



**Society of District Council Treasurers
Conference 7th and 8th March 2024**

Venue: Radcliffe House, Warwick Conference Centre, CV4 7SH

PROGRAMME

Thursday 7th March

10.00 Private SDCT Executive meeting (Meeting for Exec Members only)

12 noon Delegate Arrival and Lunch

13.00 Presidents Welcome: Adrian Rowbotham (Sevenoaks DC)

Theme: Financial Sustainability and Resilience:

13.10 Nico Heslop, Director, DLUHC
Local Government Finance Update – Government Perspective
(including Settlement, Productivity Plans, MRP / Capital Flexibilities)

13.40 Nicola Morton, Head of Local Government Finance, LGA
Local Government Finance Update – LGA Perspective

14.10 Tracy Bingham, Strategic Director (S151), South Derbyshire DC
Local Government Finance Update – LG / DCN Perspective

14.40 *Panel Session – Questions and Answers*

15.00 Refreshments

Theme – Financial Management, Governance, Audit and Accounts:

15.20 Local Audit Delays:
Presentations by: Rikin Tailor (FRC), Robbie Maxwell (DLUHC), Vicky Davis (NAO), Iain Murray (CIPFA), Andrew Chappell (PSAA) and Nicola Morton (LGA).
Local Audit Delays – to discuss the Joint Statement and Consultation proposals issued by the Sector Partners.

16.10 Andrew Chappell, Senior Quality Manager, PSAA
Other Current Issues

16.25 Guy Clifton / Richard Thomas – Grant Thornton
Preventing Failure in Local Government

16.50 Panel Session – Question and Answers

17.10 Closing remarks from the President – Adrian Rowbotham

18.30 Pre Dinner-Networking – Hosted by Ian Owen, Technology One

19.00 Dinner

Friday 8th March

7-9 Breakfast

9.00 Presidents Welcome: Adrian Rowbotham (Sevenoaks)

- Update on SDCT Work and CIPFA Conference Workshop
- Approval of SDCT Accounts - 2022/23 and Budget 2024/25
(Clare Fletcher, SDCT)

9.15 Rob Baxter – Director, Link Asset Services

MRP and Capital Flexibilities and Economic Update

9.45 Vicky Davis – Director, Local Government VFM, NAO

Homelessness Roundtable

10.40 Refreshments

11.00 Joanne Pitt and Fred Lynch, CIPFA

The challenges of ensuring that the finance function in a LA is fully skilled and resourced to deal with current complexities are becoming increasingly apparent.

The session looks at current work taking place in this area and what steps might be taken to make the workforce more resilient.

11.35 Nick Cole, Gatenby Sanderson

Recruitment of 151s and the kind of skills that are needed and how current recruitments are working.

11.55 Closing remarks from the President – Adrian Rowbotham

12.00 Lunch

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