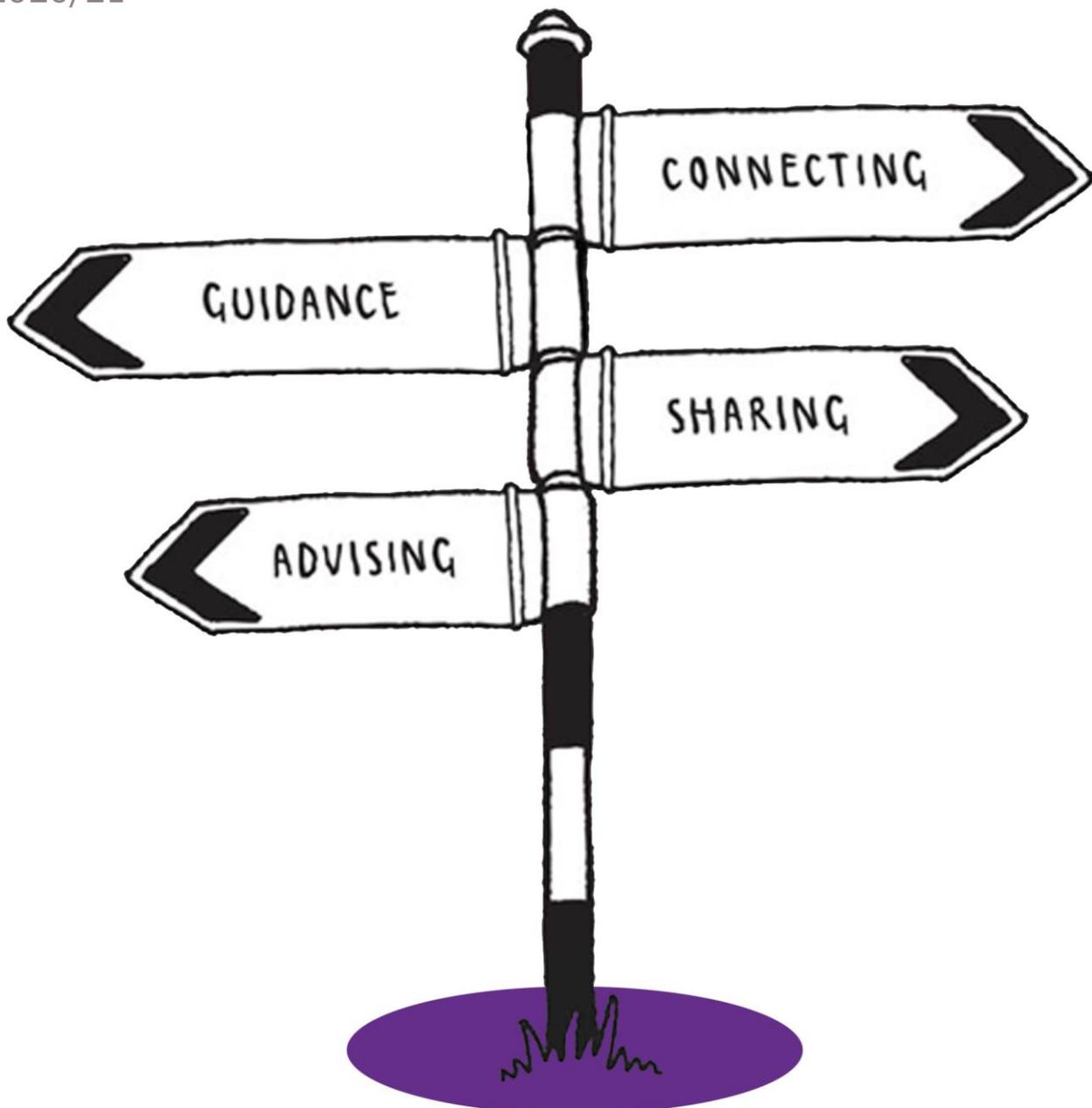


CIPFA Better Governance Forum (BGF)

your BGF membership

2020/21



What does the BGF offer?

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 600 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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How to join the BGF

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

Features and benefits

- 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
- 10% discount on the Diploma in Corporate Governance
- 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 really useful course - content was good and there was a good discussion amongst delegates. Will be very useful in practice."

Delegate, Assurance over Financial Resilience and Service Sustainability workshop, June 2019

"I thought the course was very relevant to current issues and there were a lot of things that we will be able to put into practice. This was one of the most relevant courses that I have ever attended."

Delegate, Internal Audit Professional Update October 2019

Programme of events

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

New events may be added during the year and details of these will be confirmed as part of the event promotion materials and BGF newsletters.

January 2020 – A Practical Understanding of Good Governance

An introduction to the governance framework for local government.

January 2020 – Development Day for Local Authority Audit Committees

Briefing and guidance for audit committee members.

January to February 2020 – Governance Practitioner Update

These events focus on new developments in governance to support the Annual Governance Statement.

March 2020 – Assurance over Financial Resilience and Service Sustainability

Providing delegates with resources to provide assurance over these challenging areas.

March to April 2020 – Introduction to Internal Audit

This Essentials workshop provides delegates with a good basic understanding of internal audit.

May 2020 – Development Day of Police Audit Committees

Briefings and guidance to support members of police audit committees.

May to June 2020 – Assurance over Asset and Property Risks

These events are delivered jointly with CIPFA Property and highlight the risks and good practice to look for.

June 2020 – Summer Internal Audit Update

The CIPFA conference to support internal auditors.

September to October 2020 – Introduction to the Audit Committee

Support for those new to the audit committee.

September – Procurement and Contract Audit

Event focusing on key and topical areas of procurement and contracts.

Full details of these events will be available at www.cipfa.org/events or contact one of the advisors for further details.

October 2020 – Internal Audit Practitioner Update

These workshops focus on the internal audit standards supporting practical implementation and good practice.

November 2020 – Introduction to Internal Audit

This Essentials workshop provides delegates with a good basic understanding of internal audit.

November 2020 – Governance Seminar

A topical policy update for practitioners with responsibility for governance.

November 2020 – Winter Internal Audit Update

CIPFA seminar to support internal auditors with updates on policies and risk areas to support internal audit planning.

December 2020 to January 2021 – Development Day for Local Authority Audit Committees

Briefings and guidance for audit committee members.

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

Further support

On-Site Delivery

Most BGF workshops are available as an 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

Looking for more support from our Networks?

We offer a number of other networks across a range of topics. We also offer corporate subscriptions for your organisation allowing you and your colleagues to access. Visit <https://www.cipfa.org/services/networks/cipfa-networks-corporate-subscription>

For any other network enquiries, or for details about our corporate network support package, please contact:

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Our current Networks are:

- Alternative Service Delivery Network
- Better Governance Forum
- Benefits and Revenues Service
- Social Care Finance Advisory Network
- Finance Advisory Network
- Insurance Network
- Pensions Network
- Police and Fire Network
- Procurement and Commissioning Network
- Tax Advisory Network
- Treasury Management Network



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