

CIPFA Housing Panel, SUBJECT CIPFA Housing Product

CIPFA Offer to the Social Housing Sector

On 16th May I circulated a link that had been sent to me detailing the Housing Data Products that were now available from CIPFA. These are The Housing Interactive Profile, Housing Future Resources Model and Housing Scorecard. CIPFA says that with local authorities now having the freedom to re-engage and progress dormant council house building developments facilitated by the removal of the Housing Cap, borrowing requirements are likely to be rigorously tested against the rigidity of authorities HRA. Therefore, to aid all English local authorities and their stakeholders, a range of financial and non-financial data analytics comparators specifically aimed at social housing providers in England have been produced. It claims that "this essential information for all housing professionals and regulators responsible for their HRA will enable practitioners to make comparisons between a range of performance indicators and sector groupings. By demonstrating social housing sector performance across a broad range of measures, it enables local authorities to get involved and compare results to ultimately deliver improved services and aid the effective management of fixed assets."

CIPFA Technical Information Service for public sector finance

Earlier this month I circulated an email from the Support Officer for this service who was seeking Panel Members to assist with Local Authority Housing information stream that provides comprehensive guidance on housing finance, aimed at finance practitioners and housing management practitioners in local government. The information stream covers both the landlord role and the strategic enabling role of local housing authorities, as well as alternative delivery arrangements such as PFI and ALMOs.

There is also a Housing Association TIS which is produced jointly by CIPFA and the National Housing Federation, and is a comprehensive guide to financial management for housing associations. It provides practical guidance on all key aspects of housing management and financial functions, including development finance, revenue income, asset management, accounts, treasury management, insurance, risk management and taxation.

Housing Advisory Network / Housing Conference/ Training events

There is a programme of events throughout the year that are targeted at Housing finance people that culminate in the Housing Conference that we discussed at our last meeting suggesting that it should always be held in the 2nd or 3rd week in January each year.

Panel Members' Actions

Panel members are asked to note the services provided, consider if they are as comprehensive as they could be, or suggest areas that might need to be included/considered for the future.