



service plan 2012-2013

Treasury Management Network (TMN)

A Summary of the Network Offer

The TMN is an independent and unique member subscription network, which provides a range of services to support practitioners and elected members with responsibility for delivering the treasury management function. Services include a web library and discussion forum, regionally based technical workshops, a dedicated annual conference, a weekly e-alert, and more.

We are dedicated to sharing the very best operational practice and knowledge, providing genuine networking opportunities, using excellent facilitators to encourage debate and to tease out issues and then deliver robust solutions to operational and strategic issues for all those involved in the treasury management function.

The Network has access to CIPFA's considerable resources to support the delivery of this service plan. Its strength lies in its understanding and support of the key issues affecting practitioners at all levels within member organisations.

Why Join the TMN?

The TMN has a special place in the world of treasury management, truly independent it acts as the link between the CIPFA Treasury Management Panel, S151 Officers, treasury staff, elected members and the financial services sector.

CIPFA's role as a thought leader in this area was recognised by the Audit Commission and the Treasury Select Committee in their respective publications following the Icelandic Banking crisis. They recognised CIPFA's work in assisting practitioners develop best practice risk-based treasury management. The TMN was involved with this supporting CIPFA's compliance with the recommendations of the Audit Commission & CLG Select Committee's post Iceland reviews.

The usefulness of this network is demonstrated by the fact that we have seen a continued steady increase in membership numbers despite continued uncertainty in both the markets and political arena. Currently the Network has over 90 subscribers including private sector and not for profit organisations.

We also have strong links with the CIPFA Treasury Management Panel and reinforce and promote key messages, from compliance and tips regarding the revised CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice to helping interpret the key skills guidance.

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, and adapted the timing of our events to help you reduce, or eliminate the cost of travel and overnight stays. We will also be delivering an increasing number of on-site events for which subscribers will be able to sacrifice a pre-determined number of 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

The TMN supports subscribers continuing professional development needs via:

- Regionally-based technical workshops specifically for practitioners that tackle real issues and provide excellent networking opportunities.
- A dedicated annual conference with key speakers addressing relevant treasury management issues.
- A direct link to the CIPFA Treasury Management Panel, enabling members' opinions and ideas to be considered at the highest level of decision making.
- A website dedicated to treasury management professionals featuring a repository of useful information and best practice ideas.
- A weekly e-alert – bringing important treasury management issues straight to your desk.
- An on-line discussion facility for Network subscribers to raise questions, offer solutions and share ideas for best practice.
- Access and participation within the TMN national risk management study.
- The Newsletter which offers a number of topical and thought-provoking articles on current treasury management issues affecting the public sector.
- Training:
 - bespoke training either on-site or off-site on technical matters such as debt rescheduling
 - member training to support the scrutiny role for those members charged with governance of the treasury function, and
 - specific risk management focused events for staff at all levels of the organisation.
- Treasury Management consultancy services - under the umbrella of our health-check service we can supply a range of services and solutions, from advice on governance arrangements to supplying independent treasury management experts to support specific projects.

The TMN website can be accessed at www.cipfa.org.uk/tmf.

On the Agenda in 2012/13

The following list is just a flavour of new areas that we will be delivering during 2012:

- Practical guidance on the implications of the New Code of Practice including advanced treasury training on the use of derivatives.
- Treasury Management in Housing – Post HRA Reform.
- Understanding and making the most of the National Treasury Risk Study and the Treasury Management Risk Toolkit – in-depth research into ways organisations can practice and embed risk management into daily treasury activities.
- Expanding the scope and functionality of the TMN/Bloomberg user group & on-line

community.

- Working with the Institute of Public Administration in the Republic of Ireland to develop a treasury management programme for central and local government.
- Treasury management health checks - we have a range of solutions available, starting with an on line self-assessment, we can also arrange a thorough risk assessment or a full scale governance and risk review.
- Technical accounting workshops focusing specifically on Treasury issues including IFRS.
- We have expanded the scope of our training events to include special seminars for elected members and senior finance staff, all of which are delivered on a regional basis and we will be introducing on line solutions such as webinars to help spread the benefits of Network subscription.
- As the Network now covers Capital Financing we will also have a series of events focusing on key Capital issues and dovetailing them with the treasury function.
- Specific events aimed at internal auditors and risk managers to help them with their role in relation to treasury management and capital financing.

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 our 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.

Forthcoming events in 2012-13

Introduction to Treasury Management, January 16, London

This seminar is a jargon-free one-day event, designed to familiarise and update delegates with the key areas that impact on the treasury function in local government, police and fire authorities.

TMN Annual Conference, March 6 London

The conference considers a range of significant investment risk management issues facing local authority treasury management practitioners. The day will conclude with a question time style discussion.

Technical Workshop Series 1, 20 & 22 June

These events will focus upon advanced risk management techniques in support of the new code of practice and the Risk Toolkit.

Treasury Management Technical Accounting Seminar, 11 September

An intensive technical seminar for those needing to get a firmer grip on the treasury function – ideal for treasury practitioners and accountants looking to improve their knowledge of specific treasury management accounting and audit issues.

Technical Workshops Series 2, 26 September & 2 October

These events will focus on governance, risk and emerging trends in the lead up to strategy setting time.

CIPFA Capital & Treasury Management Conference, 24 October London

At this event you will be provided with a timely, unrivalled briefing and excellent networking opportunities. Leading expert speakers will guide you through the latest treasury developments and issues for local government with examples of best practice.

Technical Workshop Series 3, 21 & 27 November

The final series of workshops in 2012 is dedicated to the development of Risk Based Annual Treasury Management Strategies. All those involved in treasury management need to be conversant with the risks attached to treasury operations. These workshops are designed to supporting Network subscribers develop annual strategies and aims to stimulate debate by assessing some alternative options and taking a fresh look at some familiar structured products.

Open Training Courses

There are a number of open training courses that can be found at www.cipfa.org.uk/training.

On-site Training Courses and TMN events

TMN 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:

- Treasury Management Basics for Members.
- Everything you need to know about Treasury Management.
- Treasury Risk Management.

Documentation

The TMN 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:

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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