

# AGM

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- Charities with turnover over £1m per annum required by law to:
  - provide an annual trustees report and prepare accounts
  - submit to external scrutiny through statutory audit of the accounts by registered auditor
- **KCLSU Background**
  - Knox Cropper have been the KCLSU Auditors for 7 years with good relationship and service
  - However, it is good practice to review audit partners and periodically retender
  - KCLSU tendered in April 2020 in partnership with two other London Unions to
    - pool knowledge on designing tender process and decision making
    - create economy scale to push the potential bidders to reduce charges and improve value for money for the student unions
    - push appointed auditor to maintain a good quality of services during contract period as up to three contracts could be at risk if not effective
- **Audit Tender**
  - Tender issued to 7 potential audit companies, 5 responses received, 3 potential auditors shortlisted and interviewed by video
  - Evaluation Criteria included: Charity Experience, Client Focus, Student Union Capability, and Enthusiasm. Cost was a separate factor in evaluating Value for Money.
- **Recommendation**
  - **The Trustee Board recommends the reappointment of Knox Cropper as the Unions' auditors**
  - At interview, Knox Cropper demonstrated themselves to be the most professional and competent of the tender candidates. They have the most extensive experience of auditing Students' Unions and also provided the best value for money.
  - In making their recommendation, the Board also notes
    - continuation of auditors reduces risk, particularly in the current climate
    - maintaining our relationship with our existing auditors will give continuity in relationship, understanding and process effectiveness
    - delivers substantial value for money for the organisation at a time when focus on financial prudence is additionally high