Kilkenny County Council Audit Committee Report

pursuant to section 121 of the Local Government Act (as amended by section 60 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014).

The audit committee was provided with a copy of the 2016 audited financial statement and auditor's report by the Chief Executive on 4th October 2017. The audit committee considered the statement and auditor's report at a meeting on the 9th October 2017.

The auditor's opinion is that the annual financial statement has been prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice and Accounting Regulations for local authorities, presents fairly the financial position of the Kilkenny County Council at 31st December 2016 and its income and expenditure for the year then ended.

The local government auditor who conducted the audit attended a meeting of the audit committee on the 9th October 2017 and provided further clarifications on the report findings and the overall audit opinion. The committees deliberations included a review of managements responses to audit findings and related matters.

Based on these deliberations, the committee consider that the following be brought to the attention of the Council:

- The audit committee noted the auditors comments and management responses in relation to special development contributions.
- The audit committee noted the auditors comments and management responses in relation to the completion of a property register.
- The audit committee noted the auditors comments and management responses in relation to procurement and purchasing compliance.

The committee wishes to confirm that the report contents, management responses, management letter and follow up actions will inform the audit committees work programme and specific audit reviews which may be undertaken in the future.

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