

# NEW AUDIT REGIME

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, the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), the Society for Local Council Clerks (SLCC) and the Association of Drainage Authorities (ADA) expressed concerns about the impact this would have on the workload of local authorities. We successfully persuaded the government to let us procure authority audit services, simplifying arrangements and reducing the burden on you.

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

This has been a real triumph for the sector resulting from good joint working between NALC, ADA and the SLCC.

The NALC website, [www.nalc.gov.uk](http://www.nalc.gov.uk), will give further information, but at this stage you need do nothing unless you wish to opt out, set up your own independent audit panel and procure relevant services. If you do not wish to participate and will be making your own arrangements you need to tell us by 31 January 2016.

If you do not opt out you will automatically be included in the arrangement for the next five years.

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  
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