



# service plan 2012-2013

CIPFA Pensions Network (CPN)

## A Summary of the Network Offer

The CIPFA Pensions Network (CPN) is a one stop shop for all those involved in pensions' investments, administration and governance. It provides access to all legislation and guidance relating to pensions. CPN also has a strong link to the work of the CIPFA Pensions Panel.

Our Network operates a number of workshop series in both Manchester and London which are professionally facilitated and highly topical and informative. Practitioners from member organisations can meet, network and explore major issues with colleagues and external experts in an informal environment.

The CPN is supported and guided by a high level and influential, advisory panel made up of key players from across the public sector, which provides direction and guidance to the work of the network. The advisory panel also provides a link between the Pensions Panel and individual Pension Funds and may recommend areas for development of future guidance to the Pensions Panel.

## Why Join the CPN?

As a CPN member you would have access to a range of services, including the network's advisory service and be able to speak to experts with a unique understanding of the key issues affecting practitioners at all levels in member organisations.

Free attendance (using pre-purchased places) at CPN regional events that provide an opportunity to:

- Gain in-depth technical knowledge on pension issues.
- Hear from pension practitioners and representatives of key government departments.
- Hear from other experts in their field.
- Hear about the impact of new developments on your service.
- Signposting other developments.
- Discuss current issues with other professionals.

In addition, members have access to expert resource and guidance (via both workshops and publications) due to CPN's strong links with a number of private sector organisations.

## Better value than ever in 2012/13

We understand the financial pressures that all authorities are facing, and will therefore provide **free copies** of many Pensions Panel publications for CPN subscribers – starting with the IFRS Pensions Accounting Template.

We will continue to operate regional workshops to reduce travel costs where possible and will also introduce free webinars for subscribers to disseminate short, practical presentations direct to your place of work.

In conjunction with the Pensions Panel there will also be some directed research into key aspects of Pension Fund Management such as joint procurement and risk management.

## What the service offers

- Free attendance (using pre-purchased places) at CPN regional events and all CIPFA Training events.
- Two additional free places at the Pensions Network Annual Conference in November 2012.
- Opportunities for networking, career growth and CPD.
- Technical Advisory Service - with over 50 years combined public sector experience.
- CPN Library – with a range of useful documents and Notes plus a number of LGPS Annual Reports for reference.
- Targeted IFRS Pensions Accounting Training based upon the CIPFA Pensions Panel Accounting Template and using technical expertise to deliver practical, hands on training.
- Weekly e-newsletters.
- Access to the CPN website - In the last 12 months, members downloaded a wide range of technical and practice based documents from the website indicating high visitor numbers and popularity of publications.
- Free technical and managerial webinars on a range of topical issues.

The CPN website can be accessed at [www.cipfa.org.uk/pensions](http://www.cipfa.org.uk/pensions).

### On the agenda in 2012/13

- Introduction to the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Seminar – For the first time this will provide a comprehensive insight into the range of activities involved in administering a Pension Fund.
- Practical workshops covering topical issues related to the changes to LGPS scheme design and employer risks plus wider reforms such as auto-enrolment.
- Further support for the developments in joint procurement across LGPS Funds with practitioner-led workshops and technical support for new and existing initiatives.
- Guidance and practical examples to help Funds implement the new Code of Practice for the Knowledge & Skills Framework.
- Tailored Scottish Pensions Workshop bringing a range of topical issues to Scottish Funds via expert speakers and the opportunity to establish networks of communication.
- Delivering workshops, training and consultancy to support the forthcoming CIPFA Pensions Panel publication on 'risk management for pension funds' and facilitating further research into the subject to identify best practice for all Funds.

### Forthcoming events in 2012-13

**Public Sector Pensions Conference**, January

**IFRS Pensions Accounting Training**, 26 January Manchester, 27 January London

**Practical Implications of Pensions Reform Workshop**, 28 February Manchester, 29 February London

**Pensions Governance and Auditing Workshops**, 17 April Manchester, 18 April London, 24 April Edinburgh

**Introduction to the LGPS**, June London

**Governance & Procurement Workshops**, 10 July London, 11 July Manchester

**Scottish Pensions Workshop**, 19 September Edinburgh

**Technical Update & Investment Matters Workshops**, October Manchester & London

**Annual Pensions Conference**, 8 November London

**Everything you need to know about Treasury Management and Pensions**,

5 December London

## Open Training Courses

There are a number of open training courses that can be found at [www.cipfa.org.uk/training](http://www.cipfa.org.uk/training).

## On-site Training Courses and CPN events

CPN can deliver training and update sessions at your local authority, tailored to your needs in terms of time and content, in exchange for the sacrifice of a predetermined number of subscriber places. On-site training eliminates staff travel costs and gives greater flexibility in terms of the staff that you choose to attend.

In 2011 the sessions we delivered to a number of authorities included:

- Overview of the Local Government Pension Scheme for Members
- Bespoke sessions on Knowledge & Skills, Procurement and Securities Lending

## Documentation

The CPN will be aiming to produce briefings, updates and rough guides which will be very closely related to its service offerings as well as access to current workshop event materials and its back catalogue of event materials, briefings and guides.

## 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:

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

For further information on the CPN please visit [www.cipfa.org.uk/pensions](http://www.cipfa.org.uk/pensions) or contact:

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