



## Green finance training day

7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

CIPFA Offices, Mansell Street, London

### PROGRAMME

09:30 **Registration**

10:00 **Welcome and purpose of the day**

*Mark Williams, Advisor, Alternative Service Delivery Network, CIPFA*

10:15 **Local authority powers, capacity and co-ordination**

*Louise Marix Evans, Quantum Strategy & Technology*

- Setting the scene: delivering net zero
- Challenges and opportunities in bringing private finance
- Local authority powers for spending, borrowing, investing and procuring
- Better co-ordination between financial and climate imperatives

10:30 **National policy context**

*Neil Witney, Local Net Zero Team, DESNZ*

- What does the Green Finance Strategy mean for local government?
- What should local authorities be doing to gear up to take new opportunities to attract external investment to help them deliver their climate and environment objectives?
- What are central government and its agencies doing to support local authorities in this and to facilitate access to advice, skills, capacity and funding?

10:45 **Group exercise / discussion drawing on good practice tools / approaches**

*Mark Williams*

11:30 **Break**

11:45 **Investing to tackle the climate emergency**

*Karl Harder, Co-founder and Director, Abundance Investment plus case study*

- Investing in local authority projects
- Future municipal investment opportunities
- Case study – Westminster City Council

12:30 **Networking lunch**

13:15 **Group exercise / discussion drawing on good practice tools / approaches**

*Mark Williams*

14:05 **Case Study: South Gloucestershire Council**

*Barry Wyatt, Climate and Nature Emergency Manager, South Gloucestershire Council*

14:35 **Protect and build resilient communities**

*Alix Bedford, Risk Proposition Manager, Zurich Municipal*



15:05 **The Green Finance Advice Shop**

*An opportunity to gain instant advice on your green finance issues from our panel of expert speakers*

15:50 **Reflections**

*Mark Williams, CIPFA and Hannah Bartram, Chief Executive, ADEPT*

16:00 **Close**