable face-to-face events at various regional venues as well as providing expert support and guidance to practitioners, centred on all aspects of best practice in public finance and accountancy. As well as our 'open' events programme, our regular and ad-hoc workshops can also be delivered on-site, at a special discounted rate for subscribers.

Our website contains the documentation written to accompany these open events along with briefing notes, newsletters and archive material from previous years, all of which can be downloaded free of charge by subscribers.

FAN aims to support public sector organisations in promoting good practice in financial management and reporting and ensuring practitioners are well informed and appropriately skilled to tackle the challenges they face. 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 FAN, 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 accounting support and guidance from expert advisors
- Collection Fund Accounting spreadsheet models to give you assurance on year-end accounting transactions and treatment of Council Tax and Business Rates
- Briefings and regular newsletters providing updates on relevant political, financial and legislative issues to keep you updated and informed
- Opportunities for networking, career development and CPD
- Discounts off open training events run by other CIPFA Networks
- 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 to a wealth of published information including past briefings and newsletters as well as our current and past event materials
- Access to the FAN LinkedIn group for additional advisor updates and networking opportunities
- 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.

"The FAN events are really good as they get down to a practical level for practitioners. This one day event is the best I've been on"

Tina Stankley, Bedford Borough Council

"You are like the fourth emergency service! CIPFA FAN is the 'gold standard' for public sector specialist advice and support"

Richard Hunt, North Kesteven District Council

Programme of events

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

New events may be added as the local authority accounting agenda develops, and eligibility for use of prepaid places at those extra events will be confirmed as part of the event promotion materials and through our newsletters.

January to February 2019 – Local Authority Accounts Closedown Series 2018/19

The essential accounts closedown series for local authority practitioners.

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

Completing the NNDR 3 form, the accounting implications of each section and finalising the NNDR 3 process.

March 2019 – Understanding the FAN Collection Fund Models

These events focus on how best to complete the Collection Fund Accounting spreadsheet Models and help to develop a deeper understanding of how they work.

April 2019 – Whole of Government Accounts (WGA) Training Webinar (delivered with HM Treasury)

Training for the 2018/19 WGA data submission process is being delivered electronically so you can access the training and seek clarification and guidance from the comfort of your desk

June 2019 - Introduction to Local Government Finance

This introductory course provides an overview of local government, its structures and how it is financed, perfect for anyone who has recently joined a local authority (additional dates provided in November 2019).

July 2019 – Introduction to Budgeting

This Essentials workshop provides delegates with a good basic understanding of how to set, monitor and report on their local service budgets.

July 2019 – Introduction to Local Authority Capital Accounting

Providing delegates with a solid understanding of local authority capital accounting concepts and principles.

July 2019 – Introduction to Collection Fund Accounting

Everything you need to know about accounting for council tax and business rates and the general fund implications (additional events in October 2019).

September 2019 – Financial Planning

As budgeting and medium term financial planning skills become increasingly essential to the finance practitioner, these events will benefit anyone new to this topic or in need of a refresher

September 2019 – Local Authority Capital Practitioner Workshops

These topical sessions will help authorities to properly account for the ever changing capital accounting and financing agenda in local authorities.

October 2019 – Introduction to Local Authority Accounts and Closedown

These events are for those delegates who are new to local authority accounting and closedown or who are in need of a refresher on the fundamental concepts and approaches.

October 2019 – Introduction to Housing Finance

This course provides delegates with a comprehensive introduction to housing finance and the housing revenue account (HRA) and is delivered in partnership with Steve Partridge from Savills.

November 2019 – Introduction to Accounting for Collaborative Arrangements

This introductory course considers one of the more complex aspects of financial reporting – identifying the need for and preparation of, group accounts and also the accounting for collaborative arrangements in single entity accounts.

On-Site Delivery

FAN events and workshops can also be delivered on-site – please contact us if this is of interest.

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

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 FAN subscribers.

How to join the CIPFA FAN

If you are interested in joining CIPFA FAN 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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