

Notes of Meeting

Panel	Central Government Panel	
Date	23 October 2009	
Venue	CIPFA, 3 Robert Street, London WC2N 6RL	
Present	Curtis Juman (Chair)	<i>UKTI</i>
	Barry Atkinson	Independent
	Helen Booth	NAO
	David Buchan	DfT
	Paul Connew	Independent
	Christina Earls	DWP
	Nick Sharman	Highways Agency
	Chris Welford	Entrust
Secretariat	Nigel Keogh	<i>CIPFA</i>
In attendance	Una Foy	<i>CIPFA</i>
	Matthew Allen	<i>CIPFA</i>
	Jane Ryan	<i>CIPFA Business</i>

After receiving apologies for absence and approving the minutes of the last meeting, which had taken place on 22 July 2009, the Panel dealt with the following items of business.

Panel Membership

The Panel agreed to extend an invitation to join the Panel to Mark Williams of Deloitte.

Presentation of Central Government Panel Strategy Statement

The Panel reviewed its governance arrangements and considered the most effective means of working effectively with other CIPFA Panels. This stimulated a wide-ranging discussion of its future work programme to deliver the objectives to be set out in its strategy statement. The need to support CIPFA members in Central Government, especially during the post-election period, was a prominent feature of the discussion. For this purpose, a new programme of Central Government Panel Bulletins was proposed for inclusion in 2010 work programme.

The Panel also reviewed and signed-off a revised version of the new Panel Strategy Statement, which would be used to set the context of the Panel's future work.

Central Government Events Review

The Panel welcomed the success of the October 2009 conference, and reviewed the programme of the *Introduction to Central Government Finance* event to be held early in 2010.

HMT Draft Sustainability Reporting Guidance

In view of the current HM Treasury consultation on the draft FREM sustainability reporting guidance, the Panel discussed methods of show-casing good practice in sustainability reporting.

Other Business

The Panel also discussed CIPFA's strategy for the promotion of its services to Central Government and were informed that the successful IFRS "Trigger Point" Conferences were being re-configured into a regular annual ICAEW/CIPFA IFRS Conference. The Panel were also updated on the development of the Public Sector IFRS Certificate.