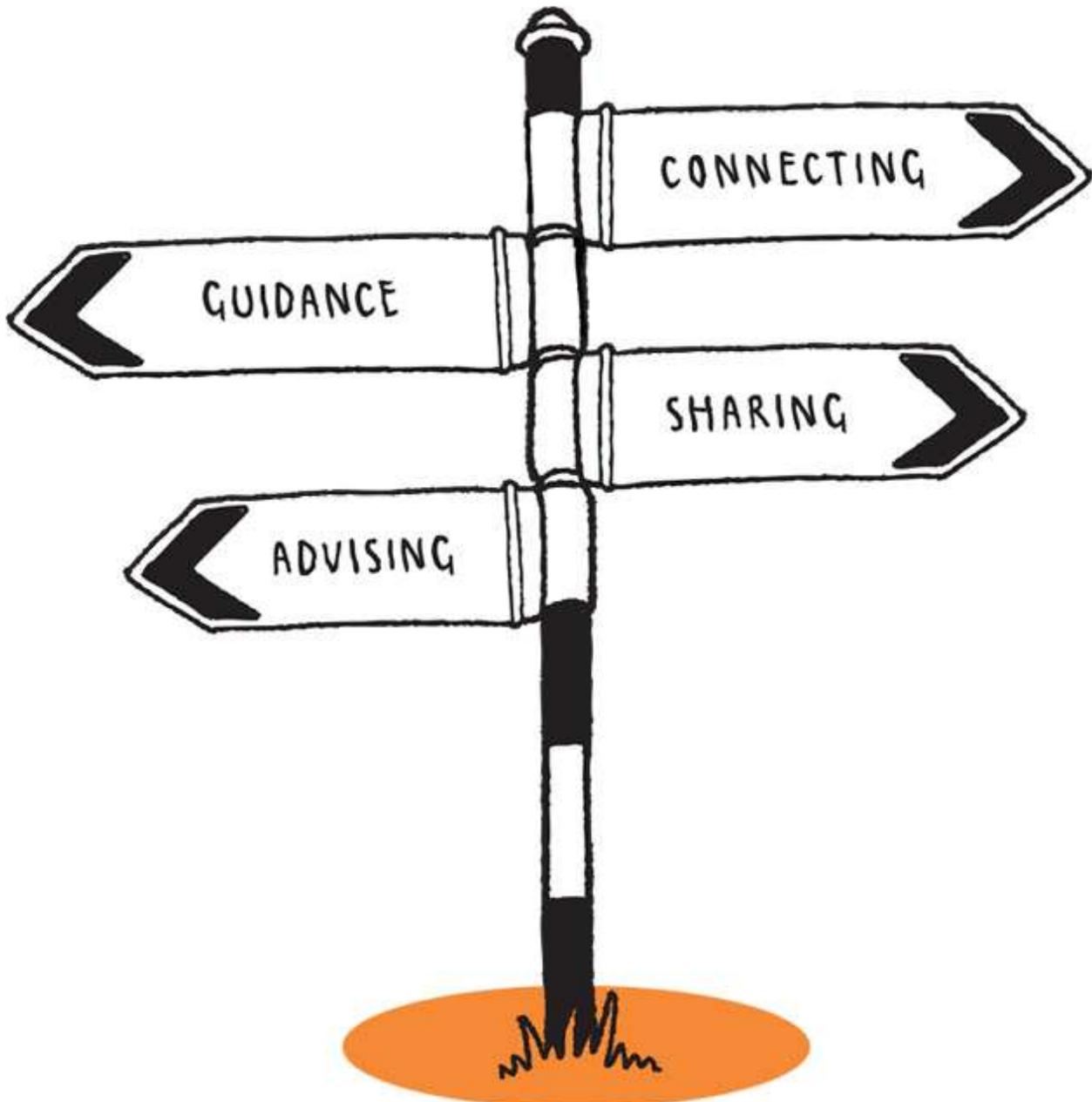


CIPFA's Finance Advisory Network (FAN)

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Welcome to the Scottish FAN

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The Scottish FAN offers a wide range of valuable face-to-face and peer-to-peer events, as well as expert support and guidance that is centred on all aspects of best practice in finance.

Our website also contains detailed documentation and other materials developed to accompany the events which are available to download free of charge for Scottish FAN subscribers.

Furthermore our e-mail updates service provides subscribers with information on news and developments affecting Scottish local government finance, including technical accounting, legislative and policy changes.

The support outlined above means that a Scottish FAN subscription is the ideal, convenient and value for money way to stay informed about, and prepared for, future financial challenges.

Scottish FAN membership also secures support for those in your organisation with specific questions, since our advisors are on hand to help. If you would like further information about the benefits of subscribing to the Scottish FAN, please contact the relevant advisor below.

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Benefits of membership for your organisation

- Attendance at a selection of events using pre-purchased places at regional network events and topical seminars
- Technical support and guidance from expert advisors
- 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
- 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
- Tax Advisory Service support service from our partners Deloitte. *Please contact the Networks subscription team if you would prefer not to include this tax support service.*
- 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
- Exclusive website access – network websites contain a wealth of published information including regular briefings, newsletters and updates, as well as event presentation materials to allow you to engage with colleagues and members in your area and share best practice
- Newsletters to keep you updated on the latest financial and policy issues affecting your network
- Access to a generic CIPFA LinkedIn group as well as a dedicated twitter account (#cipfanetworks)
- 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.

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

Subscribe to more than one network? Buy a corporate support network package and you could save money and gain access to more services. To find out more, contact our customer services team at cipfanetworks@cipfa.org or call **020 7543 5600**

Programme of events

Our planned headline events below are complemented by briefings and advisor support for subscribers only. Detailed programmes will be issued shortly before each event. Event topics may be amended to reflect demand and developments affecting members.

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.

August 2019 – The Audit Experience 2018/19 and Code 2020/21 Consultation

This will review issues arising from the 2018/19 accounts and audit processes. Additionally the proposals in the Code 2020/21 public consultation process will be examined.

September 2019- Introduction to Local Government Capital Accounting

Providing delegates with a solid understanding of local authority capital accounting concepts and principles, this will also provide a basis for discussion for experienced capital practitioners. Relevant topics will be included, such as IFRS 16 Leases progress and action for 2020/21 implementation.

November 2019 – Group Accounts / Collaborative Arrangements Introduction

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.

December 2019 – Budgeting Workshop

This event will seek to provide a good basic understanding of the budget process, including development, monitoring and reporting. Additionally it is timed so that practitioners can discuss the current financial and service context affecting the budget process and exchange views on potential plans for 2020/21.

February 2019 – Local Authority Accounts Closedown 2018/19

This classic and essential event will help inform and assist authority finance practitioners in closing the annual accounts. Accounting changes, policy initiatives and a variety of local government environment developments will all be addressed to identify what they mean for the annual accounts process.

Please note that CIPFA reserves the right to amend the proposed content and scheduling of events where appropriate, for instance to reflect client demand and emerging topics.

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.

And how to join

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**

All of our events can be delivered for you on-site. Please ask your advisor for details.



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