

Welcome to the CIPFA South East December Newsletter.

Welcome to the CSE December Newsletter. Whilst the snow has already arrived, the last few months have been busy with a number of events in the South East region – the highlight being the Annual Dinner which, this year, celebrated CIPFAs 125th year in the public finance business.

Following the recent government spending review and almost daily announcements of reforms and cuts, it is a very uncertain world to be working in, and over the next few years we will need to do our utmost as a region to support members in work, and those who temporarily might not be.

We have now kicked off our Regional Support project which aims to provide a lot more low-cost events in the main “hubs” around the South East to make them more accessible for members who are not within easy reach of London. We are working closely with CIPFA Business and also the new South West and Midlands regions to get these going. John Barker is our lead on this and he would be very interested in anybody or organisation who would like to form the on-going core of a hub – especially in Kent/ Sussex, East Anglia, the Solent and the Home Counties areas.

Finally can I wish everyone a happy Christmas and ask that you make sure that one of your New Year resolutions is to attend or help organise a CSE event in 2011.

Nick White , CSE Chair




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Recent Event - South East Region Annual Dinner



The CIPFA South East Annual Dinner was held on 12 November. We pretty much filled the Renaissance Chancery Court Hotel in London with 266 CIPFA members and guests for a fabulous evening of networking, socialising and dancing. As a special event, the dinner also marked CIPFA's 125 year anniversary.

Following a drinks reception, sponsored by CIPFA Placements, guests enjoyed a superb silver service dinner. A raffle took place throughout the dinner, proceeds going to the President's Charity. After dinner, there was live music entertainment and dancing.

John Dyson's photos tell of the success of this event far better than a couple of paragraphs! A selection of photographs of the event appear on the CSE region's Flickr site, which can be accessed via the following link  [Photos on Flickr of the CSE Annual Dinner 2010](#)



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Highlights of the evening included:

- Chris Bilsland's history of his post as Chamberlain and Finance Director of the City of London
- The display of "artefacts" from the CIPFA vault, which included an explanation of CIPFA in Japanese for a visiting delegation!
- As ever the excellent band "Jumpin" provided the music, the highlight of which must have been the dance-off between CSE's immediate past Chair, Alison Sweeting, and Jonathan Nulty who, earlier in the evening, had performed live singing for the champagne reception!
- The raffle for the President's charity raising £800, with further donations still coming in! CSE supported the [Young Carers](#) of the Princess Royal Trust for Carers, whilst other regions have supported other charities as part of their own regional 125th anniversary dinners.
- The fabulous support from sponsors old and new to enable us to keep the price down and get as many CIPFA members to the dinner as possible – it seems to be a winning formula.

A Chance to Make Your Voice Heard

Christina Earls, who sits on the CIPFA Council, explains how she will keep her commitment in supporting CIPFA members in her home region extend their access to information in support of their professional roles.

"I was recently elected to CIPFA Council and serve on Board for the Regions and Members and Student Development Board. This gives me an opportunity for a voice at a senior level, and I am taking the opportunity to address Board for the Regions on what I believe could support many of us members. That is to open up the communication between Regions and our members of sharing more widely what the Policy and Technical Panels do, and the contribution volunteers make to those panels. For example I am a member of the Accounting and Auditing Standards Panel and at their [website](#) you can access the very readable regular and free overviews of standards developments. I confess to not having known of it before I joined the Panel. See for yourself. I am also going to be opening up a discussion at the Board of what opportunities Regions may provide to give members greater access to services like [TisOnline](#), a subscriber-only service if you work for an employer willing to pay. Provided with the support of volunteers, it is often more up to date than publications and a source of good practice rarely available elsewhere. I would not have access to it but for the fact I am a contributor. What do you think? Where can CSE support you better? Is it a good idea that Regions can make services such as TisOnline more available in general to you? "




Christina Earls
CIPFA Council Member

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Recent Event - Third Sector Commissioning - key issues and implications across the sectors

As the vision of the 'Big Society' continues to develop, it is clear that the third sector will be expected to play an increasingly important role in delivering services and partnering with statutory bodies. In this October meeting, which was sponsored jointly by CIPFA SE and CIPFA London Division, members explored the issues involved in third sector commissioning and the implications for service planning.


Coral Newton talked through guidance that she had helped to develop

and John Thornton chaired the event. This free event for CIPFA members and students was held at Robert Street. The comprehensive package of slides from the event can be downloaded from the following link  [Third Sector Commissioning Slides](#)





John Thornton
CSE Vice Chair

New Members' Reception 23 November 2010


At a reception held at CIPFA's headquarters at Robert Street in London, CIPFA South East was proud to welcome newly qualified members. Membership certificates were presented by CIPFA President Jaki Meekings Davis and the Chair of CIPFA South East, Nick White. Photographs of the event can be seen on the regional website, via the following link to the CSE region's Flickr site  [Photos on Flickr of the New Members' Reception, November 2010](#)

Retired Members

We have a circulation list of retired members who like to be kept informed of the region's events that are organised for retired members. Members who have retired recently may not be aware of this activity, which provides a couple of events a year. If you would like to see reports of recent events, have a look at the reports on the CSE website, which can be accessed via the following link  [CSE Retired Members](#)

For further details, or if you would like to know how to be added to the retired members' mailing list, you can contact Bill Capps by e-mail using this link  WCapps3970@aol.com

2011 Spring Conference and AGM

The date of the next CSE Spring Conference and AGM is now confirmed as 22 March 2011 at 2 Savoy Place, London WC2R 0BL. More details will be available on the CSE website during January 2011 but please reserve the date in your diary now.  www.cipfa.org.uk/regions/se/

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