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Internal Audit – give me a break

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The internal audit for parish councils is about as useful as a chocolate teapot.

The requirements of the internal audit process plus the level of competence and time spent are woefully inadequate to pick up fraud and procedural wrong doing by parish councils.

For anyone who has been in business reading the outline requirements for an internal auditor is quite honestly a joke.

One would not run their own business under such circumstances but to do so with public funds seems to be OK.

Is it any wonder that many councils seem to stumble on like the blind leading the blind.

The National Association of Local Councils will only

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dialogue with a select few and the local associations are generally badly resourced.

Within the sector no-one seems to have the capacity to handle issues raised by councillors who have “problem” councils so is it any wonder the CPALC forums are so full of issues about councils, clerks and chairmen who are out of control.

CPALC seems to be the only place proactive councillors and clerks can vent their spleen and seek some down to earth help and support.

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Posted: 5 days 2 hours ago by **JohnC**

#1598



This gives great power to those with skeletons in the cupboard to defend. I am still confused as to the role of the External Auditor. Maybe that is where our attention should be diverted! As the case studies on CPALC show : the External Auditor has a vital role to play.

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