



NOAC reviews the performance of Kerry County Council as part of its Scrutiny Process

Today, the National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC), which is the independent oversight body for the local government sector in Ireland, **published its review of Kerry County Council**, which was the third local authority examined as part of its new round of assessing the performance of local authorities.

The first cycle of the Scrutiny Process was completed in the latter half of 2024 and it allowed NOAC to provide a comprehensive overview of the functioning of all local authorities to the public, both positive and negative, as well as allowing for exemplars of best practice to be identified and used to share with other local authorities, and possibly be highlighted in the annual NOAC Good Practice in Local Government Seminar.

NOAC decided to build on this good work and began a new, even more robust Scrutiny Process format. The new process includes a more detailed analysis of the performance of each local authority and a more structured format akin to the Joint Oireachtas Committees. This process also includes the recording and transcribing of meetings, which are uploaded to the NOAC website, www.noac.ie, as well as the preparation of a report on the engagement.

The Chair of NOAC, Michael McCarthy, commented that:

“I am very pleased that NOAC was able to host Kerry County Council as the third local authority to be reviewed as part of its new Scrutiny Process.

This new process is the result of building on the excellent work carried out by NOAC in its first cycle of reviews of the local authorities in Ireland. This process allows for an even more detailed and open style of meeting, which gives the public an even greater insight into the performance of their local authorities.

I would like, on behalf of the NOAC board, to extend my sincere thanks to the Chief Executive of Kerry County Council, Fearghal Reidy, and his team for a very useful and engaging meeting.

I would also like to express my appreciation to the NOAC Secretariat for all their hard work in providing the excellent logistical support and preparation of high quality material, as always.”

A recording and transcript of both meetings, as well as a Scrutiny Report, can be found on the NOAC website, www.noac.ie

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