

# RELIABLE ASSURANCE IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

## GETTING THE BEST FROM YOUR AUDITORS

October 2016

### Member and Representatives Training

#### Key Advice and Guidance for Members, Representatives and Senior Officers

Brexit, Transformational Change, Devolution – What do Elected Members and Representatives need to know in order to fulfil their vital role as the guardians of public sector corporate governance? Understanding what your responsibilities are and where you can get the assurance you need will be paramount.



**BRITAIN VOTES BREXIT**  
**WHAT HAPPENS NOW?**

By attending this event you will be better equipped to ask the right questions of the right people at the right time. You will gain an understanding of some of the risks your organisation may be faced with in a rapidly changing environment of uncertainty.

#### Objectives

#### By attending this event you will gain new insights on:

- ➔ **Role and Effectiveness of the Audit Committee**—Ensuring your Audit Committee is ready for the challenges of the next five years—getting the best possible assurance.
- ➔ **Tone at the Top –Culture and Ethics**—Why do poor corporate cultures exist and what role does Internal Audit play, in conjunction with Members and Representatives, in helping to promote a positive and corrupt free environment.
- ➔ **Changes to the AGS**—There will be changes to the Annual Governance Statement that Audit Committees are required to approve. This session will provide an External Audit update and view.
- ➔ **Brexit—Threat and opportunities**—What does this mean for your organisation? How prepared are you to meet the challenges and take advantage of the potential benefits?
- ➔ **Transformational Change**—The only sure thing is that change will happen. Forewarned is forearmed. What are the challenges ahead and what things do you need to know?
- ➔ **The Financial Officers View**—Pulling it all together, what does all of this mean for your organisation?

## Agenda



### Introduction

- Gerry Cox, Chief Executive (SWAP) & Rob Hutchins, Head of DAP



### Role and Effectiveness of the Audit Committee

- Dave Hill, Executive Director (SWAP)



### Tone at the Top—Culture and Ethics

- Gerry Cox, Chief Executive (SWAP)



### Changes to the AGS

- Geraldine Daly, (Grant Thornton)



### Brexit

- Gerry Cox, Chief Executive (SWAP)



### Transformational Change

- Rob Hutchins, Head of DAP



### The Financial Officers View

- Jason Vaughan, Strategic Director (Dorset Council Partnership)



### Questions and Final Thoughts

- Gerry Cox, Chief Executive (SWAP) & Rob Hutchins, Head of DAP

## Dates and Venues

### 12th October 2016

Buckfast Abbey

Devon

TQ11 0EG

### 25th October 2016

Haynes Motor Museum

Sparkford

Somerset

BA22 7LH

## Bookings and Enquiries

If you would like to book a slot on one of the training sessions please contact our booking administration at the South West Audit Partnership and let us know of any specific dietary requirements:



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## Fees

This seminar is sponsored by the South West and Devon Audit Partnerships; there will be 'No Fee' for the event.

Refreshments will be available from 8:30am and a buffet lunch provided at the end of the event.