

**A Brief Guide to.....**

**VALUE FOR MONEY**  
Auditing



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## What is a Value For Money (VFM) Audit Review

A VFM Audit Review is an independent scrutiny exercise looking at any area of an organisation's activities.

It focuses on the organisation's objectives and determines whether the organisation is managing and utilising its resources in an:



### Economical,

### Efficient and

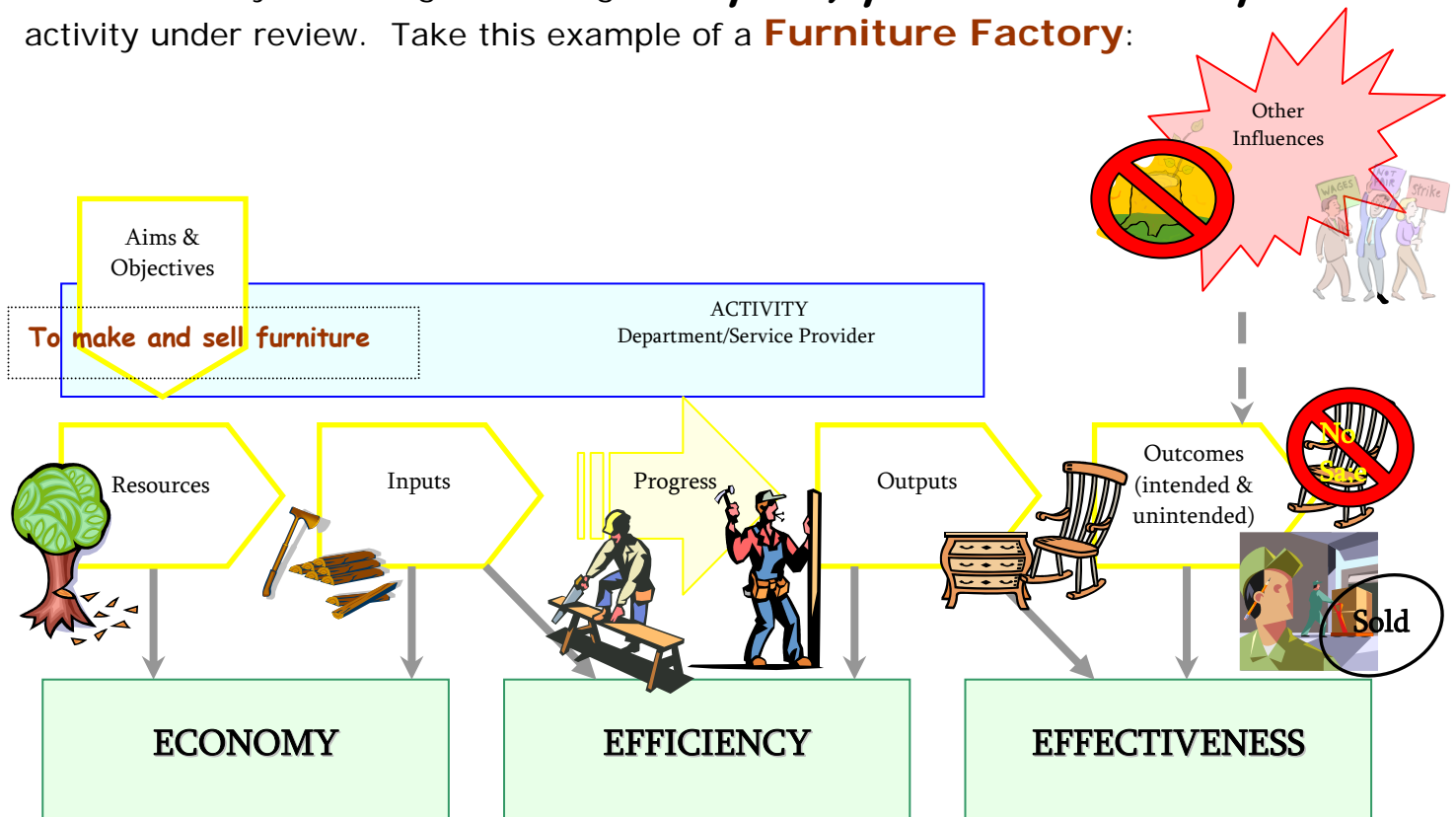
### Effective manner.

Minimising the cost of resources acquired or used, having regards to appropriate quality

How far is maximum output achieved for a given input, or minimum input used for a given output

How successfully do outputs of goods, services or other results achieve policy objectives, operational goals and other intended effects

This is done by assessing/examining the *inputs, processes* and *outputs* of the activity under review. Take this example of a **Furniture Factory**:



## Benefits of a VFM Audit Review

The VFM Audit Review is **NOT** just about **fact gathering** the auditor will seek to highlight any **weaknesses** in procedures, identify potential **improvements** and suggest possible ways **forward**.



This is done in the form of the **VFM Audit Report**:

Ensures that findings are presented in a format which users will be able to **understand** and **use**.



Is not set in stone, but is **practical** in nature and **offers solutions** to the relevant management involved.

**Emphasises** improvements rather than criticising the past.

Provide **assurance** to Stakeholders.

Overall the VFM Audit Review should provide a number of benefits:

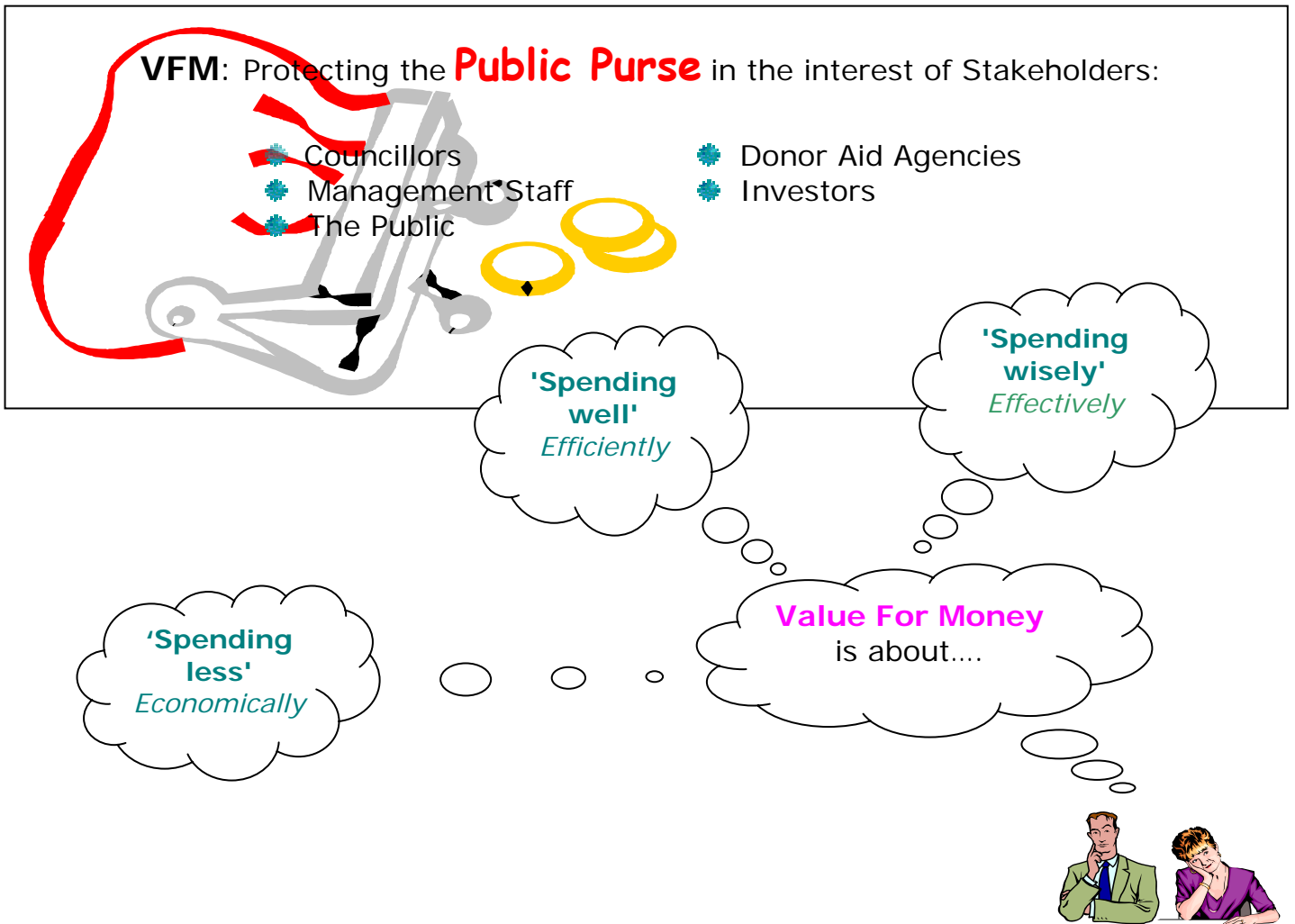


## Ensuring VFM within SHG

Our main client is SHG and its Stakeholders, for whom we provide an ongoing programme, through annual public consultation of VFM Audit Reviews.

We also maintain *flexibility* to respond quickly and undertake high priority assignments by special request.

Our final reports are made publicly available and as a result, the **VALUE FOR MONEY AUDIT SERVICES** playing a major role in ensuring public accountability for SHG.



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