



ACES/CIPFA Dip in SAM Update Report

The course continues to be well received although this is the first iteration where there has been less than 20 attendees. It is anticipated that another iteration of the course will be run Autumn/Winter 2024 and all the current ACES presenters have agreed to continue their involvement so a big thank you to them.

It was always envisaged that this course would have a finite life/appeal to the current customer base and efforts to widen that appeal to the Police/Fire and NHS staff are continuing.

A Teams meeting is being held with appropriate senior NHS staff on the 18th April. Neil Webster and myself are invited. Hopefully Neil will be able to give a verbal update on progress and matters arising at Council.

I think the time has come to start remodelling ACES future finances on the assumption that the Diploma in SAM fee money might be significantly reduced or cease in 2025.

I would ask Council to note that under the MOU between CIPFA and ourselves the 75% stake holder (CIPFA) can increase the fees charged for the Diploma.

A 5% increase in Diploma fees is to be introduced in the Autumn of 2024. I am quite relaxed regarding this increase as it is a modest amount and the first increase since the inception of the Diploma in late 2019.

It is recommended that ACES continues to run the next iteration of the course with CIPFA at the increased price and Council is asked to approve this. The option is we terminate the agreement.

Malcolm Williams

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