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Public Spending Code - Quality Assurance Reporting 2020

Dear Chief Executive,

Thank you for submitting the 2019 Quality Assurance reports required under the Public Spending Code to NOAC in accordance with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (D/PER).

The Report was published on 23 December 2020 and is available on the NOAC website at https://noac.ie/noac_publications/report-27-public-spending-code-report-2019/

Accompanying this letter is the updated Guidance Note for the Local Government Sector on the Public Spending Code (PSC) Quality Assurance Requirements from the CCMA.

For ease of reference the updates to the guidance are as follows:

- Introduction paragraphs amended to reference the revised Project Lifecycle set out in the revised PSC
- Replacement of Capital Checklists No 2 and 6 to align with the DPER version.
- Replacement of Project Inventory to align with the DPER version

Also accompanying this letter are the:

- New DPER Checklist
- New DPER Inventory

NOAC requests that you review any issues that require a change of practice or other action as referred to in the in-depth reviews carried out by your authority, or that arose in completing the checklists and make the necessary arrangements for improvements in those areas. If you are one of the minority of authorities, who had not yet published the 2019 QA report on your website, you should now arrange for its publication.

The deadline for submission of the 2020 QA report is Friday 28 May 2021. The inventory is to be completed and returned as EXCEL spreadsheets in the attached format. The checklists should be completed and returned as a WORD document. Please note the following:

- Only the Excel and Word documents provided by DPER should be returned and they should be editable with whole unrounded figures recorded i.e. €1,000,058.00 not “€1m”.
- Cells and headings should not be amended or moved.



- Additional cells or headings should not be inserted into the documents. Any additional information should be provided by way of a detailed note.
- If there is no information to provide for a particular question this should be left blank or marked as n/a where indicated.

Submissions that do not follow the above will be returned.

Please ensure that the required documents are submitted by email to info@noac.ie by the deadline of Friday 28 May 2021.

Thank you again for your co-operation in this matter.

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Cc: Local Authority Public Spending Code QA staff from 2019 report.