

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 2017 audited financial statement and auditor's report by the Chief Executive on 6th September 2017. The audit committee considered the statement and auditor's report at a meeting on the 17th September 2018.

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 2017 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 17th September 2018 and provided further information on the report findings and the overall audit opinion. The committee's deliberations included a review of management's 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 auditor's comments and management responses in relation to development contributions.
- The audit committee noted the auditor's comments and management responses in relation to the completion of a property register and the long term use of 75/76 John St.
- The audit committee noted the auditor's 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 committee's work programme and specific audit reviews which may be undertaken in the future.

Mr. Joe Allen

A/Chairperson of Kilkenny County Council Audit Committee