

Better Governance Forum (BGF)

Your network membership

2025/26

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The network offer

The CIPFA Better Governance Forum (BGF) supports governance practitioners and internal auditors in the public services.

It offers a wide range of valuable webinars and occasional face-to-face events at various regional venues as well as expert support and guidance that is centred on all aspects of governance and internal audit.

Our website also contains presentations from past events, webinar recordings, and key resources to support your governance work. Our briefings for audit committee members can be downloaded free of charge for all BGF subscribers.

All BGF training events can be delivered on-site, at a discounted rate for network members.

Our regular newsletter contains updates on changes in legislation and comments on policy and topical issues.

For those with specific questions, our advisors are on hand to help.

How to join?



If you would like further information about the benefits of subscribing to the BGF, please contact [Naomi Whitmore](#) who will be delighted to assist you.

Joining the BGF

If you are interested in joining BGF or have any questions, please email cipfanetworks@cipfa.org or call CIPFA on 020 7543 5600 and we can provide a quote based on your required level of membership.

Features and benefits

- New for 2025, we will be offering mentoring as a follow up for network subscribers who have attended/ attend the introduction to Internal Audit/ Internal Audit Skills/ Senior Auditor Skills workshops.
- Attend webinars and regional network events using pre-purchased places or on a pay as you go basis at special reduced subscriber rates
- We will be offering both a choice of webinars plus some face-to-face events during 2025, providing maximum flexibility from your subscription
- Access to subscriber-only short webinars to keep you updated with what's 'On the Agenda'
- Technical support and guidance from expert advisors
- Regular newsletter to keep you updated on the latest governance and policy issues
- Timely updates on relevant political, financial and legislative issues and on how these will affect your job role, service delivery and organisation
- Exclusive website access to briefings and newsletters as well as our current and past event materials
- Issues of Audit Committee Update to support and brief your audit committee members on new developments and good practice
- 10% discount on the Diploma in Corporate Governance
- Discounts off any CIPFA Essentials training events run by other CIPFA Networks
- Access to other network events when bought under a corporate membership arrangement.

What our members say



"I always find BGF webinars informative. Diana Melville has an excellent understanding of all things governance and provides a very good insight into the subject."



"Keep these informative events coming as they provide really good information and discussion ."

Programme of events

Our planned headline events below are complemented by alerts and briefings, monthly newsletters and dedicated advisor support for practitioners in subscribing organisations. Prepaid places can be used to attend any events set out in this service plan.

New events may be added during the year and details of these, along with options for use of pre-paid places, will be confirmed as part of the event promotion materials and BGF newsletters.



January 2025

Introduction to Internal Audit

This Essentials workshop provides delegates with a good basic understanding of internal audit.



January 2025

A Practical Understanding of Good Governance

An introduction to the governance framework for local government.



January 2025

Internal Audit Standards Update

An in-depth look at key areas of the standards for the local government sector.



February 2025

Internal Auditor skills

A practical event to discuss / build on the knowledge and experience of internal auditors.



February 2025

Governance Practitioner Update

A focus on new developments in governance to support the Annual Governance Statement for 2024/25 and application of the Framework.



March 2025

Update for Local Authority Audit Committees

Briefings and guidance for audit committee members.



May 2025

Senior Auditor Skills

A practical event to discuss / build on the knowledge and experience of senior auditors.



May 2025

Introduction to Internal Audit

This Essentials workshop provides delegates with a good basic understanding of internal audit.



May 2025

Spring Update for Police Audit Committees

Briefings and guidance to support members of police audit committees.



June 2025

Internal Auditor skills

A practical event to discuss / build on the knowledge and experience of internal auditors.



June 2025

Introduction to the Audit Committee in Policing

Support for those new to police audit committees.



July 2025

Introduction to the Audit Committee

Support for those new to the audit committee.



July 2025

Summer Internal Audit Update

A face-to-face event for key professional update for heads of internal audit and audit managers.



September 2025

Senior Auditor Skills

A practical event to discuss / build on the knowledge and experience of senior auditors.



September 2025

Internal Auditor skills

A practical event to discuss / build on the knowledge and experience of internal auditors.



October 2025

Leading Internal Audit

A face-to-face workshop for heads of internal audit and managers.



November 2025

Introduction to Internal Audit

This Essentials workshop provides delegates with a good basic understanding of internal audit.



November 2025

Autumn Update for Police Audit Committees

Briefings and guidance to support members of police audit committees.



November 2025

Introduction to the Audit Committee in Policing

Support for those new to police audit committees.



November 2025

Introduction to the Audit Committee

Support for those new to the audit committee.



January 2026

Winter Internal Audit Update

Updates on policies and risk areas to support internal audit planning.



January 2026

Winter Update for Local Authority Audit Committees

Briefings and guidance on topical issues for audit committee members.



January 2026

A Practical Understanding of Good Governance

An introduction to the governance framework for local government.



February 2026

Governance Practitioner Update

A focus on governance to support the 2025/26 AGS.



February 2026

Internal Auditor skills

A practical event to discuss / build on the knowledge and experience of internal auditors.

On the Agenda

Short briefings delivered by webinar on topical issues throughout the year. These briefings will be accessible to subscribers only, helping you to stay up to date, ask questions and share practice with other subscribers.

Full details of these events will be available at www.cipfa.org/events or contact Naomi Whitmore for further details.

Further support

On-site delivery

Most BGF workshops are available as an on-site delivery. Contact us for more information.

CIPFA Essentials

Our 'Introduction to ...' Essentials programme is designed to help support those who may be new to the sector, or perhaps working in a new role, and may also benefit non-finance staff and elected Members. These interactive workshops are a great way to help develop knowledge and awareness of a specific service area and are proving increasingly popular with staff development programmes.

Specialist support

The BGF can provide support for audit committee development through on-site training, webinars and effectiveness reviews.

CIPFA's guidance to audit committees and [Position Statement](#) are kept under regular review and these are complemented by the BGF's resource for audit committee members: [Audit Committee Update](#).

Our networks

Looking for more support from our networks?

We offer a number of other networks across a range of topics. We also offer corporate subscriptions for your organisation allowing you and your colleagues to access events and support across multiple CIPFA networks according to your needs.

For any other network enquiries, or for details about our corporate network support package, please email cipfanetworks@cipfa.org or call CIPFA on 020 7543 5600.

Our current networks are:

- Better Governance Forum
- Benefits and Revenues Service
- Finance Advisory Network
- Pensions Network
- Police and Fire Network
- Procurement and Commissioning Network
- Social Care Advisory Network
- Treasury Management Network



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