

CIPFA South East Region Regional Spring Conference and AGM 2022 26 April 2022

Venue - Grant Thornton UK LLP, Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1AG
Free to attend for our regional members, students and apprentices
Registration from 21 March 2022 at
www.cipfa.org/members/regions/south-east

Programme

From 8.45am

to 9.15am – Arrival, registration then networking refreshments

9.20am - Welcome to delegates

Kathryn Long, Regional President, CIPFA South East and Spring Conference Chair and Guy Clifton, Director, Grant Thornton UK LLP

9.30am - Tony Travers, Director, Greater London Group, LSE

Our traditional opening session - with Tony sharing his views on the economic and political horizon, and the implications for the UK's public finances.

10.15am - Ben Zaranko, Senior Research Economist, IFS

'Levelling Up' – an overview of, and commentary on the January White Paper, developing initiatives and the resource challenges and implications for successful delivery.

11.00am – Networking and refreshments

11.30am - Rob Whiteman, CEO CIPFA

Rob will outline CIPFA's priorities and direction for the next few years – including commentary on support for our membership facing emerging challenges, post-Covid.

At midday - Panel discussion and delegates' Q&A session

12.45pm – Annual General Meeting 2022

The agenda will be available to all registered delegates and posted on the CSE website in early April.

1.00pm – Buffet lunch break

Networking opportunities with colleagues, presenters and our sponsors.

1.45pm – Guy Clifton, Director for Local Government VFM, Public Sector Assurance, Grant Thornton UK PLC

'Why good governance is important'. A preview of lessons learned from some recent Public Interest Reports and Statutory Recommendations. Grant Thornton plans to publish a report in May 2022 setting out why good governance in local government remains important and how it can be achieved.

2.30pm - Alix Bedford, Risk Proposition Manager, Zurich Municipal
'Rising to the Challenge'. How some of the key issues within ZM's 2022 global risk report correlate to new challenges for the UK's public sector. Global has never felt so local.

3.00pm – Networking and refreshments

3.20pm - Andrew Hinds (RP Martin) & Brian Davidson (Fathom Consulting)

Climate emergencies and addressing net zero challenges – turning those aspirations into reality!

Presentations followed by panel and delegates' Q&A and discussion.

At 4.40pm – Kathryn Long and John Barker

Conference conclusions and regional business announcements before departure at 4.50pm.

John Barker

Regional Secretary, CIPFA South East

15 March 2022