

TO AUDIT OR NOT TO AUDIT? (AND WHY IT MATTERS)

You aren't required to have an audit, but should you have us prepare an audit report anyway?

The problem with a full audit is that due to inappropriate standards being foisted on the profession that the cost can be significant, and having thus created the problem, the government "solves" it by exempting small companies.

This leaves you with accounts which we believe are perfectly in order, but the report only says we've "compiled" the accounts and "we have not verified the accuracy or completeness" and "do not, therefore, express any opinion"!

You probably need an audit if you have diverse shareholders, are likely to sell the business or need to support quotes etc. with audited accounts. Many of our clients opt for an audit for these or other reasons, but if a full audit is "over the top" for you but you'd like some further form of assurance to back up your accounts, we suggest an "Assurance Report".



This is not an audit (so apologies for the artwork!) but is a report incorporating some further work at modest cost which allows us to report a conclusion which may offer additional credibility to your financial statements, and comfort to you in relying on them.

We enclose a complete description of the audit alternative and hope you'll look at this seriously. We are very happy to continue to provide our service as before, but we think you may wish to consider the alternatives, hence this letter.

When your next year falls due for accounts preparation we'll probably ask you to confirm your intentions, but if you wish to discuss this or instruct us in the meantime, we're always keen to tailor our services to your individual requirements.