

Meeting CIM Council Meeting
Date Wednesday 8 May 2024
Time 10.00-12.00
Venue Microsoft Teams

Notes of the Meeting

	Item	Actions
1	<p>Introductions, welcome to new members and apologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Present</u>: Theresa Channell (Chair), Alston Owens, Bev Bull, Colin Sharpe, Emma Cranidge (from 11.00), Kelly Watson, Modestus Okafor. • <u>In attendance</u>: Victoria Davitt (CIPFA Midlands Liaison Officer) • <u>Apologies</u>: Amy Oliver, Andy Cardoza, Holly Hancocks, Katy Harding, Martin Jones, Sean Prosser, Lee Yale-Helms. <p>TC welcomed Victoria as the first holder for the Midlands of the new role of regional liaison officer within CIPFA HQ. She has been at CIPFA for 15 years, mostly focussed on students; and latterly working on employer engagement and apprenticeships. The role is paid from central funds, with a time allocation. We will need to work through the focus of the role for best effect in the Midlands. Victoria will arrange to meet with TC/AOw/CS.</p> <p>TC also welcomed new Council members. She expressed thanks to Sean Pearce for his long service before stepping down at the AGM and will write to him on behalf of Council.</p>	<p>VD</p> <p>TC</p>
2	<p>Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes of the Council meeting held on 13 March 2024 were approved. • The draft minutes of the AGM held on 28 March 2024 were noted. 	
3	<p>Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>CIM Development Plan and Business Plan</u> – Noted the 2024 subvention remains to be confirmed, TC is pursuing with HQ (post-meeting note, this should be imminent). • <u>Sixth Form Management Games</u> – In HH’s absence, KW reported that whilst progress has been slower than hoped, four games have 	

	<p>now been confirmed at Leicester, Keele and Birmingham (two). Comms to potential volunteers will be issued soon (post meeting note – issued). Will consider Nottingham Trent University as a future venue. CIPFA is hoping to use a condensed version with older students. An aspiration is to roll out more widely nationally and to bring regional winners together for a national grand final.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Mentoring</u> – The number of people seeking to mentor and be mentored is encouraging. However, progress is constrained by pressures on the organising team and further promotion is paused. KW asked for colleagues to become involved on the team, BB offered, with other colleagues are asked to contact KW. Thanks were expressed to Tony Crawford, who has recently stepped back. TC is separately picking up about mentoring opportunities specifically for s151 officers. KW is progressing the Women in Finance network. • <u>Student participation</u> – TC suggested that this be taken off-line. VD agreed to arrange a meeting of her, MO, TC and AOw, with CS optional. • <u>Regional Membership Dashboard</u> – MO asked about access, he has tried to no avail through the National Student Network. CS has access and was asked to provide pertinent updates for each Council meeting (post-meeting note, presently only one person per region can have access). • <u>Finances</u> – BB reported that little had changed since the AGM; as noted earlier, the 2024 subvention is awaited. The Autumn Regional Forum is a significant uncertainty. • <u>CIPFA HQ</u> - TC had attended the CIPFA Spring Lunch for National Council members. TC/AOw/CS variously attend regional forum meetings and ‘drop in’ sessions. The Regional Review report is doing the rounds through the HQ structure, ahead of being shared and discussed more widely. • <u>Administrative support</u> – TC proposed this be included in the planned discussion with VD about her new role. • <u>Comms / social media strategy</u> – Agreed that CS would close the Facebook groups. The focus will be on LinkedIn and Twitter, led by AOw. CIPFA nationally has accounts on Instagram and TikTok. VD confirmed following the meeting that there are essentially no specific social media rules for regions, provided brand guidelines are followed. The drawbacks of the CIPFA events booking system were 	<p>All</p> <p>VD</p> <p>CS</p> <p>CS</p>
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	noted, we will consider alternatives for future events that provide better functionality, timeliness and ease of local control.	
4	<p>Autumn Regional Forum 2024, to be hosted by the Midlands:</p> <p>TC led a significant and helpful discussion on the emerging plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TC has visited various potential venues for the Forum, accommodation and a formal dinner (which would have a wider catchment than the Forum itself). • Dates are still to be finalised, depending on the availability of key people, avoiding clashes with other events and venue availability. • Agreed that planning and running the Forum will take a tremendous amount of time and effort. Members of Council and beyond will need to be actively involved. • A theme and key speakers are to be identified. 	
5	<p>Events planning / Events Group:</p> <p>AOW reported that the Events Group is meeting and ideas for regional events are in hand.</p>	
6	<p>AOB:</p> <p>The meeting discussed the ordering of Past-President badges from HQ, attendance at PF Live and identifying and sourcing contemporary 'merchandise' for events including the Sixth Form Management Games (all to make any suggestions).</p>	All
7	<p>Dates of 2024/25 meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council: 17 July, 18 September, 22 January. • Council TBC: December (in person?), pre-AGM • AGM: 20 March 2025 (provisional) 	