

Procurement & Commissioning Network  
(CPCN)

# Your network membership

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# The network offer

The CIPFA Procurement & Commissioning Network (CPCN) has been established for over 23 years. As one of the leading networks available to public sector procurement and commissioning practitioners, it will support you and your organisation with current and future procurement challenges.

CPCN will help you with your daily procurement queries, offer expert practical support to navigate complex and changing procurement regulations, facilitate compliant tendering and keep you up to date with best practice. CPCN offers a wide range of inter-active webinars and special face-to-face events at various regional venues, as well as 'Introduction to Essentials' events, which can be delivered as tailored webinars, at special discounted rates for subscribers.

The role of procurement and commissioning is evolving at incredible pace, with the biggest overhaul of procurement legislation in a generation commencing from 2025. The CPCN will ensure that you stay informed and fully upskilled to face the future with confidence.

The CPCN website contains guidance, webinar recordings, briefing notes as well as documentation written to accompany events on topics of current interest, which can be downloaded free of charge by subscribers. Our e-alert service and newsletters, provided to over 130 members contains all the information and analysis on the latest regulation, policy notes and case law. No other organisation provides such a comprehensive, one-stop shop for everyone involved in public sector procurement and commissioning.

If you would like further information about the benefits of subscribing to the CPCN, please contact [Mohamed Hans](#) who will be delighted to assist you.

# How to join?



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## Joining the CPCN

If you are interested in joining CPCN or have any questions, please email [mohamed.hans@cipfa.org](mailto:mohamed.hans@cipfa.org) or call CIPFA on 020 7543 5600 and we can provide a quote based on your required level of membership.

## What our members say



“I wanted to send my thanks for the training sessions below which I recently attended. It was great to hear from Mohamed and other speakers throughout the day and has given me a great insight into the new Act and the opportunities. I’m really buoyed followed the session and looking forward to relaying the information with my team too. ...Please would you pass on my thanks for a superb session”

# Features and benefits

- Attendance at a wide selection of topical events (webinars and physical events) using pre-paid places, as well as open training courses for this network
- Technical support and guidance on procurement from expert advisors who can respond to requests from subscribers either by e-mail or phone
- Timely updates on relevant procurement, commercial and legislative issues giving you all the facts and analysis at your fingertips, and information on how these will affect your job role, service delivery and your wider authority agenda
- Opportunities for networking, career development and CPD
- Sharing of knowledge and best practice with peers to create an environment where key procurement and commissioning issues of the day can be debated and addressed
- Exclusive website access – [www.cipfa.org/procurement](http://www.cipfa.org/procurement) - the website contain a wealth of published information including regular briefings, newsletters and updates, as well as current and past event presentation materials to allow you to engage with colleagues and members in your area and share best practice
- Regular newsletter to keep you updated on the latest procurement issues affecting your area of activity
- Discounts off any CIPFA Essentials training events run by other CIPFA Networks
- Access to other network events when bought under a corporate membership arrangement.

## What our members say



For the past several years, I have decided to invest in specific training for my procurement team and this commitment is best placed with CIPFA Procurement Network. The training received has been excellent and the diversity of the training available far outweighs that of any other current provider in my opinion. The learning outcomes have certainly improved my team's confidence and productivity which in turn has raised the profile of the team within the authority.

**Mark Pearson, AD – Procurement and Contract Management, London Borough of Lambeth**

# Programme of events



**January 2025 (V)**

**Introduction to NEC4 Contracts for Public Sector Practitioners**

The NEC4 contracts have become the contract of choice for many procurers of construction and maintenance works, and it is critical that practitioners understand the key provisions in the contract, as well as accompanying guidance.



**February 2025 (V)**

**NEW: Contract Management under the Procurement Act 2023**

The new Procurement Act 2023 requires significant changes to the way contracts are managed after they are signed. In this event, we cover all the new requirements including mandatory contract management procedures, new public notices, implied contract terms, modifying public contracts and much more.



**March & July 2025 (V)**

**NEW: Guide to Completing New Notices under the Procurement Act 2023**

Completing the Tender and Transparency Notices as part of the new transparency obligations under PA23.



**March 2025 (V)**

**NEW: Getting the Culture Right to Deliver Successful Contract Management**

In this event, we will explore the contract management culture framework and how this should be used to optimise the benefits you get from your third-party suppliers.



**April 2025 (V)**

**NEW: Understanding the Contract Management Framework of Activities, Processes and Controls**

In this event, we will present a best practice contract management framework and discuss how this should be deployed in your organisation to manage your contracts.



**May 2025 (V)**

**UPDATED: Intermediate Level - Getting on and Mastering Procurement Delivery**

This event has been designed to support practitioners with two-and-five years' experience develop practical understanding of procurement provisions and tender procedures.



**June 2025 (V)**

**NEW: All Change Before you Sign the Contract – Notices and Assessment Summary**

This event will cover key changes as part of contract award formalities, including content of the new Contract Award Notices, Contract Details Notice and Assessment Summary.



**July 2025 (V)**

**UPDATED: Advanced Level – Excelling with Procurement Outcomes**

This event will be suitable for experienced public sector practitioners seeking to move into senior procurement leadership roles.



**July 2025 (V)**

**UPDATED: Designing the New Competitive Flexible Procedure**

This event will help contracting authorities ensure compliance when designing the new competitive flexible procedure.



**September 2025 (V)**

**NEW: Common Assessment Standard – How to use CAS in Tenders?**

This event has been developed to support public contracting authorities develop a better understanding of the New Common Assessment Standard.



**October 2025**

**UPDATED: Settling the Score – Tender Evaluation and Moderation - Popular**

This event will cover the tricky issue of evaluating tenders and conducting moderation meetings. Evaluating tenders is a critical part of the procurement process. Get it wrong and risk the award decision being challenged and set aside.



**October 2025 (V)**

**UPDATED: All you need to know about Frameworks, Dynamic Markets & Below Threshold Contracts**

This event will cover key compliance issues when setting up new Frameworks (closed & open) and Dynamic Markets under the Procurement Act 2023.



**November 2025 (V)**

**NEW: Assessing Supply Chain & Procurement Risks**

Event exploring basics of risk management, understanding the different types of supply chain & procurement risk, risk identification, risk assessment, Supplier Risk Management and break glass' crisis planning.



**December 2025 (V)**

**Understanding Standards Forms of Contract – JCT**

Events to support practitioners understand the new JCT suite of standard construction and facilities management contracts.



**January 2026**

**NEW: Conducting Preliminary Market Engagement with Suppliers**

Events to support practitioners plan and engage with suppliers as part of the new preliminary market engagement to maximise tenders.



**February 2026**

**NEW: Completing New Procurement Notices**

This event will help contracting authorities complete the several new notices that will be required under the Procurement Act 2023.

Full details of these events will be available at [www.cipfa.org/events](http://www.cipfa.org/events) or contact the advisor for further details.

# Further support

## **On-site delivery**

Most CPCN events are available for on-site delivery or tailored webinar. Contact Mohamed for further information.

## **CIPFA Essentials**

Our 'Introduction to ...' Essentials programme is designed to help support those who may be new to the sector, or perhaps working in a new role, and may also benefit non-finance staff and elected Members. 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.

Please contact [Mohamed](#) for further information

# 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:

[hello@cipfa.org](mailto:hello@cipfa.org)

## **Our current networks are:**

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





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