

CIPFA South East Regional Council Meeting
21st September 2023, 1–3pm, virtual meeting

Present

President	John Barker
Vice President	Nicki Cooper
Junior Vice President	Tom England
Regional Secretary	Cath Edwards
Regional Treasurer	Will Goodchild
Corporate Members	Chris Chaplin-Roberts
Registered Students	Morgan McIntosh
Regional Website Administrator	Lillian Manning
Immediate Past President	Kathryn Long
Co-opted Members	Joanne Pitt, Julia Warren, Jamie Shah

1. Welcome and introductions

Welcome to Julia Warren who has been involved with the council for many years. It was agreed to formally co-opt Julia to the council.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Nick White, James Cook, Ian Williams, Naeem Ahmed, Paul Clarke, Stephanie Mitchener, Thu Ta and Chris Blundell.

Will Goodchild has been unreachable and has lost contact with the council. Nicki Cooper will take the role of interim Treasurer until the role is formally filled. The council hope everything is ok with Will and will support him in any way we can.

3. Minutes from the 11th July meeting

Minutes were agreed with the following noted:

- The 'save the date' comms for the dinner has now been sent out.
- Nicki is working on an updated budget statement
- Student members – Morgan to send an updated forward plan of events for each council meeting
- John to visit Eric at a future point
- Existing CIPFA emails have been allocated to members of the council but still need NDA's in order to get access.

4 and 5. 2023 and 2024 Regional Development Plan and budget

Comments noted for the 2024 plan:

- Add building more robust relationships with other accountancy bodies eg AAT and ICAEW
- Retired members – do they still want to meet and if so, need to get the group up and running again
- Add in student network activities
- Need to separate BAU and development activities to make it clear. Maybe split the events plan to show the split.

Action: Final draft to be reviewed at the end of September for submission in October (John to lead)

Action: Comms officers to work with the regional team to develop ongoing comms for the South East, linked to the events plan (Tom, Thu and Kathya).

6 Succession Planning

Treasurer and President roles were approved.

It was noted that job roles may need to be reviewed as a result of the regions review.

Action: Add to the regional website (Lillian).

Action: Contact Anna Howard to ask for some comms to be sent to the regions about the review (Jo Pitt)

7 Regional Forum

Agenda is currently being finalised.

Agreed award nomination submissions:

- Student Network events plan
- WhatsApp group for student network (Innovation award)
- Roseanne (Dr Hedley Marshall)

Action: Submit award nominations to the regional team (John and Morgan).

8 Events plan and communications strategy

Comms Strategy (Tom)

Thu and Kathya are putting together our social media offer.

Save the date comms on the annual dinner – stats are available and reviewed regarding number of email send, how many opened, how many clicked through to the website etc.

Need to think about setting up booking arrangements and registering a bit earlier.

Annual Dinner

CIPFA Penna will be sponsoring the drinks reception.

Arrangements and how to book being confirmed.

NQM ceremony will take place before the drinks reception. Let Cath know if you can support.

9 CIPFA and ICAEW

Information attached to the agenda for information.

It was noted that we need to make sure there is information on our website and events plan regarding welcoming members from other professional bodies.

10 Updates

CIPFA (Jo)

ICAEW dual membership, lots of press interest.

Code consultation ends on the 17th October.

2 year prevention project kicking off – how councils contribute to the prevention agenda.

Public sector reform

Financial resilience – strengthening support in relation to s114s.

Local audit work ongoing – significant priority

Social care reform – out at the end of the year.

Regional Student Network (Morgan):

Interview preparation and excel sessions recently.

Regional Forum (John):

Planning on having 5 places available for regional council members to attend.

10 Any other business

Kathryn will be moving to Bristol City Council on the 6th December so will be based in the South West.

11 Future meetings

6 December, 3-5pm (In person, TechnologyOne) with post council Christmas drinks.

Cath Edwards

Regional Secretary CIPFA South East

October 2023