



Scottish Finance Advisory Network Newsletter: December 2022

Advisor Update

Welcome to a shortened December 2022 SFAN Subscriber Newsletter for organisations that do not subscribe to CIPFA's Scottish Finance Advisory Network (SFAN).

Whilst SFAN is primarily a membership service for organisations who subscribe, we produce non-subscriber content such as this newsletter to assist busy practitioners across the sector through highlighting key technical updates, consultations, events and services that we hope are helpful and relevant to making your job less stressful.

One of the main benefits of a subscription is having access to the FAN team to assist with technical accounting queries, so if membership is of interest please do get in touch with one of the team.

The monthly FAN newsletter includes details of our upcoming events and conferences, which we hope will be of interest to practitioners across England and Wales.

That's it for 2022, we will see you all in the new year – here's hoping that it's an improvement on the last few! If you are having a break over Christmas, have a wonderful time.

David, Jen and Mark

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Network and CIPFA News

Budget 2023-24

The [Scottish Budget for 2023-2024](#) was published on 15 December 2022

Technical Bulletin 2022/4

Audit Scotland issued [Technical Bulletin 2022/4](#) on 14 December highlighting the issues and developments that it considers auditors in the Scottish public sector need to be aware of.

Scheduled Events

Events

[All CIPFA Events](#)

Accounts closedown and financial reporting workshops

[Wednesday 1 February \(Scotland\)](#)

Other 2023 training events to keep an eye out for

April 2023

Introduction to Local Authority Capital Accounting
Introduction to Budgeting

May 2023

Introduction to Local Government Reporting
Introduction to Financial Planning

Integrating Care report

CIPFA has [published a report](#) entitled 'Integrating care: policy, principles and practice for places'. The report provides an overview of the changes since the Health and Care Act 2022 was introduced and discusses what integration is seeking to achieve.

Blockchain Technology Survey

Can blockchain technologies facilitate effective collaboration within and across the public sector? CIPFA and the University of Oxford's Government Outcomes Lab are working together on a research project to assess the potential of blockchain to deliver better outcomes. If you are interested in blockchain technologies, or have applied the technology in your projects or service delivery, please share your views on our survey [here](#).

Follow FAN on Twitter and connect to us on LinkedIn

David and Jen will regularly tweet details of relevant news stories, FAN event updates, CIPFA consultation alerts etc. We encourage subscribers to follow CIPFA network advisors on Twitter for the latest news, so even if you don't 'tweet' yourself, it's a good way to keep updated on key issues affecting local authority finance and accounting. Click to find [David](#) and [Jen](#) on Twitter, or search for all our network advisor tweets using the hashtag #cipfanetworks.

We can also be found on LinkedIn and increasingly use social media for additional FAN updates, so if you are on LinkedIn then please feel free to connect to [David](#), [Jen](#) or [Mark](#). Subscribers can join the FAN LinkedIn Group.

CIPFA has its own [LinkedIn group](#) where you can find up to date announcements and discussions on all the latest issues in the public sector. Why not join in one of the discussions or start a conversation of your own?

CIPFA press releases

All CIPFA's latest press releases are available [here](#)

News Roundup

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[Scotland's upcoming budget finances face challenging choices](#)

Scottish Financial News 13.12.22

A new report has said the outlook for Scotland's budget in 2023-24 has become more challenging due to factors wholly outwith the control of the Scottish Government, but there are decisions that Deputy First Minister John Swinney can make to ease the path ahead for Scotland.

[Scottish Government to set out budget as energy prices squeeze public finances](#)

Forth 1 15.12.2022

The Scottish Government's budget for the next financial year will be set out on Thursday afternoon, as inflation and high energy prices squeeze public finances.

Publications

[Code of Practice on Local Authority
Accounting in the United Kingdom 2022/23](#)

[Code Of Practice On Local Authority
Accounting In The United Kingdom: Guidance
Notes For 2022/23 Accounts \(pre order\).](#)

[Integrating Care: policy, principles and
practice for places](#)

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