

### LGA Finance Conference

# National Workforce Strategy for Local Government Finance Update

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War for Talent has changed...

Local Government finance needs a plan to state its case The Ask To propose a workforce plan

#### The Reason

Significant challenges exist to attract and retain suitably skilled and experienced finance professionals to deal with the ever increasing acute and complex pressures facing local government finance.

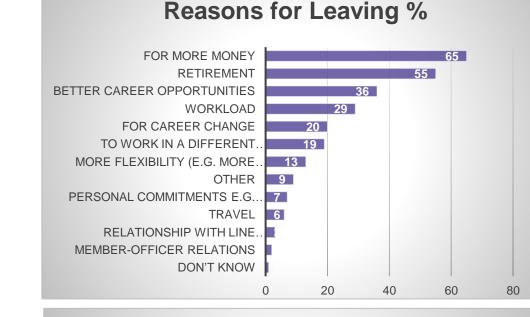
Capability and capacity questions have been asked in the wake of the current focus of Local Government delivery

How we make local government finance an attractive proposition in a crowded and competitive recruitment market?

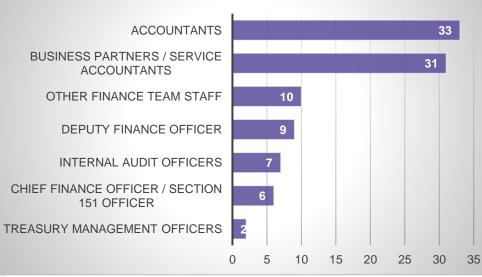
Collaboration across the stake holder group to find a solution

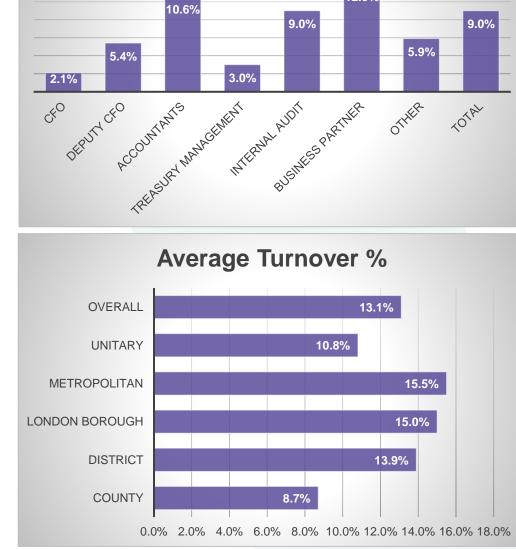
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## **Emerging themes**







Strengthening Leadership Capacity and Capability Marketing and Promoting Local Government Finance

Talent Management -Doing More to "Grow Your Own"

Achieving a Culture Change Within

Sharing a Collective Workforce

#### Central, Regional and Local

Looking beyond Local Government

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### Potential risks and implications

Loss of confidence in the sector

Some increased technical and financial management issues

Continuity and succession challenges

Stretched roles and responsibilities

Reactive rather than proactive



#### Next Steps



Developing an action plan



Stress testing the plan with stakeholders



Preparing a report for Central Government



Communications and awareness from summer 2024 and beyond







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