

Meeting CIM Council Meeting

Date Wednesday 9 July 2025

Time 10.00 - 11.30 Venue Microsoft Teams

NOTES OF MEETING

Time	Item	Actions
1.	Introductions and apologies	
	Present: Alston Owens (Chair), Bev Bull, Theresa Channell, Martin Jones, Modestus Okafor, Amy Oliver, Sean Prosser, Colin Sharpe, Richard Walton.	
	In attendance: Victoria Davitt (CIPFA Midlands Liaison Officer)	
	Apologies: – Holly Hancocks, Katy Harding, Kelly Watson, Lee Yale-Helms.	
2.	Minutes: • The minutes of the Council meeting held on 30 April 2025 were approved.	
	 Actions arising, not elsewhere on the agenda: Skills matrix - The aim is to harness diverse skill sets and identify gaps, with an annual review, in a simple format. Regional Dashboard - VD and CS to explore, noted that HQ training for the regions is planned. 	Colin Victoria, Colin
	Understanding the student membership is a priority ahead of the September Council meeting.	
3.	Updates:	
	Sixth Form Management Games — The games had gone very well, with 4 venues each with 4 to 7 teams, and much positive feedback from the schools and colleges. The Birmingham spaces could have been filled a number of times. VD was thanked for her support in bringing together the arrangements. Need to start planning the 2026 games in September, including the number and location of venues, growing the volunteer pool (including all Council members), identifying game leaders, engaging employers to provide support, etc. Important to develop a new game/scenario with updated content and format and embracing AI (RW)	

noted that KPMG utilise AI in audits, MJ can input how the HE sector is approaching AI). Noted that the ICAEW locally may be interested in providing support/volunteers. Specific actions:

- > VD to arrange an initial planning meeting in September.
- ➤ AOw to send a 'thank you' to schools and volunteers, with support from Victoria.

Victoria Alston

- PF Live, 24-25 June, ICC, Birmingham From a regional perspective this was a success, our stand had a very good location and profile with lots of engagement, the photo booth was good and our social media profile was active. However, June overall was pressured with this, the management games and local collaboration events.
- Regional Development Plan 2025 and process for 2026 –
 AOw is working on these, noted that HQ funding over and above the basic subvention is dependent upon them.

Alston

• <u>Student participation</u> – AOI and MO have met with lead students, further meetings are scheduled and a proposal will be brought to the September Council meeting. RW suggested that once our arrangements are established, links could be made with the HFMA band 2 – 6 network. It seems that not all students are receiving CIPFA student emails.

Amy, Mo

 Mentoring – SP reported that the mentoring email awaits setting up, which is limiting his progress. VD and CS to f/up with HQ.

Victoria, Colin

- <u>Finances</u> BB advised that expenses from the various events and activities are being processed, some sponsorship funding remains outstanding and the subvention is awaiting the Development Plan.
- CIPFA HQ No specific updates not covered elsewhere.
- Local links with ICAEW and engagement events the collaboration event ahead of PF Live led by CIM and held at the RICS offices was well attended; and CS had attended a CIOT-led event in Leicester. Each institute is encouraged to supply around 10 members. Regional Council members and locally-based National Council members are asked to consider attending. CIPFA students are welcome to a 'pitch and piano' event in October, would be good to have a Council member in attendance also.

	 Social media and comms – AOw would like us to utilise all available means, including the regional LinkedIn accounts, a thrice-yearly Presidential email to all members and students linked to the Region; and making best use of the Regional Dashboard for targeted comms. Administrative support – AOw will add to the Development Plan, noting may be needed for future events. Not to be taken forward as a standing agenda item. 	Alston
4.	Regional awards nominations: Council discussed potential nominations, including the Sixth Form Management Games. The awards are: • Hedley Marshall Award to an individual for outstanding contribution to regional activities • Events Programme of the year • Regional Innovation of the year	Alston
	TC will send AOw last year's submissions.	Theresa
5.	Events planning / Events group:	
J.	AOw is working on a high profile event in Birmingham, provisionally the afternoon of 10 October, focussed around leadership. Agreed to postpone the partnership working and sustainability workshop planned for 24 September, as too close.	Alston
	Planning for the 2026 AGM and Presidential Dinner to start in September, provisionally 26 March 2026.	Alston
	AOw remarked that an annual calendar of all events and engagements would be useful, he and Victoria will progress.	Victoria, Alston
6.	Any Other Business - None	
7.	 Dates of future meetings: 17 September 19 November – in person – Colin to progress 21 January 26 March? - AGM and President's Dinner 	Colin