

service plan 2012-2013

CIPFA Benefits and Revenues Service (CBRS)

A Summary of the Network Offer

The CIPFA Benefits and Revenues Service (CBRS) provides a comprehensive, one stop shop for all those involved in all aspects of revenues and benefits.

CBRS provides access to the wealth of new legislative developments and policies (such as Localisation and Welfare Reform) and advice on how they will affect your organisation. The network is ready to respond to a number of important upcoming legislative changes in 2012.

CBRS also holds a series of high quality professionally facilitated events, held in over 10 regional locations around the country to provide highly informative sessions on current and future issues affecting your service. In 2011 we delivered 107 events to 1,884 delegates around the country.

Practitioners from member organisations can meet, network and explore major issues without the need to travel far.

Why Join the CBRS?

You will have 3 membership options:

1. Revenues AND Benefits
2. Revenues only
3. Benefits only

Subscribers of CBRS receive free access to our library of guidance and reference documents, our technical expertise and support, documentation from all current and past events.

Better value than ever in 2012/13

We have also listened to what you have told us to ensure our service in 2012/13 offers even better value than ever before.

We have increased the number of webinars in our programme to help you to reduce or eliminate the cost of travel and overnight stays.

We will also be delivering an increasing number of on-site events, on request, for which subscribers will be able to use a pre-determined number of pre-paid places.

And finally, in recognition of your own financial constraints there are no price increases across any of our services for 2012/13.

What the service offers

- **Events** – free attendance (using pre purchased places) at CBRS regional events.
- **Access to open training events** – these can be accessed using pre-paid CBRS places.

- **Technical Advice** – our expert advisors (with over 50 years combined public sector experience) will respond to requests from subscribers regarding Benefits and Revenues questions either by e-mail or phone.
- **Webinars** – free access from your own office to a series of webinars.
- **Opportunities for networking, career growth and CPD.**
- **CBRS Library** – you will have full access to our intellectual property, guidance and event presentations. We also offer our comprehensive guide to Housing and Council Tax Benefits case law for use as an aid to decision making and appeals.
- **Website Access** – to documents containing information, briefings and guidance on the main issues of the day affecting your service.
- **On-site benefits or revenues training and CBRS events at your authority** - we can hold an event at your authority for the number of staff you deem necessary, in exchange for a predetermined number of pre-purchased places.
- **Network News** – our monthly and quarterly round up of news and developments from all the CIPFA Networks.

The CBRS website can be accessed at www.cipfa.org.uk/cbrs.

What's NEW in 2012-13

- An increased number of webinars to save costs for our members.
- Regular updates on:
 - the impact of Welfare Reform and the transition of Housing Benefit and other Benefits to the new Universal Credit
 - the progress of Localisation of Council Tax Benefit (Local Support for Council Tax) and advice on the options available to local authorities in developing their local schemes
 - the Localisation of Business Rates and the Localism agenda
- When the Welfare Reform Bill becomes law, the Benefits Consortium will concentrate on the development of the detailed regulations and their effect on local authority benefits and revenues services.
- When the Local Government (Finance) Bill becomes law in July both the Revenues and Benefits Consortia will turn their attention to the regulations and their effects.
- Between July 2012 and March 2013, CBRS will strive to support its subscribers in their efforts to implement the new legislation Local Government (Finance) Bill. This will include face-to face consortium events, webinars and guidance documents.
- Analysis and review of the latest developments from all of the relevant policy change agendas.
- Closer working with CIPFA's Statistics and Benchmarking teams to highlight and disseminate key improvement messages identified by high-performing practitioners.

And coming soon

- **A new interactive website** - exclusive access to a well-resourced new website and discounts to a range of other services including on-site training.

You may also be interested in:

Advisory services Transform public financial management in your organisation using our tailored on-site, or remote advice.	Training and accredited courses Public finance training that suits you delivered via open courses, in-house training, and accredited programmes.
Benchmarking services Pinpoint your strengths and weaknesses, and compare your organisation to your peers, to improve your financial management.	Publications Public finance specific guidance, keeping you up-to-date with regulatory requirements and the issues that matter to public finance practitioners.
Research and Statistics Make informed decisions about your services, using our data, statistics, research studies and surveys.	Professional Qualifications The essential route into a successful career in public services financial management, and beyond, for you or your employees.

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