

Agenda

CIPFA SOUTH EAST REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING - DIGITAL

Date 6 December 2021
Time 3.00pm – 4.30pm (please provide your own festive refreshments!)
Venue Digital – via CSE Regional Zoom Meetings platform

Join via this link from 2.50pm –

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86228228105?pwd=VFB4S01ubFdFdEExZ1MxL1hvWnVKUT09>

Members	President	Kathryn Long
	Junior Vice President	Nicki Cooper
	Regional Secretary/Vice President	John Barker
	Regional Treasurer	Nicki Cooper
	Regional Website Administrator	Lillian Manning
	Corporate Members	Phil Butlin
		Stephanie Mitchener
		Thomas England
		Mark Williams
	Immediate Past President/CIPFA Council Member	Amy Crowson
	Retired Members' representative	Eric Keighley
	Registered Students	Honor Green
		Trisha Brigemohane
	CIPFA Council Elected Members in Region	Naeem Ahmed
		Caroline Al-Beyerty
		Chris Roberts
		Ian Williams
	Co-opted Members	Lorna Baxter
		Chris Blundell
		Matt Bowmer
		Nick Carroll
		Paul Clarke
		James Cook
		Jade Coombes
		Cath Edwards
		Will Goodchild
		James Kidd
		Rosanne Nulty
		Philippa Watkins
		Nick White
		Joanne Pitt

Invited

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Welcome to our newly elected CIPFA Council Members who are now included in our Regional Council membership.

2. Apologies received for today's meeting
3. Minutes and matters arising from digital meetings on 14 September.

(Papers SEO2121/22)

Matters for discussion or decision

4. 2021 Regional Development Plan and Budget.

- (1). Development Plan 2021. **(Paper SEO2103 from 11 May Council refers)**

This has been delivered wherever circumstances have made that possible through the ongoing Covid pandemic. It was revised this autumn as the 2022 Development Plan was prepared.

- (2). Budget v Actual at 2 December 2021. **(Paper SEO2124)**

This December statement shows income and expenditure to date, plus a first projection of the outturn for this year. Some items are estimates based on the original budget provision. Council is requested to note this statement and notify our regional treasurer of any additional items that may need to be included for 2021.

5. Regional Development Plan and draft Budget for 2022

(Paper SEO2125)

The version attached was submitted to CIPFA to support our 2022 subvention bid of £18,000 – which was approved. This plan was prepared mainly on a 'roll forward' basis from 2021, but with increased provision for regional student activity. Other budget related issues may be identified from discussion at this Council meeting. The present summary budget will be enhanced into the usual format for formal review and approval by Regional Council at our 2 February meeting.

6. Newly Qualified Members' certificate presentations 2022

The presentation ceremony held before the Annual Dinner proved to be successful with those able to attend. We have already committed in principle to a Spring 2022 ceremony and Council is invited to suggest formats, dates and the potential continuation of an Annual Dinner ceremony for 2022. An update for potential attendee numbers will be requested from CIPFA Membership for this meeting – my current estimate is approx. 90 region-wide during 2022.

7. Mentoring Developments – current proposals for 2022

Planning for resumption of live sessions is paused at present. Tom England will advise whether it is feasible to consider restarting planning of virtual speed mentoring sessions yet.

8. Succession planning for 2022.

Regional Council will be aware that I have given notice that I would like to retire from my present role in providing Development and Support (via JBCL) to deliver much of the Regional Council's decisions, events and raising sponsorship. There are several options which could follow on from the present arrangements and I propose that I should prepare a paper to set these out, for initial consideration at our 2 February meeting. The implications of IR35 for regional paid support, following recent dialogue with CIPFA HQ colleagues, will

also need to be considered, as successor arrangements are evaluated. I will, of course, commit to continuing to support the Regional Council requirements until any successor arrangements are in place.

Matters for information or note

9. Updated Events programme at 30 November 2021. **(Paper SEO2126)**

The virtual events sessions are now concluded for 2021, as the planned presentation for 8 December is to be deferred to mid-January 2022. The drafted 2022 dates in the Regional development Plan 2022 will be firmed up and will continue to be a mixture of live and virtual events.

Our November 2021 live events were all completed successfully and Council members are invited to share their views and experiences of these for future planning.

- Pan Accountancy Lunch – 5 November
- Regional Forum – 11/12 November
- Annual Regional Dinner – 19 November

10. Institute Business

CIPFA Council/Secretariat – updates from Joanne Pitt and CIPFA Council Members present.

No CIPFA debrief notes have been received in respect of recent CIPFA Council Meetings.

Reporting on group activity

11. SE-CSN business

Verbal progress report from Honor Green.

12. Retired members' group activities –

Eric Keighley reports that no further group activities are to be planned until the Covid implications allow them to take place safely.

Any Other Business

13. Please notify the President before the start of the meeting if possible.

Forward Diary

14. Forward diary for 2022/23 Council Meetings – dates to agree (format/venue/times tbc)
2 February 2022 (3.00pm – 5.00pm) at Grant Thornton, Finsbury Square, London
w/c 25 April 2022 Regional AGM - provisional venue Grant Thornton, Finsbury Square.
11 May, 20 September, 7 December 2022, 1 February 2023.

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