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This past year has been another very busy one and for me it has been different to what I had anticipated at the beginning of 2024. I would like to thank all Council Members for your support during this year in working together as a team for many of the activities.

As ever we have been faced with changes and challenges, whether in the profession, the CII or in our own Local Institute but I think we can agree that we have faced everything head-on and are looking to a more positive future.

Amongst the services we have delivered or supported are:

- A wide range of CPD and training events, for both our General and Financial Services members.
- A range of social events including the Annual Dinner, Golf Day and a Past Presidents' Lunch.
- Networking events focussed at certain groups of members
- The Sheffield Hallam University events, in a different format to previous years, and also their events for female 6th Form students.
- Discover Risk events for 6th Form students
- Meetings and events organised by the North East Regional Forum
- Use of our website and social media to promote events and connect with our members
- Charity collections at some events

Our CPD events are now delivered both online and in person, both formats having their different benefits and attract a wide range of attendees. It is important that we continue to ensure that we allow our members to access all of the services they want and that we are able to provide.

Following the annual review relating to Laura Walker's year 2023-2023 we once again achieved a high score in the assessment and also our CPD renewal accreditation.

Our Annual Dinner was a great success, with several awards and an interesting entertainer and I have every confidence that our Dinners will continue to be the highlight social event of our year.

I have enjoyed representing our Institute at the various social, regional and national events, not least the Annual Dinners of almost all of the neighbouring institutes and other professional bodies. These are essential events to meet and exchange information and experiences with representatives of other institutes, all of which have the same or very similar concerns as we do.

The CII's national Network Conference for Local Institute representatives was an occasion to meet the CEO Matthew Hall and also new members of the CII Board. The regional 'Town Hall' meetings which Matthew Hall has hosted were also an opportunity to hear about his plans for the next few



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years. I am very grateful for all of the time and effort given voluntarily by everyone to the work of this Institute and very much hope it will continue.

I was saddened to report the deaths of two Past Presidents (Derek Cummings and Brian Evans) during the past year. We will miss their wise contributions and humour.

I would like to end this report by once again recording my sincere thanks to all Council Members who have supported me during the past year in their different ways. Thank you.

Jean Cookson
President

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