#### ATHENA FIRE CONSULTANCY

RISK ASSESSMENT SPECIALISTS

# HOW TO PROPERLY VET CONTRACTORS



# **Establish Minimum Requirements**

Establish a criteria of contractor you want to work with and keep to it. Having a selection is useful to ensure you're never left shorthanded, but don't spread yourself too thin. It's good to have strong, reliable working relationships



#### **Obtain References**

Request references from some of their other clients and contact them directly for a more honest account, should you feel it necessary.



#### **Meet Face-to-face**

Try to meet with them in person to build personal relations. Otherwise, establish a liaison or a contact within their business to improve communication.



### **Gather Documentation**

Ensure you have copies of all the required documentation in addition to anything else you feel is relevant. E.g Insurances, Health & Safety policy, Accreditations & Memberships.



#### **Cross reference Accreditations**

Don't take everything for gospal! Check with the relevant bodies that they are what they say they are and their memberships/affliations are valid.



# **Agree on Terms**

Agree on roles, responsibilities and general working terms to prevent any hiccups arising. E.g Payment terms,



## Manage & Review

Periodically review contractor documentation to ensure it is current and up-to-date. Monitor and review contractor performance via the use of apraisals.