

NOTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Committee	PUBLIC FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT BOARD	
Date	14 November 2008	
Venue	Conference Room, CIPFA, 3 Robert Street	
Members present	Chris Bilsland (Chair) Caroline Al-Beyerty Tim Day Ken Finch Richard Harbord Nigel Hiller Curtis Juman John Pittam Andrew Turnbull	<i>City of London Corporation Audit Commission Independent Consultant Conwy County Borough Council MRF UK Limited South Yorkshire Police UK Trade and Investments Hampshire County Council Career Break</i>
Ex Officio	Caroline Mawhood	<i>CIPFA President</i>
In attendance	Ian Carruthers (Secretary) Matthew Allen	<i>CIPFA Policy & Technical Director CIPFA Policy Support Officer</i>
For some Items	Chris Wobschall Janet Grauberg Joan Jones	<i>CIPFA Assistant Director, Professional Standards and Central Govt PMPA Development Director Vice Chair PMPA Board</i>

Minutes/matters arising

After confirming that there were no declarations of interest, the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting and noted the matters arising. The meeting then noted the minutes of the strategic debate at the Council meeting of 18 September 2008.

Panel Chair Update

The Board noted the appointment of Ken Finch as the Chair of the Local Authority Accounting Panel and Lynn Hine as chair of the CIPFA/LASAAC Local Authority Code Board.

2008 Performance Measurement

The Board discussed the key features of the Directorate's performance this year, before having a broader discussion of the implications of the economic crisis. It concluded that the issues involved were critical for the Institute as a whole, and that the Board would need to co-ordinate the responses of a range of its Panels.

Panel Presentation

The Board received a presentation on the work of the Role of the Director of Finance Panel. This was informed by its recent survey, which had given reassurance about the continuing strength of the role. The survey also revealed that this strength was based on influencing, leadership and wider business skills.

CIPFA Statement on the Role of the Public Services Finance Director

The Board supported the key principles of the draft statement and discussed how the key messages could be strengthened and the role of the Finance Director more broadly promoted. A revised version of the statement would, subject to final delegated approval, be issued for consultation before Christmas.

Panel Presentation

The Board received a presentation from the Chair of the Central Government Panel which stressed the opportunities and challenges for CIPFA in the sector. Successes had included the conference and the Warwick Diploma programme and the recent endorsement of the FM Model for use in central government departments. Looking to the future, this was another sector in which co-operation with the ICAEW could be fruitful and for which there were significant international opportunities.

Risk Register

The Board discussed the first draft of the new risk register. It focussed on the key risks associated with the financial crisis and the longer term importance of implementing the Institute's International Strategy and how these should be dealt with on a cross-Institute basis.

Partnering Opportunities between CIPFA Panels and ICAEW

The meeting noted the progress of co-operation with the ICAEW and approved the development of more detailed proposals in the area of IT.

Presentation on the work of the PMPA

The Board received a presentation on the evolution of the PMPA from purely membership based organisation to one utilising partnerships and sponsorship. It expressed its support for the PMPA's business strategy, including CIPFA's ongoing contribution to its delivery.

Business Plan 2009

The Board endorsed the 2009-11 Policy and Technical business plans and budgets, including the proposed growth items, and recommended them for approval as part of the Institute's overall business plan.

Dates of the Next Meetings

20 February 2009 and 8 May 2009