

Meeting CIM Council Meeting
Date **Wednesday 9 July 2025**
Time 10.00 - 11.30
Venue Microsoft Teams

NOTES OF MEETING

Time	Item	Actions
1.	<p>Introductions and apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Present</u>: Alston Owens (Chair), Bev Bull, Theresa Channell, Martin Jones, Modestus Okafor, Amy Oliver, Sean Prosser, Colin Sharpe, Richard Walton. <u>In attendance</u>: Victoria Davitt (CIPFA Midlands Liaison Officer) <u>Apologies</u>: – Holly Hancocks, Katy Harding, Kelly Watson, Lee Yale-Helms. 	
2.	<p>Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the Council meeting held on 30 April 2025 were approved. Actions arising, not elsewhere on the agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Skills matrix</u> - The aim is to harness diverse skill sets and identify gaps, with an annual review, in a simple format. ➤ <u>Regional Dashboard</u> - VD and CS to explore, noted that HQ training for the regions is planned. Understanding the student membership is a priority ahead of the September Council meeting. 	<p>Colin</p> <p>Victoria, Colin</p>
3.	<p>Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Sixth Form Management Games</u> – 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 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Social media and comms</u> – 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. <u>Administrative support</u> – 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.	<p>Regional awards nominations:</p> <p>Council discussed potential nominations, including the Sixth Form Management Games. The awards are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hedley Marshall Award to an individual for outstanding contribution to regional activities Events Programme of the year Regional Innovation of the year <p>TC will send AOw last year's submissions.</p>	Alston Theresa
5.	<p>Events planning / Events group:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Planning for the 2026 AGM and Presidential Dinner to start in September, provisionally 26 March 2026.</p> <p>AOw remarked that an annual calendar of all events and engagements would be useful, he and Victoria will progress.</p>	Alston Alston Victoria, Alston
6.	Any Other Business - None	
7.	<p>Dates of future meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17 September 19 November – in person – Colin to progress 21 January 26 March? - AGM and President's Dinner 	Colin