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Dear Clerk

You will undoubtedly have received a letter / email from SAAA advising you of the external audit arrangements for 2022-23 and the subsequent four years.

We have received a few queries from clients as to whether or not we can advise of potential alternative providers. Should you / your Council be considering seeking an alternative provider to the SAAA appointee, I would advise that we are not in a position to offer such guidance or suggestions.

On balance and weighing up the cost of physically seeking an alternative to the SAAA appointed provider, to say nothing of the probability that other such providers will undoubtedly seek higher fees than those agreed nationally, I would suggest that the Council is probably better to stay with the appointed provider. That said, it is obviously for the Council to determine.

Kind regards

Stuart

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