

CIPFA Finance Advisory Network

IFRS 16 Leases – Technical Workshop Autumn 2024

Webinar delivery

31 October 2024 – Zoom Meeting

Purpose

IFRS 16 *Leases* continues to be a significant project for many local authorities. Whilst CIPFA FAN has covered the 'new' leasing standard many times, this is an opportunity to review again the standard purely from a technical perspective, given that some practitioners who benefited from earlier training sessions may have moved on or changed roles.

So, we are re-running a 'back to basics' full-day workshop on the technical aspects of IFRS 16, now that it forms part of the mandatory accounting requirements under the 2024/25 Code.

NB - This is a repeat of events that FAN ran in March 2024 with some aspects updated to reflect the later timelines.

Learning Outcomes

The key benefits for you will be:

- Improved knowledge of the main technical aspects of the IFRS 16 leasing standard
- A greater appreciation of the practicalities of lease accounting under IFRS 16 including recognition, exemptions, initial and subsequent measurement, transitional provisions, use of the cost model, adaptations and interpretations for local authority application, accounting policies, etc.
- Greater confidence in understanding the key tasks and information requirements for a successful implementation of IFRS 16 in 2024/25.

Who Will Benefit?

The workshop is designed primarily for local authority, police and fire finance staff and any technical / project accountants involved in local authority preparations for the implementation of IFRS 16 *Leases* in 2024/25.

Wider awareness of the changes and information requirements arising from implementation may also benefit other colleagues in your organisation, for example property teams / valuers and other staff involved in taking out or managing leases or leased assets under current accounting arrangements.

Programme

09:30 – 10:00

Registration period

10:00 – 10:05

Introductions and Housekeeping

10:05 – 10:35

IFRS 16 Leases – Background and overview

The workshop will start with an overview of the previous lease accounting and the drivers behind the development of IFRS 16, summarising the main headline changes in the new standard and the anticipated impact for local authority financial statements.

10:35 – 12:45

IFRS 16 Lease Accounting – Technical Review (part 1)

The main part of the day will review the key technical aspects of accounting for leases under IFRS 16 and explore in more detail how it is likely to be applied in practice. Topics to be covered include the identification of leases, initial recognition and measurement of 'right of use' assets and lease liabilities, non-commercial lease recognition, exemptions to the standard, subsequent measurement of leased assets and liabilities, changes to sub-lease classification for lessors and the Code's transitional arrangements.

The session will include a mid-morning refreshment break.

12:45 – 13:30

Lunch

13:30 – 15:45

IFRS 16 Lease Accounting – Technical Review (part 2) - Complexities and specific local authority issues

Continuing the review of accounting under IFRS 16, this session will explore some of the more complex issues that had been identified through the Code consultation process. Areas to be covered include sale and lease back arrangements, lease modifications and remeasurement, the impact on Service Concession Arrangement liability measurement, practical expedients, implications for capital planning and prudential indicators, statutory provisions and disclosures.

The session includes a mid-afternoon refreshment break.

15:45 – 16:25

Preparing for IFRS 16 – Practical issues and considerations

The final session of the day will explore practical considerations and key actions and approaches authorities can take to assist their preparations for transition and full implementation of the standard in 2024/25, drawing on CIPFA's example project plan as a checklist for preparation.

16:25 – 16:30

Summary and Close

The facilitators for this event will be
David Ellis and Jen Bevan (CIPFA FAN Advisors)



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