

TRAINING OUTLINE

How to Identify and Deliver Savings

The current fiscal climate means that every public sector organisation is faced with making significant savings over the next four financial years, whilst continuing to deliver effective service outcomes.

This practical workshop will focus upon how decision makers can contribute to, and evaluate the results of, their authority's approach to savings identification. Sessions will include a range of tools and techniques, together with case study examples demonstrating how these approaches can be used on the ground to deliver savings.

By the end of the seminar, participants will be able to:

- Have a clear understanding of the implications of the Spending Review and how it is likely to impact on individual council budgets
- Understand how to effectively coordinate and contribute to their council's response to funding reductions
- Establish a set of principles to carry out service savings and income generation reviews
- Consider how to establish the extent to which services are currently offering value for money and the associated cost implications
- Consider how to use cost and performance information more effectively to manage services and identify savings

Who should attend?

This workshop is specifically designed for key decision makers in public sector organisations, for example Council Executive Members, Service Directors and senior finance professionals.

About LG Futures

LG Futures delivers a unique blend of financial advice and training, focusing exclusively on the public sector. Our areas of expertise include:

- Improving financial management capabilities
- Savings identification and delivery
- Policy and research
- Funding formulae and financial modelling
- Providing in-depth briefings on the latest financial developments

Since being established in 2004, we have worked with over 200 public sector organisations, and would welcome the opportunity to discuss how we could potentially support your organisation.

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Agenda

09.45 – 10.00	Welcome and Introductions
10.00 – 11.00	<p>Understanding the implications of the Spending Review</p> <p>What the Spending Review means for local government</p> <p>The wider policy context</p>
11.00 – 11.30	<p>So how much can you save?</p> <p>How to assess the size of your potential savings</p>
11.30 – 11.45	Refreshments
11.45 – 12.30	<p>Value for Money Evaluation</p> <p>Integrating finance and performance information</p> <p>Establishing a single measure of VFM by service</p> <p>Changing performance to achieve savings</p>
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 15.15	<p>Evaluating Savings Plans – Case Study</p> <p>Case study on how to evaluate savings proposals. What information to request and what questions to ask.</p>
15.15 – 15.30	Refreshments
15.30 – 16.15	<p>Action Planning the way ahead</p> <p>What will you need to do to identify and deliver savings at your authority?</p>
16.00 - 16.15	Summary, evaluation and close

Ian Fifield PhD CPFA Head of Training

Ian is a CIPFA qualified accountant and an experienced trainer and facilitator, with more than 25 years experience of financial management in the public sector.

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.