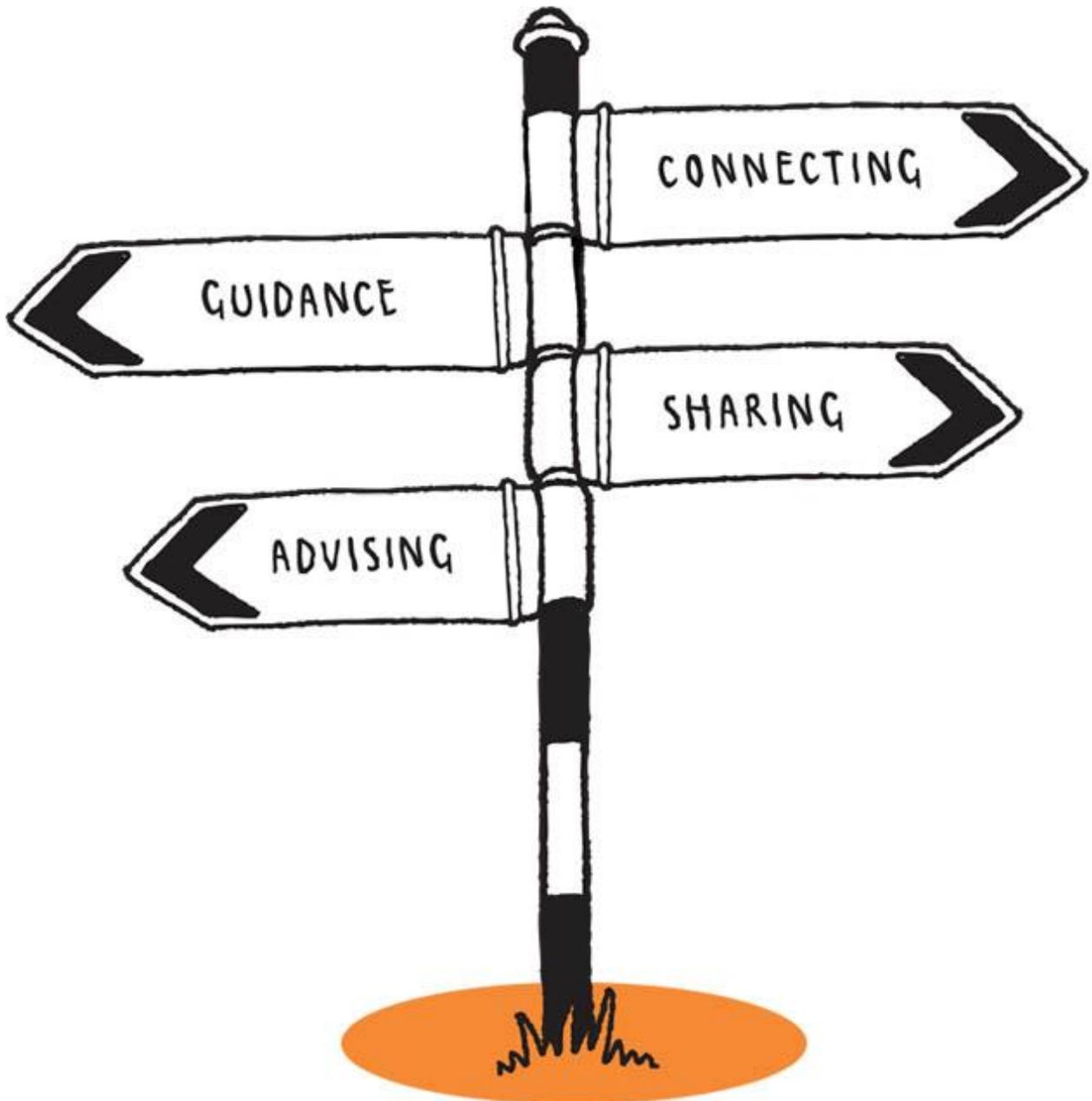


CIPFA Housing Advisory Network (HAN)

# Housing Advisory Network Membership

2019/20



# CIPFA Networks

CIPFA, the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, is the world's only professional accounting body to specialise in public services. Our experience and expertise extends through central and local government, education and academies, the NHS and the wider health sector as well as blue light services – a truly pan-public sector organisation.

There are currently over 1,100 subscriptions to CIPFA networks. Join us and enjoy the significant benefits of belonging to this unique service. Members of our networks are kept informed of the latest political, financial and service developments through a comprehensive package of information, insight, advice and training. Membership also offers numerous opportunities, both face to face and online, for public sector staff to develop their knowledge and skills in key areas.

# Welcome to the HAN

Welcome to the Housing advisory Service.

The CIPFA Housing Network has now been established for over 15 years, adapting to developments in policy and finance. The Housing Network provides essential, practical and timely advice on housing policy, housing finance, financial management and accounting issues.

Housing featured prominently in the November 2017 budget and during 2018 the network will explore how these pledges are being delivered along with other key government initiatives and announcements throughout the year including the Social Housing Green Paper.

We will also provide specialist technical support, such as finance and counter fraud, for housing staff ensuring they continue their professional journey. We also provide briefings on legislation, policy and finance developments to support local authorities in their strategic and stock owning roles including new local housing companies. Building on the success of 2017 the housing network will continue to work with Steve Partridge from Savills as a Special Advisor. With over 20 years' experience of advising local government and housing associations gained from organisations such as CIH and QSH, Steve will be using his expertise to ensure the network fully explores options on funding and growth.

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# Benefits of membership for your organisation

- Attendance at a selection of 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
- Updates on relevant political, financial and legislative issues giving you all the facts and information on how these will affect your job role, service delivery and your wider authority
- Opportunities for networking, career development and CPD
- Access to the CIPFA housing fraud Risk Wheel an online tool offering guidance on how different fraud risks arise. It includes the steps or controls that can be put in place to mitigate the risks and case studies to illustrate how similar organisations have dealt with the issues.
- Exclusive website access – network websites contain a wealth of published information including briefings, newsletters and updates, as well as current and past event presentation materials to allow you to engage with colleagues and members in your area and share best practice
- Access to the CIPFA housing panel to support the institute in fight for policy and legislation change. An opportunity to share your views and concerns in and strengthen the voice of your authority
- Access to a generic CIPFA LinkedIn group as well as a dedicated Twitter account (#cipfanetworks)
- 15% discount on all other open training events (i.e. those not assigned to this network)
- 15% discount on any HAN events delivered on-site

**Tailored technical briefings will be provided for key areas and emerging issues.**

**Full details of these events will be available at [www.cipfa.org/events](http://www.cipfa.org/events) or contact an advisor for details.**

**Remember** – as a HAN subscriber, you get 15% off the price of other networks' open training events.

# Programme of events 2019/20

## **May 2019 - Playing the Property Investment Game with Confidence**

This event will highlight important legal and financial considerations when investing, including which type of company is best to purchase and hold investments, procurement of appropriate advice and understanding risk profile of investments.

## **July 2019 – Introduction to Local Authority Capital Accounting**

An opportunity for delegates to receive a solid understanding local authority capital accounting concepts and principles that apply equally to housing capital spending and financing.

## **August, 2019 – Housing Finance update**

This series will provide housing practitioners with an opportunity to explore accounting and finance at a more advanced level, including applying updated Prudential Code principles in a world beyond the HRA Debt Cap.

## **September, 2019 – Guide to Universal Credit**

These events will provide a comprehensive overview and latest update to the structure, claiming process and roll-out of Universal Credit.

## **October 2019 – Introduction to Housing Finance**

These workshops cover the statutory background to the HRA, the landlord function, the ring-fence between the HRA and the General Fund, accounting for HRA revenue and capital spending and financing, and the HRA business planning process.

## **November, 2019 – Housing Stock Valuations for Local Authorities**

This event has been designed to provide practical tips on applying the two accepted valuation methodologies for local authority social housing (Beacon and DCF) and how to avoid the more common errors of interpretation.

We will also be exploring:

- The role and extent of asset valuations
- The concept of Existing Use Value (Social Housing)
- The regulatory requirements of valuation using EUV-SH
- Policies and approaches to componentisation

## **January 2020 – Housing Conference**

Our conference will be supported by key policy makers and sector leads. Our theme of “Building for better lives” will be aimed at all interested in social and affordable housing. We will focus on:

- The impacts of current housing policy
- Borrowing and investment flexibilities
- Good governance and value for money

There will also be updates on the latest technical financial issues from CIPFA advisors.

# CIPFA's *Essentials* training days

CIPFA provides a comprehensive directory of **Introduction to...** workshops for local government practitioners and Members.

Our network *essentials* modules are offered through CIPFA's various advisory networks and are therefore available at many locations and dates throughout the year

All of these events can also be requested as an on-site delivery option for any authority, where messages and key learning outcomes and approaches can be more tailored to a specific commissioning authority.

## Housing data support products (new for 2019)

Membership of CIPFA's housing network now also comes with complimentary access to our **Housing Interactive Profiles** and **Housing Scorecard**, two new products that have been created for the social housing sector.

### **Housing Interactive Profiles**

Based on statutory data returns such as HRA, LAHS, RO, COR4 and RP General Accounts Statements, CIPFA's data analysts have produced a new tool that features an interactive dashboard enabling practitioners to draw comparisons against 41 sets of performance indicators.

### **Housing Scorecard**

Our Scorecard is unique because it has been created for Local Authority landlords with HRA responsibilities and does not serve the Housing Association sector. It utilises both financial and non-financial measures and it makes use of statutory datasets, therefore no other data returns are required. There are 19 themes within the schedule of measures that include among others Reserves | Repairs & Maintenance | Debt Management | Funding | Rent Collection | Spend | Expenditure | Income Recovery

The principals of Housing Scorecard are to ensure:

- All measurements are consistent across all Councils within a tier
- The methodology used for deriving measures and calculations are transparent
- Only reliable and trusted measures are used.

The cost of these data support tools alone are £1,950 when purchased separately. So accessing them via a HAN subscription presents a significant saving.

For more tailored information about these tools, or if you would be interested in receiving a summary of the key measures that are available within the interactive portal, please [contact](#) the team.

# How to join the Housing Advisory Network?

All areas of CIPFA's housing activity and support to the sector can now be accessed in one place via the Institute's housing advisory network.

Our service for 2019 includes a wide range of opportunities for staff training, operational / technical updates and networking opportunities.

We do this through our advisory events, thought leadership (available to members throughout the year), statistical assessment and support tools and an annual conference covering the latest policy, regulatory and good practice issues typically driven by practitioner and sector experts through the Institute's Housing panel.

It is a network that supports both local government (housing general fund and HRA focus) along with key partners and external social housing providers, such as RSL's

If you are interested in joining CIPFA HAN or have any questions, then please email us at [cipfanetworks@cipfa.org](mailto:cipfanetworks@cipfa.org) or telephone 020 7543 5600 and we can provide you with a quote based on your required level of membership.

We look forward to welcoming you to the HAN

## **Our current networks are:**

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



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