

Public Spending Code

Quality Assurance Report for 2014

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Certification

This Annual Quality Assurance Report reflects Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's assessment of compliance with the Public Spending Code. It is based on the best financial, organisational and performance related information available across the various areas of responsibility.

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Date:

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Chief Executive

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

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Introduction

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (DLR) has completed this Quality Assurance (QA) Report as part of its on-going compliance with the Public Spending Code (PSC).

The Quality Assurance procedure aims to gauge the extent to which DLR meets the obligations set out in the Public Spending Code and contains five steps;

Step 1

Draw up Project Inventory of all projects/ programmes at the different stages of the Project Life Cycle. The 3 stages of the Life Cycle are expenditure being considered, expenditure being incurred and expenditure that has recently ended. The Project Inventory includes all projects/ programmes above €0.5m.

Step 2

Publish summary information on website of all procurements in excess of €10m, whether new, in progress or completed.

Step 3

Complete the 7 checklists contained in the PSC.

Step 4

Carry out a more in-depth check on a small number of selected projects/programmes. The value of projects/programmes subject to the in-depth check should be at least 5% of total value of all projects.

Step 5

Complete Summary report for the National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC) of the above 4 steps and include a note of how any inadequacies identified in the QA process will be addressed.

This report fulfils the fifth requirement of the QA Process for DLR in respect of 2014.

Please note that 2014 is the first year in which the QA process has applied to Local Authorities.

Step 1 - Project Inventory

This section details the Project Inventory drawn up by DLR in accordance with the guidance on the Quality Assurance process.

The Inventory lists all projects and programmes at various stages of the project life cycle with a value greater than €0.5m. This inventory is divided between current and capital projects/ programmes and between three stages:

- Expenditure being considered
- · Expenditure being incurred
- Expenditure that has recently ended

The Inventory lists a total of 125 projects across the 3 stages and cost categories with a total value of €560.135m.

There are 35 projects being considered with a total value of €145.424m.

The location with the greatest expenditure being considered is Cherrywood, which is the single largest undeveloped land-bank in DLR. It is approximately 360 hectares in size and was designated as a SDZ by the Government in May, 2010. DLR currently have 3 infrastructure projects under consideration in this area with a value totaling €52.400m.

There are 77 projects/programmes being incurred with a total value of \in 355.820m. There are 32 capital projects and 45 current expenditure programmes with total values of \in 198.508m and \in 157.312m respectively.

There are 13 projects with a total value of €58.891m that have recently ended.

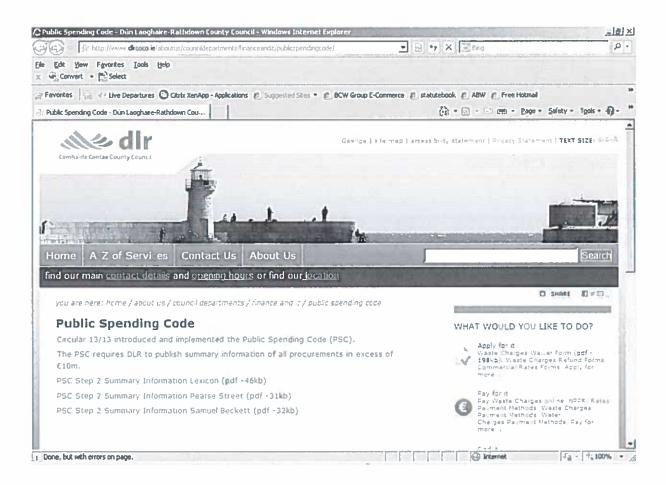
The Project Inventory is included in Appendix A.

Step 2 - Procurements in excess of € 10million

As part of the Quality Assurance process DLR has published summary information on its website of the 3 procurements that were greater than €10m.

Listed below is the link to this page and an illustration of its location.

http://www.dlrcoco.ie/aboutus/councildepartments/financeandit/publicspendingcode/



Step 3 - PSC Checklists

The third step in the QA process involves completing a set of checklists covering all expenditure. The high level checks in Step 3 of the QA process are based on self-assessment by the Council and its agencies/bodies, in respect of guidelines set out in the Public Spending Code.

There are seven checklists in total;

- Checklist 1: General Obligations Not Specific to Individual Projects/Programmes
- Checklist 2: Capital Projects or Capital Grant Schemes Being Considered
- Checklist 3: Current Expenditure Being Considered
- Checklist 4: Capital Expenditure Being Incurred
- Checklist 5: Current Expenditure Being Incurred
- Checklist 6: Capital Expenditure Completed
- Checklist 7: Current Expenditure Completed

A full set of checklists 1-7 was completed by DLR and can be found in Appendix B.

Step 4 - In-Depth Check

DLR's Internal Audit Unit carried out an in-depth check of one project from the Project Inventory.

From the projects being considered category Cherrywood SDZ - Kiltiernan Link Road, a Road Transportation & Safety Capital Project was selected for an in-depth check.

This project represents 9% of the total of DLR's overall inventory value.

No major specific issues of concern came to light during the in-depth check which found an overall general level of compliance with the PSC.

Area Reviewed	Assurance	High	Medium	Low	Recommendations
	Rating				
Cherrywood SDZ -	Adequate		2		2
Kiltiernan Link Rd					

The in-depth check made 2 recommendations as follows;

- DLR should continue to apply a rigorous oversight throughout the project and afterwards to make certain that an appropriate post evaluation review is completed.
- 2. DLR should consider the feasibility of providing a cost benefit analysis within the parameters of a grant application for funding for a road which may be used for bus lanes and cycling facilities.

Both recommendations have been accepted and will be implemented.

Conclusion

The inventory outlined in this report clearly lists the current and capital expenditure that is being considered, being incurred, and that has recently ended.

DLR has published details of all procurements in excess of €10 million on its website.

The checklists completed by DLR shows an adequate level of compliance with the Public Spending Code.

The in-depth check carried out by Internal Audit revealed no major issues which would cast doubt on this Council's compliance with the Code and showed an overall level of compliance with the PSC. Both recommendations arising from the in-depth check were accepted and will be implemented.

The compilation of both the inventory and checklists for the first year of this QA process was a significant co-ordination task in terms of liaising with various Sections, Departments and Directors.

This process of engagement significantly raised the profile of the PSC and its requirements throughout DLR and among the relevant staff.

However, it is acknowledged that additional work is required in order to further incorporate the PSC into the all relevant activities of DLR and ensure a consistent level of compliance throughout all areas of DLR's activities.

A new Directorate for Infrastructure and Climate Change will be established in 2015 and will be responsible for the delivery of the Capital Programme and the management and co-ordination of infrastructure provision within the county. It is envisioned that a single directorship will assist in further embedding best practice in project management, implementing the requirements of the PSC and giving uniformity of process across all capital projects.

The Council is planning to utilise ITC capabilities to centralise and streamline all areas of monitoring and reporting in respect of its capital projects onto a single system. This new ITC system will also contain the suite of PSC requirements, forms and checklists.

While DLR has compiled with the requirements of the PSC in respect of 2014 the above improvements will further enhance our reporting and ensure high levels of compliance with the Public Spending Code in the future.

	Projects	Being Co	nsidered				
Project/Programme Description	Reve	Revenue Expenditure Capital Ex				Expenditure	
Drojects of total value	€0.5m -	€5m -	Over	€0.5m -	€5m -	Over	
Projects of total value	€5m	€20m	€20m	€5m	€20m	€20m	
Housing & Building			14346				
Glendruid Glen Dwellings				0.800			
Road Transportation & Safety							
Bracken Link Road					6.100		
Brennanstown Road				1.000			
Cherrywood SDZ -					W.	50.600	
Kiltiernan Link Rd							
Cherrywood SDZ to Bray				0.800			
walking and cycling link							
Cherrywood SDZ to				1.000		Ì	
Sandyford BD walking &							
cylcing link							
Clay Farm Permeability				0.500		1	
Pedestrian Link to Luas						-	
County Bike Scheme				1.000			
Deepwell, Blackrock				0.750		-	
Pedestrian / Cycle Link							
Dublin Road, Bray (part)					7.000		
Kiltiernan / Glenamuck LAP					5.000		
assoc. works (ex S.49 sch)							
M50 traffic and demand				0.500			
management measures		8					
Monkstown Village - Traffic				1.050			
Improvement Scheme							
N11 Junction Upgrades				2.500			
N11 Loughlinstown				0.500		1	
Roundabout interim works							
Rochestown Avenue					8.000		
Strategic Transportation				0.500			
Studies							
Dun Laoghaire Town Centre				0.500			
Parking and VMS Signs						1	

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Project/Programme Description	Revenue Expenditure			Capital Expenditure		
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Sandyford UFP Traffic Mgmt				3.600		
/ Sustainable Travel						
Shanganagh Road Interim					14.000	
Works						
Stillorgan Village Movement				3.500		
Plan	-0.00					
Traffic / Road Safety					9.951	
Improvement Schemes						
Traffic demand				0.500		
management measures						
Countywide						
Recreation & Amenity					BYISE	
Blackrock Baths				0.600		
Dundrum Library Extension				5.000		
Glenalbyn Pool					11.663	
Shanganagh Castle				0.500		
Preliminary Works					15	
Dún Laoghaire Baths				2.750		
Miscellaneous Services						
Blackrock Main Street				1.000		
Frascati Public Realm						
Cabinteely Public Realm				0.500		
Central Dún Laoghaire	7.	1	1	0.800		
Public Realm						
Cornelscourt Public Realm				0.500		
Dalkey Squareabout Public				0.650		
Realm						
Monkstown Village Public				1.050		
Realm						
Stillorgan Village Public				0.760		
Realm						

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Housing & Building					TOTAL STATE		
Cromlech Close, Kilternan				4.034			
Rochestown House Phase 2		E.		3.977			
Block 1							
A01 Maintenance		8.721					
/Improvement LA Housing							
A02 Housing Assessment,	1.376				1		
Allocation & Transfer							
A03 Housing Rent & TP	1.487				E.		
Administration							
A04 Housing Community	0.648						
Development Support							
A05 Administration of	1.779						
Homeless Service							
A06 Support to Housing	3.642						
Capital & Affordable				řá.			
Programme							
A07 RAS Programme		8.335					
A08 Housing Loans	2.229						
A09 Housing Grants	1.269						
Road Transportation &					35 - 1		
Safety							
Burton Hall Road Extension				3.000			
ESB Link Road					7.600		
Frascati Road, Blackrock				4.000			
Leopardstown Link Road &					8.000		
Roundabout Reconfiguration							
Traffic Improvement					9.000		
Schemes (Walking &							
Cycling)							
DMURS Minor Junctions etc.				1.050			

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	Stream	!				8.600		
Minor Drainage	Minor Drainage					10.000		
Improvements SW 10.000	Improvements SW					10.000		
Old Conna Ave drainage	Old Conna Ave drainage				4.500			
scheme 1.568	scheme				1.568			

	Projects Being Incurred							
Project/Programme Description	Revenue Expenditure			Capital Expenditure				
Projects of total value	€0.5m -	€5m -	Over	€0.5m -	€5m -	Over		
Projects of total value	€5m	€20m	€20m	€5m	€20m	€20m		
C01 Operation and								
Maintenance of Water		5.311						
Supply								
C02 Operation and								
Maintenance of Waste		6.444						
Water Treatment								
C06 Support to Water	0.531							
Capital Programme	0.551							
Development					農業員			
Management								
D01 Forward Planning	2.065							
D02 Development	4.477	G.			9			
Management	4.477							
D03 Enforcement	0.790							
D06 Community &	0.675		7					
Enterprise Function	0.075							
D08 Building Control	0.887							
D09 Economic Development	2.222							
& Promotion	2.222							
D10 Property Management	0.866							
Environmental Services		# W * 12						
Dublin Region Waste to					16.340			
Energy Facility					10.540			
Smart Bins				1.775				
Waste Management			1	0.636				
Settlement		Falls STEE SA		0.030		3.		
Deansgrange Cemetery				1.075				
Projects				1.073				
E01 Operation, Maintenance	4.926	S			9			
and Aftercare of Landfill	7.520							
E02 Op & Mtee of Recovery	1.603							
& Recycling Facilities	1.003							
E04 Provision of Waste to	0.780							

Collection Services						
	Project	s Being I	ncurred			
Project/Programme Description	Reve	nue Expend	liture	Сар	ital Expend	iture
Projects of total value	€0.5m -	€5m -	Over	€0.5m -	€5m -	Over
Trojects of total value	€5m	€20m	€20m	€5m	€20m	€20m
E05 Litter Management	1.553					
E06 Street Cleaning		5.679				
E07 Waste Regulations,	0.803					
Monitoring and Enforcement	0.803					
E09 Maintenance and	1.989					
Upkeep of Burial Grounds	1.909					
E11 Operation of Fire		13.887				
Services		13.007				
Recreation & Amenity						
Dun Laoghaire Baths				1.940		
Interim Works Phase I				1.540		
Marlay House & Park Phase				0.523		
4				0.525		
Marlay Park Courtyard			3	0.750		
Phase Two				0.730		
Park Lodge Peoples Park				2.526		
Quinn's Road Shankill				1.550		
Indoor Sports Hall				1.550		
Uplands Projects				0.660		
Blackrock Baths				0.600		
Dun Laoghaire Harbour			2	1 500		
"Badeschiff" Project				1.500		
Estate Management				1.879		
Lexicon - Central Library &						43.649
Cultural Centre						43.648
Samual Beckett Civic					16 212	
Campus Phase 1					16.212	
F02 Operation of Library		6.014				
and Archive Services		6.811				
F03 Op. Mtee & Imp of		11.595				
Outdoor Leisure Areas		11.353				

	Project	s Being I	ncurred			Days
Project/Programme Description	Reve	nue Expend	iture	Capi	tal Expendi	ture
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Projects of total value	€5m	€20m	€20m	€5m	€20m	€20m
F04 Community Sports and	2.504					
Recreation Development	2.304					
F05 Operation of Arts	2.756					
Programme	2.750					
F06 Agency & Recoupable	1.322					
Services	1.022					
Agriculture, Education,		3.2.E.L		it bin		
Health & Welfare						
G05 Educational Support	1.374					
Services						
Miscellaneous Services						
Metals Phase 2				0.665		
H03 Administration of Rates		13.012				
H04 Franchise Costs	0.788					
H09 Local Representation	1.819					
/Civic Leadership	1.015					
H11 Agency & Recoupable	2,429					
Services	2.423					
	Projects	Recently	y Ended			
Project/Programme Description	Reve	nue Expend	liture	Capi	tal Expend	iture
Projects of total value	€0.5m -	€5m -	Over	€0.5m -	€5m -	Over
	€5m	€20m	€20m	€5m	€20m	€20m
Housing & Building			use of			
Rochestown House Refurb &				1.025		
Construction				Street Carlos		
Pearse Street Dwellings					18.694	
St Nathy's House Energy	e d		1	0.925		
Works					16	
Monkstown Avenue				0.524		9
(Soldier&Sailors)				J.J.2		

Projects Recently Ended								
Project/Programme Description	Revenue Expenditure			Capital Expenditure				
Projects of total value	€0.5m -	€5m -	Over	€0.5m -	€5m -	Over		
Projects of total value	€5m	€20m	€20m	€5m	€20m	€20m		
Road Transportation &		1			SHARE			
Safety								
Braemor Road								
Enhancement Scheme				3.782				
2013-14			;					
Environmental Services								
Shanganagh Special Works				1.313				
Recreation & Amenity	THE A R					Mina?		
Marlay Park Tamplins				0.587				
Cottage				0.567				
Purchase of Fernhill House				4.276				
& Gardens				4.270				
Marlay Park Golf Pavilion				1.011				
Marlay Park				1.000				
Loughlinstown Pool &					7.922			
Centre Upgrade					7.922			
Dun Laoghaire Bowling Club				1.415				
Miscellaneous Services				fore trib				
Ballyogan Depot					16.417			

Checklist 1 – To be completed by All Local Authorities

General Obligations not specific to individual projects/programmes	Self- Assessed Compliance Rating: 0 - 4	Comment/Action Required
Does the Local Authority ensure, on an ongoing basis that appropriate people within the Local Authority and in its agencies are aware of the requirements of the Public Spending Code?	2	The requirements of the Public Spending Code brought to the attention of relevant staff in 2014.
Has there been participation by relevant staff in external training on the Public Spending Code (i.e. DPER)	0	Training requested. None Provided. On-going requests from relevant staff for external training.
Has Internal training on the Public Spending Code been provided to relevant staff?	2	All documents, guidelines and notes issued by NOAC were supplied to the relevant staff.
Has the Public Spending Code been adapted for the type of project/programme that your Local Authority is responsible for? i.e. have adapted guidelines been developed?	2	A specific Guidance Note was developed for the Local Government Sector in relation to the QA process. New structures being put in place to help adapt guidelines for DLR.
Has the Local Authority in its role as Sanctioning Authority satisfied itself that agencies that it funds comply with the Public Spending Code?	n/a	
Have recommendations from previous Quality Assurance exercises (incl. old Spot-Checks) been disseminated, where appropriate, within the Local Authority and to your agencies?	2	Dissemination of recommendations is usual.
Have recommendations from previous Quality Assurance exercises been acted upon?	2	In the main.
Has an annual Public Spending Code Quality Assurance Report been submitted to the National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC)?	4	Yes - Submitted
Was the required sample subjected to a more in-depth Review i.e. as per Step 4 of the QA process?	4	Yes – In-depth review carried out
Has the Accounting Officer signed off on the	4	Yes.

Checklist 2: - to be completed in respect of capital projects or capital programme/grant scheme that is or was under consideration in the past year.

Capital Expenditure being considered – Appraisal and Approval	Self-Assessed Compliance Rating: 0 - 4	Comment/Action Required
Was a Preliminary Appraisal undertaken for all projects > €5m	3	Needs Assessments and Business Cases used when making preliminary appraisal of projects.
Was an appropriate appraisal method used in respect of each capital project or capital programme/grant scheme?	3	Yes.
Was a CBA/CEA completed for all projects exceeding €20m?	0	A cost benefit analysis is not a requirement when developing a planning scheme for a Strategic Development Zone.
Was the appraisal process commenced at an early stage to facilitate decision making? (i.e. prior to the decision)	3	
Was an Approval in Principle granted by the Sanctioning Authority for all projects before they entered the Planning and Design Phase (e.g. procurement)?	4	Approval In Principle required for Housing Grants.
If a CBA/CEA was required was it submitted to the CEEU for their view?	n/a	
Were the NDFA Consulted for projects costing more than €20m?	n/a	
Were all projects that went forward for tender in line with the Approval in Principle and if not was the detailed appraisal revisited and a fresh Approval in Principle granted?	n/a	
Was approval granted to proceed to tender?	4	
Were Procurement Rules complied with?	4	
Were State Aid rules checked for all supports?	4	α
Were the tenders received in line with the Approval in Principle in terms of cost and what is expected to be delivered?	n/a	
Were Performance Indicators specified for each project/programme which will allow for the evaluation of its efficiency and effectiveness?	0	
Have steps been put in place to gather the Performance Indicator data?	0	
Self-Assessed Ratings: 0 - Not Done, 1 - < 50% compliant, 2 - 50-75% Cor	mpliant, 3 - > 75% C	ompliant, 4 - 100% Compliant

Checklist 3: - New Current expenditure or expansion of existing current expenditure under consideration.

Current Expenditure being considered – Appraisal and Approval	Self-Assessed Compliance Rating: 0 - 4	Comment/Action Required
Were objectives clearly set?	n/a	2014 Expenditure was considered as part of 2013 Budget process.
Are objectives measurable in quantitative terms?	n/a	2014 Expenditure was considered as part of 2013 Budget process.
Was an appropriate appraisal method used?	n/a	2014 Expenditure was considered as part of 2013 Budget process.
Was a business case incorporating financial and economic appraisal prepared for new current expenditure?	n/a	2014 Expenditure was considered as part of 2013 Budget process.
Has an assessment of likely demand for the new scheme/scheme extension been estimated based on empirical evidence?	n/a	2014 Expenditure was considered as part of 2013 Budget process.
Was the required approval granted?	n/a	2014 Expenditure was considered as part of 2013 Budget process.
Has a sunset clause been set?	n/a	2014 Expenditure was considered as part of 2013 Budget process.
Has a date been set for the pilot and its evaluation?	n/a	2014 Expenditure was considered as part of 2013 Budget process.
Have the methodology and data collection requirements for the pilot been agreed at the outset of the scheme?	n/a	2014 Expenditure was considered as part of 2013 Budget process.
If outsourcing was involved were Procurement Rules complied with?	n/a	2014 Expenditure was considered as part of 2013 Budget process.
Were Performance Indicators specified for each new current expenditure proposal or expansion of existing current expenditure which will allow for the evaluation of its efficiency and effectiveness?	n/a	2014 Expenditure was considered as part of 2013 Budget process.
Have steps been put in place to gather the Performance Indicator data?	n/a	2014 Expenditure was considered as part of 2013 Budget process.

Checklist 4: - Complete if your organisation had capital projects/programmes that were incurring expenditure during the year under review.

Incurring Capital Expenditure	Self-Assessed Compliance Rating: 0 - 4	Comment/Action Required
Was the contract signed and was it in line with the approval in principle?	4	Yes.
Did management boards/steering committees meet regularly as agreed?	4	Yes. Management Team and Public Infrastructure Steering Committee held regular meetings.
Were Programme Co-ordinators appointed to co-ordinate implementation?	4	Yes.
Were Programme Mangers responsible for delivery, appointed and were the Project Managers at a suitable senior level for the scale of the project?	4	Yes.
Were monitoring reports prepared regularly, showing implantation against plan budget, timescales and quality?	3	High compliance.
Did the project keep within its financial budget and its time schedule?	3	Majority did.
Did budgets have to be adjusted?	3	At times.
Were decisions on changes to budgets/time schedules made promptly?	3	In the main.
Did circumstances ever warrant questioning the viability of the project and the business case incl. CBA/CEA? (exceeding budget, lack of progress, changes in the environment, new evidence)	n/a	Did not arise.
If circumstances did warrant questioning the viability of a project was the project subjected to adequate examination?	n/a	Did not arise.
If costs increased was approval received from the Sanctioning Authority?	4	Yes.
Were any projects terminated because of deviations from the plan, the budget or because circumstances in the environment changed the need for the investment?	n/a	Did not arise.
For significant projects were quarterly reports on progress submitted to the MAC (Management Team) and to the Minister?	4	MT receives monthly reports and reports submitted to other Bodies as required.
Self-Assessed Ratings: 0 - Not Done, 1 - < 50% compliant, 2 - 50-75% Comp	oliant, 3 - > 75% Co	ompliant, 4 - 100% Compliant

Checklist 5: - For Current Expenditure

Incurring Current Expenditure	Self-Assessed Compliance Rating: 0 - 4	Comment/Action Required
Are there clear objectives for all areas of current expenditure?	3	Outlined in Annual Budget, Department Business plans, Annual works programmes, Service Delivery Plan and Performance Indicators.
Are outputs well defined?	3	Budget Review, Correspondence with users (CRM), Corporate Plan – Action Plan 2015 – 2019, PMDS, Annual Report & Performance Indicators Report.
Are outputs quantified on a regular basis?	3	Targets, Goals & Objectives are established at the start of each year and are monitored on an on-going and continuous basis throughout the year through regular scheduled meetings and through continuous contact with relevant staff within departments.
Is there a method for monitoring efficiency on an ongoing basis?	3	Agresso Financial Management System, Stakeholder Meetings. Correspondence with users (CRM), Corporate Plan – Action Plan 2015 – 2019, PMDS, Annual Report & Performance Indicators Report
Are outcomes well defined?	3	Yes in the Department Business Plans, Annual Works Programmes and the Service Delivery Plan.
Are outcomes quantified on a regular basis?	3	Through regular reviews of performance.
Is there a method for monitoring effectiveness on an on-going basis?	3	Structured departmental meetings held to assess and review performance against targets, goals & objectives. The National Performance Indicators the Council's performance is measured against other authorities. The Council's Service Delivery Plan also specifies objectives for the Department.

Appendix B -

How many formal VFMs/FPAs or other evaluations been completed in the year under review? (Focussed Policy Assessment)	0	n/a
Is there an annual process in plan to plan for new VFMs. FPAs and evaluations?	0	n/a
Have all VFMs/FPAs been published in a timely manner?	0	n/a
Is there a process to follow up on the recommendations of previous VPMs/FPAs and other evaluations?	0	n/a
How have the recommendations of VFMs,FPAs and other evaluations informed resource allocation decisions?	0	n/a
Self-Assessed Ratings:		

^{0 -} Not Done, 1 - < 50% compliant, 2 - 50-75% Compliant, 3 - > 75% Compliant, 4 - 100% Compliant

Checklist 6: - to be completed if capital projects were completed during the year or if capital programmes/grant schemes matured or were discontinued.

Capital Expenditure Completed	Self-Assessed Compliance Rating: 0 – 4	Comment/Action Required
How many post-project reviews were completed in the year under review?	2	Informal post-project review carried out on projects but limited full reviews carried out.
Was a post project review completed for all projects/programmes exceeding €20m?	n/a	No projects over €20m to review.
If sufficient time has not elapsed to allow a proper assessment of benefits has a post project review been scheduled for a future date?	4	
Were lessons learned from post-project reviews disseminated within the Sponsoring Agency and to the Sanctioning Authority?	4	
Were changes made to the Sponsoring Agencies practices in light of lessons learned from post-project reviews?	4	
Was project review carried out by staffing resources independent of project implementation?	1	Many of the reviews were carried out by project staff

0 - Not Done, **1** - < 50% compliant, **2** - 50-75% Compliant, **3** - > 75% Compliant, **4** - 100% Compliant

Checklist 7: - to be completed if current expenditure programmes that reached the end of their planned timeframe during the year or were discontinued.

Current Expenditure that (i) reached the end of its planned timeframe or (ii) Was discontinued	Self-Assessed Compliance Rating: 0 - 4	Comment/Action Required
Were reviews carried out of, current expenditure programmes that matured during the year or were discontinued?	n/a	No services ceased in 2014
Did those reviews reach conclusions on whether the programmes were effective?	n/a	No services ceased in 2014
Did those reviews reach conclusions on whether the programmes were efficient?	n/a	No services ceased in 2014
Have the conclusions reached been taken into account in related areas of expenditure?	n/a	No services ceased in 2014
Were any programmes discontinued following a review of a current expenditure programme?	n/a	No services ceased in 2014
Was the review commenced and completed within a period of 6 months?	n/a	No services ceased in 2014
Self-Assessed Ratings: 0 - Not Done, 1 - < 50% compliant, 2 - 50-75% Compliant, 3 - > 75% Compliant, 4 - 100% Compliant		