

TRAINING OUTLINE

Local Government Finance – Latest Developments

The sheer volume and frequency of changes affecting local government finance makes it difficult for finance officers, both corporately and in directorates, to be confident that they are aware of all the latest developments and how these relate to their particular role.

This seminar is specifically designed to provide finance officers with an overview of current developments, and allow time to reflect upon their implications and to plan a response.

By the end of the seminar, participants will:

- Be aware of the latest developments in local government policy and how this may affect the role of the finance function
- Consider how other councils propose to save money and the role of the finance professional in identifying and supporting savings strategies
- Spend time discussing and reflecting upon the potential impact of new and forthcoming policy and accounting developments, and plan both a personal and corporate response

Who should attend?

This seminar is designed for all those working within the finance function. The course is particularly important for those required to undertake CPD, and, as an integral part of the seminar, time will be provided for personal reflection and action planning.

About LG Futures

Public sector specialists, LG Futures provides bespoke financial management advice, training and policy research for the public sector.

Our areas of expertise include:

- Improving financial management capabilities
- Identifying and delivering savings
- Analysing funding formulae and developing financial models
- Assessing the impact of government policies
- Providing in-depth briefings on the latest financial developments

All of our team have previously worked at senior levels within the public sector and we therefore fully understand and share its ethos.

Since being established in 2004, we have worked with over 225 individual public sector organisations and we would welcome the opportunity to discuss how we could potentially assist your organisation.

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Agenda

- 9.30 – 9.40 **Welcome and Introductions**
Or
13.30 – 13.40
- 9.40 – 11.15 **Policy Update**
Or The implications of the Localism Bill
- 13.40 – 15.15 The Local Government Resource Review
Business Rate Retention
The New Homes Bonus
The Community Infrastructure Levy
Tax Increment Financing
Education Funding
The Future of Public Audit
Workshop: What is on your agenda?
- 11.15 – 11.30 **Break**
Or
15.15 – 15.30
- 11.30 – 12.15 **Making savings – the role of the finance professional**
Or
15.30 – 16.15 Reviewing budgets and financial plans to identify savings
Savings strategies
The role of the finance professional
- 12.15 – 12.30 **Personal reflection, action planning, seminar evaluation and close**
Or
16.15 – 16.30

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Ian is a CIPFA qualified accountant and an experienced trainer and facilitator, with more than 20 years experience of financial management in the public services.

Ian specialises in financial management training for local authorities and other public service organisations and has also worked as an accountant in local government and an external auditor for both local government and health bodies.

Ian has provided training to a wide range of finance stakeholders, including finance professionals, service managers and elected members.

Ian also designs and delivers training specifically tailored to clients' individual systems and processes, ensuring that training directly addresses local client needs and requirements.

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