

**CIPFA SCOTLAND AGM Friday 12 June 2024, 12:00**

**Virtual meeting held via MS Teams**

Present:

Joanne Brown, Chair

John Cornett, Vice Chair

Martin Booth, Past Chair

Stuart Nibloe, Treasurer

And CIPFA members

**1. Apologies**

Previously recorded.

**2. Minutes of AGM 2 June 2023**

Minutes were approved.

**3. Annual Report by Joanne Brown, Chair of CIPFA Scotland 2023/24**

Before starting the formal proceedings Jo welcomed all the members who were in attendance to the virtual AGM.

2023/24 continues to be a year of uncertainty, with rising costs and economic uncertainty, impacting the public and private sectors. There is a continuing expectation on public services, both as an employer and in the services provided to local communities and the need for difficult decisions on how to operate within a tight fiscal framework and the judgements over what is achievable.

Politics has also continued to be at the fore, with the forthcoming general election on the 4th of July. 2023/24 was the year that saw Rob, retire as the Chief Executive of CIPFA and Owen Mapley, being appointed. We are sure that we will all hear more about Owen's future plans for CIPFA and I know he is very keen to work with the regions, recognising the importance of the CIPFA regional structure and members being the heart of CIPFA and CIPFA's success now and in the future.

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The skills and ethics developed as CIPFA members stand us to us in good stead and come to the fore as we navigate challenges across the public sector, and an ever-changing environment. Greater risks now exist, than I know personally I have ever seen, but on the flip side it brings opportunities.

We look forward to the Scottish annual conference returning to Glasgow on the 26<sup>th</sup> September, with the conference dinner taking place at the iconic Glasgow city chambers. Closely following this will be the CIPFA graduation ceremony, where we welcome the CIPFA president, to Scotland, on 15 November, to celebrate the great achievements of our students.

In Scotland, we have an active student society and continue to seek to support students through to qualification. It is with thanks, to them, for running last year our first CIPFA management games. This year, we are running two games, in June, where we give an insight to the work of finance in the public sector, seeking to advertise CIPFA as an option, on leaving school or University. As a branch we would like to hear more from members on what would benefit you and be of greatest interest to you, as we look to see what other opportunities we can provide to members to support continuous development and wider networking opportunities, including seminars and events out with the two flagship events I outlined. Please do take the time to look out for and complete the short survey we will send to all members.

I would like to put on record my thanks to Mark McLean who works hard throughout the year to keep not just myself as Chair organised but to ensure the smooth running of the CIPFA Scotland branch. I would also like to thank all the Executive Committee who continue to give their time, as volunteers to support the branch. This has been particularly difficult for members of late, due to pressures in their own work, successfully taking on new and expanded roles, developing their careers, within their own organisations. Your time and input continue to be valuable and much appreciated.

As always, I would encourage any of you with an interest in supporting the branch to volunteer to support CIPFA and its members in Scotland. CIPFA and you, will get personal benefit, I am sure. If you are interested, please contact me or one of the Executive. I will just close by thanking you all for your attendance as I look forward to my second year, as chair of the Scotland.

#### **4. Stuart Nibloe, Treasurers Report**

Stuart advised the members that this year's accounts had been independently reviewed by Michelle Carr.

This report presents the CIPFA Scotland accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2023. 2023 was a successful year for the branch. With the great help and assistance of colleagues in the CIPFA Midlands region (in particular Chris Gill) as well as a number of volunteers, we held our first ever Management Games event (for senior pupils in secondary

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schools) in Scotland, where demand outstripped places. It was pleasing to see a great level of engagement from pupils as well as positive feedback from the schools involved.

The CIPFA Scotland conference moved to a one-day format and was held in Edinburgh in September 2023 at the Royal College of Physicians with the dinner and awards ceremony being held in the fantastic venue of Edinburgh Castle the night before. Feedback on the new one-day format was very positive and the branch will look to continue this in 2024.

The graduation and prize giving ceremony took place for students and newly qualified members in the City Chambers in Glasgow in November 2023 and was well received by all those who attended.

The Branch finished the year with £111,600 in its reserves with £5,365 in a restricted fund and £106,235 in two designated funds (£61,987 in the Treasury Management Forum Reserve and £44,248 in the General Reserve).

2024 has already started off well for the branch with the return of the CIPFA Skills for Success event in Edinburgh in January 2024. This was hosted in conjunction with the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce with all available spaces being utilised by students and newly qualified members alike.

As the year progresses, we expect to run two Management Games events with one in Edinburgh and one in Glasgow in order to maximise availability to schools and colleges. The CIPFA Scotland conference should return later in the year hopefully along with other events intended to support both students and members.

Stuart finished by also recording his note of thanks to committee members and to Mark McLean for their continued support.

With no questions on the detail, the financial statements were approved.

Jo noted Stuart's resignation from the post of Treasurer and thanked Stuart for his work and the role he had carried out on behalf of the Scottish Branch.

## **5. Office Bearers 2024/25**

The following office bearers were approved:

Chair – Jo Brown

Vice Chair – John Cornett

Honorary Treasurer – Jack O'Shea

Honorary Independent Reviewer – Michelle Carr

Past Chair – Martin Booth

**6. AOB/Close**

Members were thanked for their attendance and the meeting was closed by the Chair.

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