

# CIPFA in the North West – July 2018

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Conference time! The most exciting time of year for CIPFArians (except Christmas, Birthdays and Fridays obviously)

The agenda for July is historically light as the meeting takes place before the AGM the day before the Conference starts. It is the outgoing President's last Council meeting before the new President is sworn in at the AGM. Andy Burns has been a fabulous President this year and I know Sarah Howard will also do a fantastic job.

So after an early start to make sure I arrived with plenty of time to spare – taxi to airport, flight to Southampton, train to Bournemouth, taxi to hotel – I was there 2.5 hours early with time to spare to have a look around. Except when I went to check in the hotel and the receptionist asked me if I wanted help with my bags, I realised that I'd left my suitcase on the train. So, taxi back to station, two hour round trip on the train in the opposite direction and taxi to the conference centre, I arrived with 1 minute to spare. Sometimes I wonder how I get by in life....

Anyway, was in time to hear Rob Whitman present his update at the meeting which included items on:

## **Policy & Technical**

- Currently identifying scale of the LOBOs issue and any potential changes to accounting arrangements with MHCLG
- New Financial Resilience Index consultation about to be published. Our own North West Council Member Carole Culley is co-chair of the stakeholder group
- Workforce & Brexit report making recommendations for minimising the impact of restrictions on movement of EU nationals
- CIPFA became an affiliate member of IFAC in June
- Andy Burns and Gillian Fawcett spoke at a joint ICAP/CIPFA conference held in Islamabad in May

## **Students & Membership**

- CIMA-CIPFA dual qualification launched in June
- New CIPFA apprenticeship scheme is exceeding target
- CIPFA Portfolio is live and students can log on and submit their practical experience online

## **CIPFA Services**

- Currently supporting Finance Commissioner for Northants, Past President Brian Roberts
- Finance Business Partnering Level 7 continuing well throughout many regions and across different sectors

- CIPFA essentials now have over 40 modules with delivery to over 200 delegates within the first 5 months
- London Counter Fraud Hub soon to be launched

### Organisation

- Interim CIO appointed
- New Managing Director, Education and Membership, Lindie Englebrecht starts in July
- New post of Chief Operating Officer established with Dan Worsely from EY seconded in for 6 months
- Pauline Coutts is new Head of HR following Jenny King departure

**And finally.....** well as it's all about the Conference in this edition, here are some super photos of the event (well mainly of me but at least you can see that I actually was there)



President's Dinner on the Tuesday eve



Proper chipper at the beach for lunch the next day



The best photo of all – New President Sarah Howard with CIPFA CSN President Sophie Medwell

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