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Taxing times for local authority finance teams

The CIPFA FAN Tax Advisory Service represents a comprehensive, cost effective service, offering detailed analysis, specialist advice and practical solutions, combining CIPFA's unrivalled expertise in the public sector and Deloitte's deep technical resources and local government expertise.

The network can advise local authority finance teams so that they don't risk efficiency savings generated elsewhere being wiped out by additional irrecoverable VAT costs. Changing stakeholder relationships, new income streams, new ways of working and new partners (often with very different VAT profiles) have created additional layers of complexity.

We have unparalleled visibility of what is happening across the sector. We raise on-going tax issues with HM Revenue & Customs through the CIPFA VAT Committee the main forum in which HMRC discuss local authority tax issues. This gives us a unique view on HMRC's changing approach to the sector.

Joining the network also brings the opportunity for you to network with other specialists in the sector, at a range of events run by CIPFA and Deloitte and supplemented by a collection of local authority and directorate specific tax publications.

Why subscribe to the CIPFA Tax Advisory Service?

As part of the package, your Local Authority will receive:

- A comprehensive multi-tax helpline service, providing unlimited email/telephone access to central contacts and regional representatives, specialising in local government. We are the only Big 4 Local Government tax team that has over 20 years of in-house local authority tax experience.
- Copies of all advice (and relevant publications) are made available to service subscribers via an on-line "one-stop shop" portal.
- Invitations to quarterly CIPFA Tax Clubs and an annual public sector conference, focussing on technical updates and topical issues relevant to local government.
- E-mail alerts regarding the tax implications of new initiatives and feedback from HMRC and the CIPFA VAT Committee on relevant tax issues.
- An annual meeting with Deloitte to discuss tax and VAT generally.
- Monthly VAT calls and a range of weekly and monthly public sector focused tax publications, including thought leadership pieces, tax news updates and budget commentary.

Discounts on additional services

We recognise that every organisation has different tax needs. Therefore, to ensure that the Tax Advisory Service suits you, you can also choose to purchase any of the following services, available at a discounted rate for Tax Advisory Service subscribers:

- A suite of regionally-delivered tax related training modules.
- Quarterly on-line webinars on a range of strategic tax issues.

- Toolkits to assess your performance in different areas of tax compliance, supplemented by sector benchmarking analysis, and tailored advisory services on specific issues.

Subscription rates for 2012/13

We recognise the on-going budget pressures within the public sector. Our fee for the Tax Advisory Service remains at £3,000 for 12 months, despite the increasing complexity and uncertainty facing the sector over the coming year and the impact this is likely to have on the use of the helpline facility.

Members wishing to subscribe for longer than 12 months or on a group basis should contact a member of the Tax Advisory Service team to discuss their requirements and possible discount arrangements.

Further information

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