

CIPFA Procurement Webinar

Local government reorganisation: What does it mean for procurement and contracts?

Zoom Webinar

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Purpose

This event has been developed to support practitioners who are supporting their organisation through local government reorganisation. The government's ambitious plans set out in the English Devolution White Paper, represents the biggest proposed change to local government since the Local Government Act 1974. LGR's main objective is to deliver greater efficiencies, and to prioritise the delivery of high quality and sustainable public services to citizens. Council procurement, commissioning and contracting teams will therefore play a central part in supporting LGR, but do you know what role you can play in the LGR plans?

Learning Outcomes

How will you benefit?

- Explanation of what will happen to your organisation's current contracts.
- Understand legal powers to novate, vary and terminate contracts to support LGR.
- Navigate LGR plans through PCR15/ PA23/ PSR provisions.
- Tips on what you can start to do now to make LGR transition compliant and efficient.
- Use of case studies to explain key practical practitioner points.

Who Will Benefit

The webinar will support procurement, finance, solicitors, project managers, auditors and contract managers with day-to-day responsibilities for developing procurement plans and managing Suppliers.

Programme

13.35 – 13.45 **Join the Webinar**

13.45 – 13.50 **Welcome, Introductions and Overview of the Event**
Mohamed Hans, Manager
CIPFA Procurement & Commissioning Network

13.50– 14.45 **Background to the LGR Devolution Plans**
This session will provide delegates with a background to the Governments Devolution plans from a practitioner perspective. The session will provide an overview of:

- Government's Devolution Plans in a nutshell
- Legal process and powers to support LGR
- Timeline for the proposals
- Opportunities, risks and challenges presented by LGR
- Role of procurement and commissioning teams in LGR
- Impact on future spending
- Developing and implementing new culture due to LGR
- Impact and engagement with suppliers

14.45 – 14.55 **Comfort Break**

14.55 – 15.50 **Impact on Procurement and Contracts**
This session will provide a detailed explanation of how procurement and contracts will need to be delivered before and after LGR:

- Impact on existing council contracts and procurements
- Integrating multiple contracts for the same/ similar requirements
- Developing an LGR plan of action:
 - updating your contracts register
 - drafting appropriate terms in new contracts
 - managing PCR15/ PA23/ PSR modification limitations
 - seeking consent from successor bodies
 - drafting tender notices
- Undertaking due diligence and getting ready
- Establishing commercial terms and the scope of new procurements
- Impact on Council "Vertical" companies

15.50 – 16.00 **Plenary Session - Discussion, questions & close**



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