

# CIPFA north east professional skills MOT programme

30 September 2009, Hardwick Hall, Teesside

This event is free of charge and open to both members and student members

08.30 - 09.00	Registration Tea / Coffee
09.00 - 09.15	Welcome and Introduction
9.15 - 10.15	<b>IFRS Update</b>
Roman Haluszczak, CIPFA	
What do you need to do to get ready? Timetable, actions and planning for a successful IFRS implementation.	
10.15 - 11.00	<b>Information Security &amp; Personal Responsibility</b>
Vernon Poole, Sapphire	
As all organisations engage in increased mobile & remote working, it is imperative that they lay down good disciplines for staff and contractors to adhere to. In the past, the organisation's Information Security resilience at HQ was the 'key citadel to protect', but today, the internet & increasing use of lifestyle devices, mean that we need to, for example, issue a 'Personal IS Policy' for staff to sign up to... if people want the new toys & the freedom to roam, then personal responsibility for operating in a trusted manner & environment is critical. Vernon Poole will explore this interesting but thorny issue.	
11.00 - 11.15	Tea / Coffee
11.25 - 12.15	<b>Accounting for Carbon Reduction Savings</b>
Mark Hickabottom, Deloitte, CSR Lead in North East & Gareth James, Director, Leeds Technology Risk Practice	
Climate change is a topic which is increasingly rising up the board agenda within the public sector. Current Government strategies and upcoming reporting schemes are being viewed by some as obligations but those that act proactively are more likely to benefit from the cost and reputational opportunities associated with an effective sustainability programme.	
Green IT - Is IT pulling its weight in your CSR agenda? With over 2% of global CO2 emissions originating from IT (equivalent to the airline industry) and your average data centre consuming enough power to run a city the size of Leicester, what measures are your organisation taking to respond to the risks and opportunities, not just for your green agenda, but for your P&L too?	
12.15 - 13.00	Lunch
13.00 - 13.30	<b>CPD Top Tips</b>
Carla Rockson, CIPFA	
Top tips to effortlessly meet the requirements of CIPFA's CPD scheme and stay in control of your development, regardless of what stage you are at in your career.	
13.30 - 14.30	<b>Information for Decision Making</b>
Janet Grauberg, Public Management and Policy Association (PMPA)	
All parts of local government use information to inform decisions. But are the decision-makers getting the information they need? Do they know what they need and how to use it?	
In the light of the CLG publication "Supporting Local Information and Research" and the recent Audit Commission study "Is there something I should know" this session will look at "what works" in information exchange and knowledge transfer in other parts of the public sector and how some of these principles can be applied in the local government environment.	
14.30 - 14.45	Tea / Coffee
14.45 - 16.15	<b>Planning &amp; Decision Making Incorporating Creative Techniques for Problem Solving &amp; Addressing Challenges</b>
Cathy McCallum, Good Practice	
Despite the everyday occurrence of problems, many people lack confidence when it comes to solving them, and as a result may choose to stay with the status quo rather than tackle the issue. Broken down into steps, however, the problem-solving process is very simple and the outline steps the same. But creative thinking can help you come up with new ideas in order to solve particularly tricky problems. During this session we will explore some of the creativity techniques available to help you get started.	
16.15 - 16.30	Summary and Close
George Clark, Chair of CIPFA North East Region	