

The future of audit procurement and the Sector Led Body.

Dear Colleagues

We are pleased to announce that we have set up a company to procure audit services on your behalf. This letter officially invites you to become an opted in authority to this scheme.

When the previous Government abolished the audit commission, NALC and SLCC expressed concerns about the impact this would have on the workload of local councils and drainage boards. We successfully persuaded Government to enable us to nominate NALC and partners to form a Sector Led Body to procure your audit services simplifying arrangements and reducing the burden on you.

We also successfully persuaded Government to fund the start-up costs of £540,000 which otherwise the sector would have had to raise itself.

The attached note sets out further information, but at this stage you do not need to do anything unless you wish to opt out of the audit procurement arrangements, set up your own independent audit panel and procure relevant services. If you do not wish to participate you need to tell us by 31 January 2016 that you do not wish to participate and will be making your own arrangements.

If you do not opt out you will automatically be included in the arrangement for the next five years as stated in the regulations passed at the start of the year.

**If you wish to opt out of the Sector Led Body Audit procurement you must let us know by 31 January 2016 by emailing [slboptout@nalc.gov.uk](mailto:slboptout@nalc.gov.uk) or writing to:**

Audit Opt Out  
Sector Led Body  
National Association of Local Councils  
109 Great Russell Street  
London  
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This has been a real triumph for the sector resulting from good joint working between NALC, the ADA and the SLCC, working closely with DCLG.

Regards

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National Association of Local Councils, Society of Local Council Clerks and the Association of Drainage Authorities.