



# NOTE OF PROCEEDINGS

Committee                    BOARD FOR THE REGIONS  
Date                            8 July 2008  
Venue                         3 Robert Street, London, WC2N 6RL

## Attendees –

### Members

Mike Owen (Chair)	Institute Council
Neil Hunter (Vice Chair)	Joint Regional Representative, Yorkshire & Humber and North Eastern Regions
John Barker	CIPFA South East
Michael Carson	Chair, Northern Ireland
Diane Colley	Institute Council
Mike Ellingford	President, South Wales and West of England Region
Ken Finch	Institute Council/Chair, North West & North Wales Society
Chris Gill	Representing Chairman, CIPFA in the Midlands
Karen Kelly	Chair, CIPFA in Scotland
Mark McBride	Regional Representative, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Channel Isles and Europe
Leslie Milne	Chair, Europe Branch
Barry Parsonage	North West & North Wales Society
Lesley Piper	Regional Representative, CIPFA in the Midlands
Stephen Purser	Regional representative, South Wales and West of England Region
Mark Sims	Representing Chair, CIPFA Scottish Student Society
Kevin Suttie	Chair, North Eastern Region
Alison Sweeting	Chair, CIPFA South East
Steven Watson	Regional Representative, CIPFA South East
Lee Yale-Helms	Regional Representative, North West and North Wales Society

### Executive

Steve Freer	Chief Executive
Ian Carruthers	Policy and Technical Director
Adrian Pulham	Education and Training Director
Chris Harris	Resources Director
Barry Mather	Council Secretary
Sarah Lawrence	Website and New Media Co-ordinator

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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:

- **Role of the Director of Finance**

The Board received an update report about the work of this Panel. The Policy and Technical Director outlined other on-going developments in the Directorate.

- **Role of the Regions**

It was reported that feedback on the Regional activities model (see below) had been extremely positive to date. [http://www.cipfa.org.uk/regions/activities\\_model.cfm](http://www.cipfa.org.uk/regions/activities_model.cfm)

The project was now moving to implementation with a presentation and workshop session at the Board's annual conference – the Conference for the Regions – see below.

- **Conference for the Regions - 17-19 September 2008 - Plymouth**

The Board approved the detailed programme for its annual conference - available from the regional webpage at:

[http://www.cipfa.org.uk/regions/regions\\_conference.cfm](http://www.cipfa.org.uk/regions/regions_conference.cfm).

- **Development Plans 2009**

The Board considered first draft Development Plans from Regions and had a debate about its own priorities for the short to mid term. It identified a number of key areas (largely around the new Regional Activities model) for discussion at its conference and at meetings thereafter.

- **Volunteering**

The Board agreed that the Secretariat should work with Regional Councils to ensure that consideration of activities which promote, facilitate and recognise volunteering are fully integrated into the planning process - reporting both to the conference and the next meeting.

- **Wales**

The Board agreed that the Chairs of the three Regions responsible for Wales should meet with the Chair of the CIPFA in Wales Forum and the Chair of the Board to discuss ways of further developing local services in Wales.

- **Development Funding**

The Board considered and approved for funding a Development bid from CIPFA South East to pilot a dedicated on line booking module. It was agreed that this would do much to improve the booking experience for delegates from all Regions.

- **Annual Conference**

Members reflected on the success of the regional stand at annual conference and considered the arrangements for 2009. They heard that over 100 pledges of support had been received – these would be followed up by delegates' home Regions. The Board agreed that the regional stand was a worthwhile initiative which should continue as it had raised the profile of the regional network and shown how the work of the volunteer network complements the core professional network from Robert St.

- **National Student Forum Annual Conference**

The Board's representative on the Forum reported that the Annual Conference which had taken place on 3 July in Manchester had been well attended and well received.

- **Other matters**

The Board received its regular report on the work of the Education and Training Directorate and agreed that the Director of E&T should present on developments to Regional Councils. The Board also received a progress report on the regional websites and the arrangements for the website award.

The Board's next meeting is on Tuesday 21 October 2008.