

## CIPFA Chairs' Forum Briefing by Consular Association NI Secretariat

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**Belfast, NORTHERN IRELAND:** The Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountability (CIPFA) through the Chairs' Forum invited Dr Christopher Stange, Secretariat of the Consular Association of Northern Ireland (CA-NI) to provide a lunch time briefing about the role of the Association, Consular representation in Northern Ireland and further engagement to its members.

The event was hosted by Mr Seán Hogan, Chair of the Chairperson's Forum and Chairman of Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) at took place at AFBI Headquarters.



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Al Hutchinson, Chairperson - Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland, Dr Christopher Stange, Secretariat - Consular Association of Northern Ireland (CA-NI) and Hon. Consul for St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Seán Hogan, Chair of the Chairperson's Forum and Chairman of Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI), Rena Shepherd, Chair of the Parades Commission, Stephen Mungavin, Principal Consultant - Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountability (CIPFA)

The Forum is an influential group of Chairpersons of public bodies in Northern Ireland with over 60 members and is the only association of its type in the United Kingdom. Over the last two years, the Forum has established strong links with Chairs of public, state owned and semi-state owned bodies in Ireland.

The purpose of the Forum is to support and enable chairs of public bodies appointed through the public appointment process to maximise their effectiveness as chairs. To further our mission, the Chairs' Forum seeks to:

- Develop opportunities for mutual support
- Share ideas and learning
- Inform the development of good public governance
- Facilitate co-operation between public bodies CIPFA Support for Chairs

The Forum is governed by a General committee, elected by members at the Annual General Meeting. The current Committee is:

<b>Seán Hogan</b>	Chairperson
<b>Bob Collins</b>	Vice-Chairperson
<b>Jim Stewart OBE</b>	Treasurer
<b>Brian Rowntree CBE</b>	Secretary
<b>Brian Hanna CBE</b>	Committee Member
<b>Professor Peter Matthews OBE</b>	Committee Member