

TRAINING OUTLINE

Local Authority Treasury Management Explained

All members have a duty to ensure that their authority manages public funds in a responsible way, including the way it organises and carries out its investment and borrowing activities.

Accordingly, effective treasury management has always been important for local authorities, especially given the significant amounts of money received from investments and paid out on borrowing. Recent events, in particular, the “credit crunch”, have highlighted the importance of effective treasury management policies and procedures and have resulted in many authorities reviewing their treasury management policies, systems and procedures.

This seminar is specifically designed for elected members who wish to gain a better understanding of how treasury management is undertaken at their council.

By the end of the day, participants will be able to:

- Understand what is meant by treasury management
- Understand both national and local policies, regulations and procedures relating to how the council organises and carries out its treasury management activities
- More effectively challenge and scrutinise the treasury management function and activity

Who should attend?

This seminar is designed for all members, particularly those serving on the Audit Committee, or its equivalent, at a local authority. No prior experience will be assumed, and all terminology, jargon and acronyms will be fully explained in plain English. Plenty of time will be available for questions and discussion.

About LG Futures

Public sector specialists, LG Futures delivers bespoke financial consultancy and training, with a particular focus upon local and central government. Our areas of expertise include:

- Improving financial management capabilities
- Strengthening strategic and financial planning
- Optimising value for money
- Maximising funding levels
- Assessing the impact of government policies
- Providing in-depth briefings on the latest financial developments

Since being established in 2004, we have worked with over 100 individual public sector organisations, and would welcome the opportunity to discuss how we could potentially support your organisation.

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Agenda

5 mins	Welcome and Introductions
30 mins	Introducing Treasury Management What is Treasury Management? Why do local authorities need effective Treasury Management systems and procedures?
30 mins	Treasury Management Controls and Procedures National guidance on effective treasury management Local policies, codes and procedures
15 mins	Refreshments
30 mins	Roles and Responsibilities The elected member role The role of the “Section 151” Officer The role of treasury management staff Using external advisers and fund managers
30 mins	Scrutinising Treasury Management How to evaluate your council’s treasury management approach, policies and performance Key questions and issues
10 mins	Course summary, evaluation and close
2.5 hours total	

This seminar can be held at a time to suit you. Please contact Ian Fifield for further details

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Ian is a CIPFA qualified accountant and an experienced trainer and facilitator, with more than 20 years experience of financial management in the public services.

Ian specialises in financial management training for local authorities and other public service organisations and has also worked as an accountant in local government and an external auditor for both local government and health bodies.

Ian has provided training to a wide range of finance stakeholders, including finance professionals, service managers and elected members.

Ian also designs and delivers training specifically tailored to clients’ individual systems and processes, ensuring that training directly addresses local client needs and requirements.

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