

## **SAAA appoints new Chief Executive**

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The SAAA Board is pleased to announce that they have appointed a new Chief Executive to support the Board deliver its development plans over the next few years.

Annie Child, the new Chief Executive, joins the SAAA in September after nearly 19 years in a range of local government roles, including the last 5 years as the Clerk to Salisbury City Council.

David Bowles, the Chairman of the Board, said “We are delighted to welcome Annie as our new Chief Executive. Annie will be working closely with me and the Board to expand on the SAAA’s work to improve accountability and governance in the small authority sector. Her broad experience, including having been a recipient of our services, will help us develop plans to streamline processes and ensure that we continue to provide appropriate levels of assurance for different sized bodies but in a highly cost-effective manner.”

Howard Midworth, SAAA’s General Manager, will be moving on having worked with SAAA since its inception. David Bowles said, “We are very grateful to Howard for growing the SAAA from an initial concept to a fully functioning and effective organisation, and we thank him for his continued support. His commitment to SAAA has been outstanding and he leaves it in a strong position to meet the challenges of the future. “

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