

Police and Fire Network

# Your network membership

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# The network offer

The Police and Fire Network provides essential, practical and timely advice on strategic issues in police and fire, police and fire finance, accounting issues and transformation, via webinars, face-to-face events, an advice line and documentation on our website.

Working closely with colleagues in the Home Office, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services, National Audit Office, Police and Crime Commissioners' Treasurers Society, Fire Finance Network, National Police Chiefs' Council, Association of Police and Crime Commissioners and the AFEP Stakeholder and Engagement Group, we provide horizon scans of developments affecting your organisation. We also provide briefings on legislation, policy and finance developments with analysis of the financial, strategic and practical implications for police forces, police and crime commissioners and fire and rescue services.

Membership also includes access to our Finance Advisory Network, with a wide range of events, expert support and guidance on all aspects of best practice in public finance and accountancy. All of our events can also be delivered on-site, at a special discounted rate for subscribers. For those with specific questions, please contact our advisors, who are on hand to help and can be accessed via e-mail. Please contact [Customer Services](#) for questions related specifically to police and fire issues and [David Ellis](#) for accounting related questions.

# How to join?

## **Joining the Police and Fire Network**

If you are interested in joining the Police and Fire Network or have any questions, please email [cipfanetworks@cipfa.org](mailto:cipfanetworks@cipfa.org) or call CIPFA on 020 7543 5600 and we can provide a quote based on your required level of membership.

# Features and benefits

- Attendance at a wide selection of Police and Fire Network events, using pre-purchased places or on a pay as you go basis at reduced subscriber rates
- Access to a wide selection of Finance Advisory Network events, using pre-paid places or on a pay as you go basis at reduced subscriber rates
- Access to technical accounting and policy support and guidance from expert advisors
- Horizon scanning briefings and other briefings providing updates on relevant political, financial and legislative issues to keep you updated and informed
- 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
- Opportunities for networking, career development and CPD
- Discounts on open training events run by other CIPFA Networks
- Exclusive website access to a wealth of published information including past briefings and FAN newsletters as well as our current and past event materials
- Preferential rates for any onsite network events.

## What our members say



“Colleagues at the CIPFA Police (and Fire) Network are approachable; they provide professional, informed advice and insight and keep us in touch with the wider police family.”

Jeff Carruthers, Chief Finance Officer, Warwickshire Police



“The CIPFA Police and Fire Network events provide useful and practical insight across a broad range of issues arising from the fire and police reform programmes.”

Simon Rhodes, Corporate Planning Manager, Humberside Fire and Rescue Service

# Programme of events

Our planned headline events below are complemented by alerts and briefings, 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, along with options for use of pre-paid places, will be confirmed as part of the event promotion materials, newsletters and alerts.



**March 2023**

## **Introduction to Police Finance**

For finance people who are new to a police force or OPCC, this event provides an overview of policing, its structures and how it is financed. This event is also suitable for Police Officers aspiring to be future leaders in Policing.



**April 2023**

## **Introduction to Fire Finance**

For finance people who are new to a fire and rescue service, this event provides an overview of fire and rescue services, their structures and how they are financed. This event is also suitable for Fire Officers aspiring to be future leaders in the Fire Service.

## **Audit Wales Event**

## **Introduction to Capital Accounting**



**May 2023**

## **Update for Police Audit Committee Members**

An event for police audit committee members on emerging developments on audit and governance issues.

## **Introduction to Local Government Reporting**

## **Introduction to Financial Planning**

## **AFEP - Sustainability**

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**June 2023**

**Police & Fire Technical & Specialist Panel**

**Introduction to Local Government Finance**

**PFI Exit Strategies**

**Procurement Journey**

**AFEP Sponsored Roundtable**



**July 2023**

**Introduction to Local Government Capital Accounting**

**AFEP Personal Effectiveness**



**September 2023**

**Introduction to Police Audit Committees**

An event for new police audit committee members on the role of the audit committee, governance and providing assurance to the PCC and chief constable.

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**Introduction to Financial Planning**

**Introduction to Treasury Management**

**Procurement Diplomas**

**AFEP Leadership Retreat**

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### October 2023

#### **Hot Topics in Police and Fire Finance**

Two half-day events to look in detail at the latest hot topics in police finance, fire finance and technical accounting developments ahead of the 2022/23 closedown.

#### **Introduction to Fire Finance**

For finance people who are new to a fire and rescue service, this event provides an overview of fire and rescue services, their structures and how they are financed. This event is also suitable for Fire Officers aspiring to be future leaders in the Fire Service.

#### **Introduction to Financial Planning**

#### **Treasury and Capital Conference**

#### **Procurement Journey**

#### **AFEP Roundtable event**

#### **AFEP Business Cases**



### November 2023

#### **Enhancing Productivity**

#### **Introduction to budgeting**

#### **Treasury Management Update Event**



### December 2023

#### **Preparing Local Government Group Accounts and Accounting for Collaboration Arrangements**

#### **PFI Exit Strategies**

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Full details of these events will be available at [www.cipfa.org/events](http://www.cipfa.org/events)

Membership of the Police and Fire Network also gives you access to all events delivered by the Finance Advisory Network, details of which can be found at <https://www.cipfa.org/services/networks/finance-advisory-network>

# Further support

## **On-site delivery**

Most Police and Fire Network 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 police or fire sectors, or perhaps working in a new role, and may also benefit non-finance staff. These interactive workshops are a great way to help develop knowledge and awareness of a specific service area and are proving increasingly popular with staff development programmes.



# Our networks


## **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 events and support across multiple CIPFA networks according to your needs.

For any other network enquiries, or for details about our corporate network support package, please email [cipfanetworks@cipfa.org](mailto:cipfanetworks@cipfa.org) or call CIPFA on 020 7543 5600.

## **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 Services
- Treasury Management Network



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