

Local Government Finance Workshop F

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Session Plan

- Financial support – current challenges
- The finance programme – our response

Your input – we want to make this interactive

Changing challenges for councils

2015

- Reduced funding in real terms
- Finding and delivering savings/ sources of income
- Transformation programmes
- Best practice in developing commercial ventures

2022

- COVID (and 'EFS')
 - Inflation/ economic uncertainty
 - Section 114s x 3
 - Public Interest Reports/ statutory recommendations
 - Borrowing and commercialism
 - DSG deficits
 - Governance challenges
 - Audit
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Financial challenges for 2023-24

Growing demand (esp. social care & homelessness)

Social care reform

Workforce capacity

COVID recovery

Waste reform

Afghan/
Ukrainian
refugees

DSG – higher needs

Governance and audit

Financial challenges for 2023-24 onwards

All of the
above
plus.....

Capital
investment

Fair funding
review

Business
rates reset

Levelling up

Climate
change

Social care
reform

Housing

Questions..

- Does this look and feel right?
 - Are there any challenges we haven't captured?
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Finance Improvement support offer

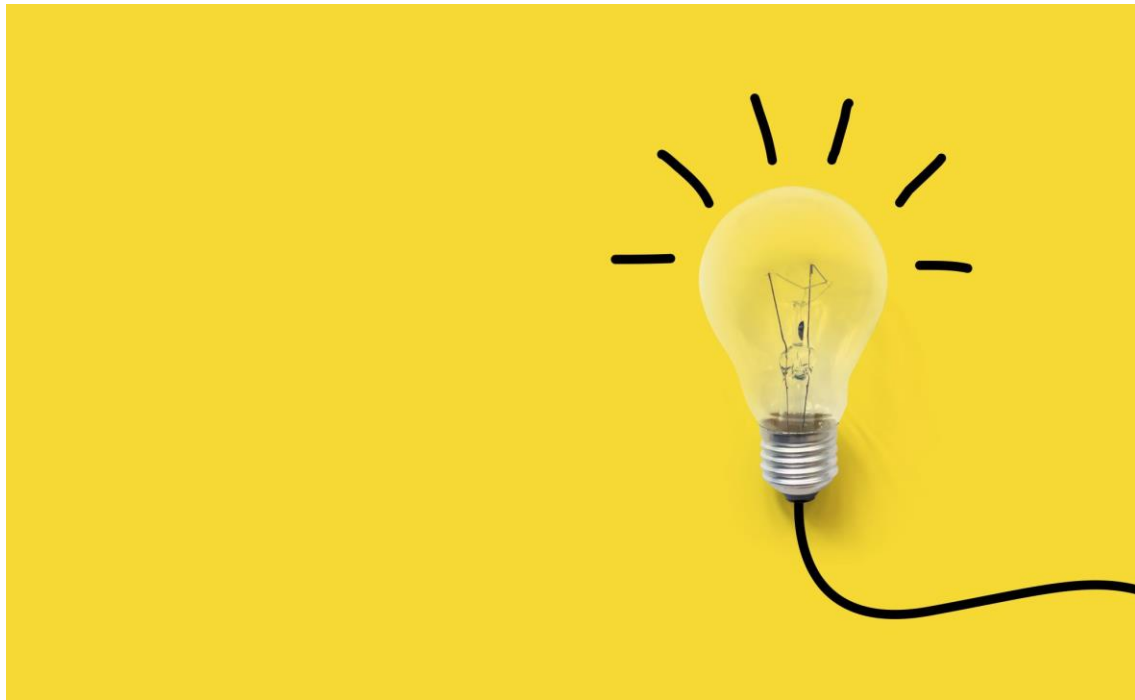
- Direct Support to councils
 - Learning & Development
 - Data & Insight
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Direct Support to councils



- FISA programme
- Finance peer challenge
- Mentoring
- Member budget challenge

Learning & Development



Tried and tested

- Leadership Essentials – Finance
- Leadership Essentials - Audit

New for 22/23

- Finance without numbers webinar
 - Financial governance – online seminars
 - Finance for non finance members
 - Regional Audit forums
 - CFO mentoring scheme
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Over to you...



How many peers here have been involved in Finance support work?

What are the frequent challenges you face?

Is there more we can do to support you in this role?