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To: Gavin Chambers

Cc: Cllr Michael Headley

Subject: Help us shape the national scheme for local auditor appointments from April 2023 (Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority)

Consultation on the draft prospectus - your chance to help us shape the national scheme for local auditor appointments from April 2023

Dear Mr Chambers,

During Autumn 2021 all local government and police bodies will need to make important decisions about their external audit arrangements for the period commencing from the financial year 2023/24, against the backcloth of a very challenging audit market. Local bodies have options to arrange their own procurement and make the appointment themselves or in conjunction with other bodies, or they can join and take advantage of the national collective scheme administered by PSAA.

PSAA has produced a [draft prospectus](#) (*available in PDF and accessible long read format on our website*) which provides an introduction to the national scheme and discusses and invites views and comments from local bodies and other interested parties, in relation to the aims of the scheme and how it needs to develop going forward. We want to give you the opportunity to help us shape some of the important features of the scheme ahead of issuing formal invitations to opt in to all eligible bodies in the Autumn.

We are keen to receive your feedback concerning our plans for the future scheme as outlined in the draft prospectus. Please submit your responses via our [online survey](#). The consultation will close on **Thursday 8 July 2021**.

We will also be holding two interactive webinars to provide an overview of the draft prospectus and to answer any questions that you may have on [16 June 10am to 11:15am](#) and [22 June 3pm to 4:15pm](#). You can book a place by clicking on the date and time links. If you would like to submit a question in advance, please send it to the email address below.

Where we have the contact email of your audit committee chair we have copied this email to them. If we do not have this information, please would you forward this onto them, and provide their email to us for future communication.

If you have colleagues who might appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback or participate in one of our webinars, please share this email with them.

If you have any questions about this consultation, please contact us at ap2@psaa.co.uk.

Your sincerely

Tony Crawley, Chief Executive, PSAA

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