

Agenda

CIPFA SOUTH EAST REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING - DIGITAL

Date 11 May 2021
Time 3.00pm – 4.30pm (please provide your own refreshments!)
Venue Digital – via CSE Regional Zoom Meetings platform

Join via this link from 2.50pm –

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84680394966?pwd=U083TmhPS3FYOC96eGIQWU5CTk5wdz09>

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	Richard Harbord
		Peter Kane
		Rosanne Nulty
		Suresh Patel
		Caroline Russell
	Co-opted Members	Lorna Baxter
		Chris Blundell
		Matt Bowmer
		Nick Carroll
		Paul Clarke
		James Cook
		Jade Coombes
		Cath Edwards
		Will Goodchild
		James Kidd
		Philippa Watkins
		Nick White
		Joanne Pitt

Invited

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Welcome to Cath Edwards (Surrey CC), newly co-opted to Regional Council
2. Apologies received for today's meeting

3. Minutes and matters arising from digital meeting on 10 February 2021 **(Paper SEO2110)**

Matters for discussion or decision

4. 2021 Regional Development Plan and Budget.

(1). Development Plan 2021.

(Paper SEO2103 refers)

The Plan was submitted to CIPFA to support our 2021 subvention bid. As reported at 10 February, the subvention bid of £18k has been partly agreed. £10k is confirmed as allocated with the balance of £8k to be fully or partly released in the year – at present it is held by CIPFA for release when/if our live events are resumed.

Our 2021 Events Plan has been updated. The key change is the expectation that digital CPD events will continue in place of live ones through to September (See details at Item 10) when some live events may be possible after that. CIPFA will be requested to release the £8k as soon as live events look feasible (likely to be after further Government announcements in May and June on current Covid-19 restrictions timetable).

Council is requested to note this update.

(2). Budget for 2021.

(Paper SEO2104 refers)

At 10 February Council an initial budget was approved. Council agreed that it should be subject to review at each Council Meeting during 2021 to consider the ongoing Covid implications (and to identify and confirm any in-year variations or virements if required).

As it is too early at present to definitely confirm a return to live events Nicki advises that Council endorses the 10 February version for now (Copy attached for information).

When further information becomes available on regional events and July PF Live (expected as May proceeds) she will update the February version for Council circulation and approval/comment.

Council is requested to agree this proposed action.

5. PF Live 7/8 July 2021 – Annual CIPFA Conference at QE11 Centre, Westminster

Latest programme is at <https://publicfinancelive.org>

This is planned to be a live event – its final confirmation is planned for mid-May. CIPFA SE will be the regional host Council and is invited to organise the regional stand and contribute to the conference social programme. Following initial liaison with CIPFA HQ in February and March, more detailed venue planning has now started. It is expected there will be some complimentary conference places available to our regional council and agreed direct hosting costs should be reimbursed as in previous years. Further details will be circulated when available and expressions of interest to attend will be requested. Nicki will update the present budget when potential costs/income are better known.

Council is requested to –

(1) note the current position and

(2) delegate the decision to approve funding of conference attendance costs to represent CSE Regional Council to our Regional President and Regional Treasurer.

6. Developing our Regional Diversity and Inclusion Strategy during 2021.

Verna Duncan and Nneb Akpom-simon delivered the agreed webinar on 20 April. The

recorded event is now available at vimeo.com/545011705 (Password is Diversity) and accessible publicly via the CSE Events website.

Paul will update Council on his ideas for potential further events and will welcome suggestions and/or offers of support to help develop the programme.

7. Mentoring Developments during 2021.

- (1) 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.
- (2) Honor Green will outline a proposed student network mentoring event planned to take place during the CIPFA Conference.

Matters for information or note

8. Updated Events programme at 26 January 2021 and related issues. **(Paper SEO2112)**

(1) Regional Hub Group meeting dates (provisional or actual) are included to help ongoing dialogues with our actual or potential presenters and sponsors. Some live event dates and a potential Annual Dinner date are included. Obviously, the forwards events dates and potential formats are still subject to the gradual relaxation of the current Covid-19 regulations.

(2) Proposed Wantage Hall Residential Conference, 9/11 September 2021

Work to develop this proposed event is paused. A decision by Council on whether to proceed in September - as discussed at our December Council – is still not possible.

(3) Annual Regional Dinner. A provisional reservation for 19 November has been kept with the London Marriott Hotel. It is still too early to be able to confirm any contractual arrangements. LMH plans to advise clients on any constraints which may impact on later year events soon after their planned re-opening on 17 May.

9. Institute Business

CIPFA Council/Secretariat – verbal updates from Joanne Pitt, Rosanne Nulty and Caroline Russell. No CIPFA debrief notes have been received in respect of recent CIPFA Council Meetings.

Reporting on group activity

10. SE-CSN business)

Verbal progress report from Honor Green, including developments in access to regional student data and her email request (attached) for CIPFA's GDPR registration.

11. Retired members' group activities –

Eric Keighley reports that no 2021 group activities are to be planned until the Covid implications allow them to take place safely.

Any Other Business

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

Forward Diary

13. Forward diary for 2021/22 Council Meetings – dates to agree (format/venue/times tbc)
 - 23 September 2021
 - 6 December 2021
 - 2 February 2022

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