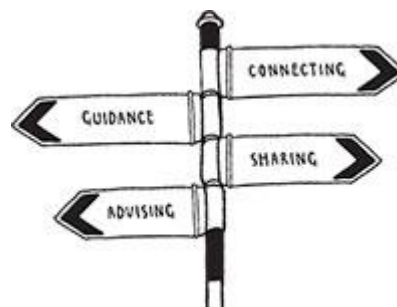


Treasury Management Network Newsletter



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Advisor Update

New CIPFA Advisor & New Services!

Firstly I would like to thank all subscribers for making the time in your hectic work schedules to attend events across the networks and showing your support at CIPFA events over the years.

To introduce myself, my name is Richard Lloyd-Bithell. I started my career in Local Government just over 7 years ago with my last role as a practitioner at Flintshire County Council in North Wales as Principle Accountant for Treasury and Technical Accounting. I have joined with CIPFA in the role of Pensions and Treasury Management advisor and I look forward to working with every one of you to overcome the challenges we face in this exciting sector we work in.

I see 2020 as a very exciting but challenging year. We have the challenges following the PWLB rates rise, the increased focus for environmental and social investment and the need for greater robust governance and risk management.

Our Networks are 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. Ranging from climate change to commerciality, and provide you up-to-date information on the latest trends, opportunities and technology.

The Treasury Management Network will be providing more services than ever including – a new monthly economic update, new media and podcasts with industry experts and practitioners and new up to date resources for subscribers.

Events

CIPFA Treasury Management Conference 2020:

Our 2020 Treasury Management Network Annual Conference contains a first-class array of speakers and commentators tackling the most significant issues for UK public sector treasury management.

The 2020 CIPFA Treasury Management Network Annual Conference will be hosted at a brand new venue this year. We are delighted to be working with Natwest who will be hosting the Conference at their fantastic London offices.

To book please visit our [website](#) .

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The CPN and TMN network is for you the subscribers, I would love to hear from you on what you would like to see in 2020 from the networks.

I look forward to seeing you at events and conferences in 2020!

Best wishes,

Richard Lloyd-Bithell

CIPFA Pensions and Treasury Management Advisor

Network and CIPFA News

'Alarm bells' ring over 14-fold boom in council commercial property investment:

Local authority investment in commercial property has increased fourteen-fold over three years as councils seek alternative sources of revenue amid cuts leaving them open to risk, the spending watchdog has warned.

<https://www.publicfinance.co.uk/news/2020/02/alarm-bells-ring-over-14-fold-boom-council-commercial-property-investment>

Lancashire County Council Launches Bond:

The first bond launched by the UK Municipal Bonds Agency is the first step in a sector-wide shift away from the Public Works Loan Board, local government finance figures have said.

<https://www.publicfinance.co.uk/news/2020/02/lancashire-deal-marks-shift-pwlb-borrowing>

LGA: £80m from PWLB rate hike should be given back to councils

The extra Treasury cash raised via the Public Work Loans Board 1% rate rise should be handed back to local government, council leaders have suggested.

<https://www.publicfinance.co.uk/news/2020/02/lga-ps80m-pwlb-rate-hike-should-be-given-back-councils>

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