

Police and Fire Network

Your network membership

2021/22

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The network offer

The Police and Fire Network provides essential, practical and timely advice on strategic issues in police and fire, police and fire finance, accounting issues and transformation, via webinars, face-to-face events (from September, depending upon Covid restrictions), an advice line and documentation on our website.

Working closely with colleagues in the Home Office, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services, National Audit Office, Police and Crime Commissioners' Treasurers Society, Fire Finance Network, National Police Chiefs' Council, Association of Police and Crime Commissioners and CIPFA's Police and Fire Panel, we provide horizon scans of developments affecting your organisation. We also provide briefings on legislation, policy and finance developments with analysis of the financial, strategic and practical implications for police forces, police and crime commissioners and fire and rescue services.

Membership also includes access to our Finance Advisory Network, with a wide range of events, expert support and guidance on all aspects of best practice in public finance and accountancy. All of our events can also be delivered on-site, at a special discounted rate for subscribers. For those with specific questions, please contact our advisors, [Alison Dewhirst](#) and [David Ellis](#), are on hand to help and can be accessed via email or by phone.

How to join?



If you would like further information about the benefits of subscribing to the Police and Fire Network, please contact [Alison Dewhirst](#) who will be delighted to assist you.

Joining the Police and Fire Network

If you are interested in joining the Police and Fire Network or have any questions, please email cipfanetworks@cipfa.org or call CIPFA on 020 7543 5600 and we can provide a quote based on your required level of membership.

Features and benefits

- Attendance at a wide selection of Police and Fire Network events, conferences and webinars using pre-purchased places or on a pay as you go basis at reduced subscriber rates
- Access to a wide selection of Finance Advisory Network events using pre-paid places or on a pay as you go basis at reduced subscriber rates
- Access to technical accounting and policy support and guidance from expert advisors
- Horizon scanning briefings and other briefings providing updates on relevant political, financial and legislative issues to keep you updated and informed
- Sharing of knowledge and best practice with peers to create an environment where the key financial and policy issues of the day can be debated and addressed
- Opportunities for networking, career development and CPD
- Discounts on open training events run by other CIPFA Networks
- Exclusive website access to a wealth of published information including past briefings and FAN newsletters as well as our current and past event materials
- Preferential rates for any onsite network events or webinars.

What our members say



“Colleagues at the CIPFA Police (and Fire) Network are approachable; they provide professional, informed advice and insight and keep us in touch with the wider police family.”

Jeff Carruthers, Chief Finance Officer, Warwickshire Police



“The CIPFA Police and Fire Network events provide useful and practical insight across a broad range of issues arising from the fire and police reform programmes.”

Simon Rhodes, Corporate Planning Manager, Humberside Fire and Rescue Service

Programme of events

Our planned headline events below are complemented by alerts and briefings, monthly newsletters and dedicated advisor support for practitioners in subscribing organisations. Prepaid places can be used to attend any events set out in this service plan.

New events may be added during the year and details of these, along with options for use of pre-paid places, will be confirmed as part of the event promotion materials, newsletters and alerts.



February 2021

Compliance with the FM Code for Police and Fire Services

This half-day webinar provides an overview of the CIPFA FM Code and how police and fire bodies can comply with the requirements.

AFEP Benchmarking Streams: Latest findings and dashboards

A half-day webinar providing the latest findings on the data and analytics theme of the Achieving Finance Excellence in Policing (AFEP) programme, being overseen by the Police Data and Analytics sub group.



March 2021

Scoping the Future for Police and Fire Finance

Our virtual conference, being delivered by two half-day webinars, will scope some of the future financial issues for police and fire and rescue services, based on the latest economic forecasts and those for public finances.



April 2021

Introduction to Police Finance

For finance people who are new to a police force or OPCC, this event provides an overview of policing, its structures and how it is financed.

Introduction to Fire Finance

For finance people who are new to a fire and rescue service, this event provides an overview of fire and rescue services, their structures and how they are financed.



May 2021

Effective Governance of Police Collaboration

A half-day webinar following up on a recent publication of the same name for the police sector.

Update for Police Audit Committee Members

A webinar for police audit committee members on emerging developments on audit and governance issues.



June 2021

Introduction to Police Budgeting

This webinar provide delegates with a good basic understanding of how to set, monitor and report on their local service budgets within police forces.

Counting the Cost of Covid

A practical webinar to examine the cost of Covid so far to the police and fire sectors, and the reimbursement grants given by government.

Strategic Financial Planning and findings from FMCRs and FMSs

A practical webinar linking strategic planning, medium term financial plans and the Force Management Statements required by HMICFRS.



September 2021

Introduction to Police Audit Committees

An event for new police audit committee members on the role of the audit committee, governance and providing assurance to the PCC and chief constable.

PCC review findings: finance and governance implications

A webinar considering the findings of the Government's review of the Role of PCCs and the implications for police and fire finance and governance.



October 2021

Hot Topics in Police and Fire Finance

Two webinars to look in detail at the latest hot topics in police finance, fire finance and technical accounting developments ahead of the 2021/22 closedown.



November 2021

Scoping the Future of Police and Fire Finance – part 2

A follow-up event to our virtual conference in March, to consider the latest developments.

Full details of these events will be available at www.cipfa.org/events or contact Alison Dewhirst for further details.

Membership of the Police and Fire Network also gives you access to all of the Finance Advisory Network events, details of which can be found at <https://www.cipfa.org/services/networks/finance-advisory-network>

Further support

On-site delivery

Most Police and Fire Network workshops are available as an on-site delivery. Contact us for more information.

CIPFA Essentials

Our 'Introduction to ...' Essentials programme is designed to help support those who may be new to the police or fire sectors, or perhaps working in a new role, and may also benefit non-finance staff. These interactive workshops are a great way to help develop knowledge and awareness of a specific service area and are proving increasingly popular with staff development programmes.

Our networks

Looking for more support from our networks?

We offer a number of other networks across a range of topics. We also offer corporate subscriptions for your organisation allowing you and your colleagues to access events and support across multiple CIPFA networks according to your needs.

For any other network enquiries, or for details about our corporate network support package, please contact:

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Our current networks are:

- Alternative Service Delivery Network
- Better Governance Forum
- Benefits and Revenues Service
- Social Care Finance Advisory Network
- Finance Advisory Network
- Insurance Network
- Pensions Network
- Police and Fire Network
- Procurement and Commissioning Network
- Tax Advisory Services
- Treasury Management Network



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