

CIPFA Pensions Network

Your network membership

2020/21

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The network offer

The CIPFA Pensions Network has been established for over ten years. Our experience and commitment to providing a high quality, professional service with the latest support, guidance and insightful events. We help navigate Pension Funds, Administering Bodies and Employers through the challenges faced in the industry.

The CPN offers a wide range of tailored face-to-face events at regional venues all over the UK. Our expert support and guidance is focused on all aspects of Pensions accounting, Administration and Governance.

The CPN is committed to providing public bodies with the tools to be at the forefront of best practice and innovation in the sector. Our aim this year is to focus on key topics facing the sector, such as the impacts of new regulation, climate change and the results of the tri-annual actuarial review. We provide members up-to-date information on the latest trends, opportunities and technology.

As part of your membership you will have access to the latest detailed guidance and regular updates on current events and topics to keep you at the forefront of new developments. With over 650 members signed up to our e-alerts service, keeping on-top of the latest updates to legislation will be made easy.

The CPN newsletter provides the latest updates and current interests in Pensions, details of relevant events and conferences and keeping you alert to the key CIPFA and Government consultations. On-top of all this, the network will provide access to webinars and our monthly informative economic update from an expert economist.

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 CPN, please contact any member of our highly skilled and dedicated advisory team.

How to join?



If you would like further information about the benefits of subscribing to the CIPFA, please contact [Richard.Lloyd-Bithell](#) who will be delighted to assist you.

Joining the CPN

If you are interested in joining CASDN or have any questions, please email 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 topical events (workshops and summit's) using pre-purchased places at regional venues, as well as open training courses for this network
- Technical support and guidance on alternative service delivery arrangements from expert advisors and commercial managers who can respond to requests from subscribers either by e-mail or phone
- Timely updates on relevant new ways of working 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 alternative service delivery arrangements can be debated and addressed
- Exclusive website access – network websites contain a wealth of published information including regular 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
- Regular monthly newsletter to keep you updated on the latest alternative service delivery issues affecting your area of activity
- Discounts off any CIPFA Essentials training events run by other CIPFA Networks
- Access to other network events when bought under a corporate membership arrangement.

What our members say



“The event was well pitched and I felt relevant to someone like myself who was on a bit of a fact finding mission. The event itself was very well organised and provided a good opportunity to network with other local authorities.”



“As always, a well organised and presented event, excellent speakers and content. These workshops are way above that of other professional organisations. The subjects are timely – moving to the pace of change within the public sector and other organisations.”

Programme of events

Our planned headline events below are complemented by alerts and briefings, monthly 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, CPN newsletters and alerts.



January 2020 **Preparing the Pension Fund Workshops**

This virtual learning event is aimed at pension fund accountants. It uses a line-by-line approach, deconstructing the Fund Account and Net Asset Statement to give learners a comprehensive understanding of financial reporting requirements for local government pension schemes.



February 2020 **Audit and Accounting workshops**

In recent years the pension fund accounts have reached a high standard driven by increased scrutiny and the support of the CIPFA Example Accounts. For 2020/21 we have new version of the Example Accounts for practitioners to digest. Naturally this will lead to a discussion on the work of external audit, and we will hear our usual feedback on the 2019/20 audits and what the key issues will be for 2020/21.



February 2020 **LGPS Actuarial Summit**

We look at 2019 triennial revaluation one year on – an overview of the impact of Brexit, Covid-19 and other seismic events on the 2019 revaluations and funding position, and current expectations regarding the potential impact of these changes on forthcoming IAS 19 reports.

A summary of the potential effect that recent legal cases such as McCloud, Goodwin, Godwin, Lloyds Bank (GMP) and others might have on pension funds looking forward

In the aftermath of the 2019 revaluation, how employing bodies are taking action to improve funding levels.

Freedoms and Flexibilities – an overview of how employees are exercising Freedom and Choice offered by central government, and how employing bodies are exercising new options.



March 2020

Administration workshops

These events are dedicated entirely to the Administration of the Scheme, covering new regulation issues and wider challenges such as benchmarking, data quality, GMP, Exit cap and McCloud..



June/ July 2020

Governance Workshops

This series will focus on the various issues emerging from changing face of the LGPS, in particular asset pooling and exploring new models and governance arrangements.



September 2020

Introduction to the LGPS

In response to requests from network members, we have developed a one day 'introductory' course for those new to the world of the public sector pensions.



October 2020

Autumn Investing, Risk and Strategy workshops

Workshops focusing on the approaches to risk management and strategies that LGPS funds use. We will debate many of the issues facing the LGPS whether they are regulatory risks, investment risks, liability risks or governance risks



November 2020

CPN Annual Conference

Our Annual Conference where we tackle the future of Public Service Pensions and current issues.

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

Further support

On-site delivery

Most CPN 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 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 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
- Treasury Management Network



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