



NOTE OF PROCEEDINGS

Committee BOARD FOR THE REGIONS
Date 22 April 2008
Venue 3 Robert Street, London, WC2N 6RL

Attendees –

Members

Mike Owen (Chair)	Institute Council
Neil Hunter (Vice Chair)	Regional Representative, North Eastern Region
Ian Black	President, Channel Islands
Lynn Bradley	Regional Representative, CIPFA in Scotland
Diane Colley	Institute Council
Chris Donnelly	Chairman, Republic of Ireland
Chris Gill	Representing Chairman, CIPFA in the Midlands
Mike Ellingford	President, South Wales and West of England Region
Ken Finch	Institute Council and Chair, North West & North Wales Society
Nick Harvey	National Student Forum
Sarah Howard	Chair, Yorkshire and Humber Region
Mark McBride	Chair, NI Branch; Regional Representative, N Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Channel Isles and Europe
Leslie Milne	Chair, Europe Branch
Lesley Piper	Regional Representative, CIPFA in the Midlands
Stephen Purser	Board for the Region's representative on the NSF and Regional Representative elect (SWWE)
Trevor Salmon	Institute Council
Mark Sims	Representing Chairman, CIPFA Scottish Student Society
Kevin Suttie	Chair, North Eastern Region
Alison Sweeting	Chair, CIPFA South East
Lee Yale-Helms	Regional Representative

Executive

Steve Freer	Chief Executive
John Saunders	Managing Director. Commercial Services
Adrian Pulham	Education and Training Director
Chris Harris	Resources Director
Barry Mather	Council Secretary
Eileen Cummins	CPD Manager
Sarah Lawrence	Website and New Media Co-ordinator

After establishing that there were no declarations of interest, noting the outcomes of the last meeting, confirming the minutes of the previous meeting, and noting changes to the membership the Board considered the following agenda items:

IPF

One of the main items on this agenda was a presentation from the Executive Director of IPF updating members on recent developments within CIPFA's commercial arm. Following this the Executive Director took detailed questions from Board members about the potential links with the CIPFA regional structure.

Role of the Director of Finance

The Board received a report from the Chief Executive on the terms of reference, membership and priority tasks of the Panel which had recently been established to oversee the work looking at the role, position and status of the Public Services Director of Finance.

Members heard that the Panel was imminently surveying finance directors in local and central government, health, education, fire and police, housing, and the third sector, throughout the United Kingdom. This would be followed up with some in-depth interviews. The results will be presented and discussed at CIPFA's Annual Conference, which runs from 17-19 June 2008 in Brighton.

Role of the Regions

The Chair of the Board's sub group made a presentation explaining how the Regional Activities Model (discussed at the last meeting) could be used to highlight priorities and how the activities in the model link to the Performance Quartiles in the CIPFA development strategy.

Conference for the Regions

The Board discussed and approved an outline programme for its annual conference which runs from 17-19 September 2008 in Plymouth. Further information about the event is available from the regional webpage at:

http://www.cipfa.org.uk/regions/regions_conference.cfm.

Regional Annual Reports 2007

The Board considered Annual Reports from Regions together with an overview report which identified trends and examples of good practice/areas of concern. Copies of Regions' Annual Reports are available from the downloads page of the regional website. <http://www.cipfa.org.uk/regions/downloads.cfm>

Annual Conference Review

The major 'for information' item on the Board's agenda was a report on the work going on to review the CIPFA Annual Conference. Members discussed ways in which the Board's own annual event might be more closely aligned with this event.

Other matters

The Board received its regular report on the work of the National Student Forum – focusing this time on the preparations for its Annual Conference which takes place on 3 July in Manchester. The Board also received a progress report on the regional websites and the website award.

The Board's next meeting is on Tuesday 8 July 2008.