Sligo County Council performance reviewed by NOAC as part of its Scrutiny Process

Today the National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC), the independent oversight body for the local government sector in Ireland, published its **individual review of Sligo County Council** as part its Scrutiny Process.

NOAC last met with Sligo County Council in September 2020 and November 2020 with the Scrutiny Report from that review being available on the NOAC website.

The first full 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 highlighting examples of best practice in the sector, such as through its annual Good Practice in Local Government Seminar.

NOAC decided to build on the good work already carried out and began a new, updated Scrutiny Process format. The new process includes a more detailed analysis of the performance of each local authority and a more structured format similar 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:

“NOAC had an informative and engaging discussion with Sligo County Council as part of its updated Scrutiny Process.

The updated process gives an even more detailed and open style of meeting, which, in turn, allows 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 Sligo County Council, Martin Lydon, and his team for such an excellent 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 this meeting, as well as a Scrutiny Report, can be found on the NOAC website, www.noac.ie

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