**County and Unitary Councils’**

**Officer Overview and Scrutiny Network**

**Friday 30th June 2023 Starting at 11.00 am**

This will be a virtual meeting using Microsoft Teams.

Chair: John Cade

Secretary: Melanie White – Isle of Wight Council

Minutes: Charlotte Cameron – Peterborough City Council

**Agenda**

1. **Introduction by the Chairman and housekeeping for the meeting.**
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2023.**
3. **Introduction to Mel Stevens, Chief Executive CfGS****.**
4. **Centre for Governance and Scrutiny Update.**

To receive an update from the Centre on its current and future activities.

1. **Committee shake-ups and the effect on scrutiny**

To have a preliminary discussion on the implications a change in administration or change in political proportionality can have on scrutiny committees.

1. **Training Session – Financial Scrutiny.**

Delivered by Iain Murray, Director of Financial Management at CIPFA.

This session will cover the following points:

1. Ensuring that financial scrutiny is undertaken all the year round and not just in February.
2. Ensuring that scrutiny has access to all the latest financial information and budget projections.
3. Benefits of having a lead scrutiny member for overseeing the process.
4. Working relationship between scrutiny and the section 151 officer.
5. Role of the Audit Committee and how to avoid duplication with scrutiny.
6. **Ask the Network.**

An opportunity to seek the thoughts of other network colleagues to help overcome that small niggling problem that you may be experiencing or share an experience that is of wider interest.

1. **Future meetings and support arrangements.**

The next meeting is on Friday 8 September 2023, commence at 11.00am and to be virtual. The final date for 2023 is Friday, 1 December.