## Scottish Finance Advisory Network

# Newsletter

### **Advisor Update**

Welcome to the November SFAN Newsletter for organisations who do not subscribe to the SFAN network.

As usual, the newsletter includes details of our planned events and workshops, together with the latest updates on consultations and other issues that may be of interest to finance staff working in organisations that account under the CIPFA/LASAAC Local Authority Accounting Code of Practice. We hope you find it helpful.

If you haven't already considered it, CIPFA is offering an <u>introductory</u> <u>promotion</u> for authorities taking out a new subscription to SFAN or other networks.

If you take out a subscription before 31 December 2020 you will get membership up to 31 March 2022 for the 12-month price i.e. 16 months for the price of 12 if you take it out now. The earlier you take out a new membership the higher the saving. If you opt to include any pre-pay places with your membership these can be used at any time up to 31 March 2022 for any FAN events included in our Service Plan

SFAN membership gets you access to all subscriber newsletters and our past event documentation and slides on the website, as well as access to the FAN team for any technical accounting questions.

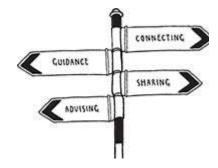
If this promotion is of interest, please do get in touch.

If other colleagues in your organisation would benefit from receiving this newsletter, they can add themselves to the FAN mailing lists via the Preference Centre in MyCIPFA.

#### David, Caroline and Sandra Network and CIPFA News

# FAN 2020/21 Accounts Closedown and Financial Reporting Workshops (webinars in January and February 2021)

The FAN team are working again with associate Graham Liddell for our annual closedown series, which this year (in line with other CIPFA workshops) is being delivered via webinar. The workshops will feature the usual healthy mix of technical updates and topical discussion and details of the programme can be found on the website (see link to all events in the events listing). The series is expected to run from 7 January to 10 February, so there will be plenty of dates to choose from,



### Events

### Capital Valuations: Avoiding the pitfalls

3 December, Webinar

2020/21 Accounts Closedown and Financial Reporting Workshops

Various dates - see article below and as they are being delivered by webinar, they are now more accessible with no need to travel. So, pick your date and book your slot.

| Day | Date       | Delivery           |
|-----|------------|--------------------|
| Thu | 07/01/2021 | Webinar            |
| Mon | 11/01/2021 | Webinar            |
| Tue | 12/01/2021 | Webinar            |
| Wed | 13/01/2021 | Webinar            |
| Thu | 14/01/2021 | Webinar - Wales    |
| Mon | 18/01/2021 | Webinar            |
| Tue | 19/01/2021 | Webinar - Police   |
| Wed | 20/01/2021 | Webinar - Scotland |
| Thu | 21/01/2021 | Webinar            |
| Mon | 25/01/2021 | Webinar            |
| Tue | 26/01/2021 | Webinar - Wales    |
| Wed | 27/01/2021 | Webinar            |
| Thu | 28/01/2021 | Webinar            |
| Mon | 01/02/2021 | Webinar            |
| Tue | 02/02/2021 | Webinar            |
| Wed | 03/02/2021 | Webinar - Police   |
| Thu | 04/02/2021 | Webinar            |
| Mon | 08/02/2021 | Webinar            |
| Tue | 09/02/2021 | Webinar - Scotland |
| Wed | 10/02/2021 | Webinar            |

## COSLA; Covid-19 Information for Councils

All the latest official information as well as guidance and resources from COSLA and key partners including weekly briefings for Elected Members.

https://www.cosla.gov.uk/covid-19-information-for-councils

| Additional authorities   | COVID-19 advice and support for local s   |  |  |
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| CIPFA has s  | set-up an online hub for COVID resources.   |  |  |
| -  | uidance on all aspects of coronavirus can be found<br>. <u>Scot</u> website.  |  |  |
| Follow FAN   | I on Twitter and connect to us on LinkedIn  |  |  |
| stories, FAN<br>updates, etc<br>latest news,<br>keep update<br>accounting. | Tra and Caroline regularly tweet details of relevant news<br>event updates, CIPFA consultation alerts, COVID-19<br>c. We encourage subscribers to follow us on Twitter for the<br>so even if you don't 'tweet' yourself, it's a great way to<br>ed on key issues affecting local authority finance and<br>Click to find <u>David, Sandra</u> and <u>Caroline</u> on Twitter, or<br>Il our network advisor tweets using the hashtag<br><u>orks</u> . |  |  |
| additional F   | be found on LinkedIn and increasingly use social media for AN updates, so if you are on LinkedIn then please feel free o us: David, Sandra and <u>Caroline</u> or the join the <u>FAN</u> <u>Dup</u> .  |  |  |
| LinkedIn D   | viscussions   |  |  |
| announcem  | ts own LinkedIn group where you can find up to date ents and discussions on all the latest issues in the public not join in one of the discussions or start a conversation of   |  |  |
| News Ro  | undup   |  |  |
| News stories are part of the subscriber service only.                      |   |  |  |
| Publication  |   |  |  |
| 1  | IFRS 16 Leases: An Early Guide for Local Authority Practitioners  |  |  |
| 2  | Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2020/21  |  |  |
| 3  | Financial Management Code   |  |  |
| 4  | Financial Management Code Guidance Notes  |  |  |
| 5  | Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom: Disclosure<br>Checklist for 2019/20 Accounts  |  |  |
| 6  | Service Reporting Code of Practice for Local Authorities (2020/21 Edition)  |  |  |