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## NOAC Chairs of Audit Committee Workshop

Today, Thursday 5 November, the National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC), hosted a workshop for the Chairs of the Local Authority Audit Committees in Portlaoise.

The fifth annual NOAC workshop brought together Chairs and Members of local authority audit committees, representatives from the Local Government Audit Service (LGAS) and officials from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH).

NOAC board member and event Chair, Kathleen Holohan, welcomed attendees and highlighted the importance of the event in supporting good governance across the local government sector.

**“**This workshop provides an opportunity to meet audit committee chairs in person and discuss NOAC’s key priorities emerging from its latest reports.

With the Local Democracy Taskforce Report now published and implementation underway, this is an important time for the sector. Presentations on this work, together with updates on NOAC’s latest Performance Indicator and LGAS Value for Money reports, provided valuable insights for attendees.

“We hope the workshop offers an opportunity to share knowledge, exchange experiences and strengthen professional networks,” she said.

Presentations throughout the morning focused on NOAC’s recent work and priorities alongside contributions from the LGAS and the DHLGH.

- NOAC Overview - Michael McCarthy, Chair of NOAC.
- NOAC Local Authority Performance Indicator Report 2025 -Anne Haugh, Chair, Performance Indicator Working Group.
- Local Democracy Taskforce Report - Tim Carey, Principal Officer, DHLGH.
- Local Government Audit Service VFM Reports 2026 - Michelle McLoughlin, Principal Officer, VFM Unit.

Attendees participated in discussions following each presentation, sharing experiences and best practice. The workshop concluded with an interactive session

facilitated by Miriam Mc Donald, providing a forum for discussion on issues of relevance to audit committees and the wider local government sector.
For further information regarding the workshop, please contact noac@housing.gov.ie.

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