



## **NOAC Annual Report 2025**

***The National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC) published its Annual Report for 2025.***

Today, the NOAC Chair, Michael McCarthy, along with its board members, announced the publication of the NOAC Annual Report for the year 2025.

Since its inception in 2014, NOAC has been a cornerstone of the local government sector, providing independent and rigorous oversight and has published over 80 reports, covering a vast array of topics such as Internal Audit, Customer Satisfaction, Finance, Corporate Plans, Housing Maintenance and Shared Services.

Throughout 2025, NOAC continued to advance its mandate through a comprehensive programme of work that strengthened transparency, accountability, and performance within the local government sector.

NOAC's important work during 2025 included:

- Publication of the annual local authority Performance Indicator Report,
- Reviewing the individual performance of five local authorities, which included the recording and transcription of the meetings, as well as the publication of reports. These reviews were conducted as part of a new robust process of scrutiny of the work of local authorities in Ireland,
- Hosting the seventh NOAC Good Practice in Local Government Seminar in Kilkenny Castle, which highlighted innovative projects that could be replicated across the local government sector,
- Publication of the 2024 Public Spending Code,
- Hosting of an engaging workshop on customer service in local authorities,
- Publishing NOAC's Review of Local Authority and Regional Assembly Corporate Plans 2025-2029,
- Holding an informative workshop with the Chairs of the Audit Committees in local authorities,

- Publishing the Review of Monitoring Reports on Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies by Regional Assemblies, and
- Work in other matters including Shared Services, Digital Strategies, National Customer Service Surveys and engaging stakeholders across the local government sector.

In addition, NOAC was a key stakeholder on the Local Democracy Taskforce that contributed to the development of recommendations aimed at reforming Ireland's local government sector.

The NOAC Chair stated that **“NOAC is committed to the rigorous, independent oversight of the local government sector and this was evident by the exemplary work carried out throughout 2025.”**

He highlighted achievements such as **“an enhanced Performance Indicator Report, the comprehensive review of corporate plans, the in-depth analysis of five local authorities through our enhanced Scrutiny Process and the successful hosting of the Good Practice Seminar and a series of workshops focused on continuous improvement.”**

NOAC's Chair thanked the board members, the NOAC Secretariat, Minister James Browne, T.D., and its sectoral partners for their continued cooperation.

To view the NOAC Annual Report, please use the link provided below:

<https://cdn.noac.ie/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/NOAC-Annual-Report-2025-Complete.pdf>

For further information regarding NOAC's Annual Report 2025, or any of NOACs other reports, please do not hesitate to contact [noac@housing.gov.ie](mailto:noac@housing.gov.ie).

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