

National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC)
Minutes of the Meeting – Friday 27 November 2020 at 12:00pm

Venue: Remote Meeting via WebEx Meeting Platform

Attended by:

Chairperson: Michael McCarthy

Members:	Martina Moloney	Constance Hanniffy
	Mary Hurley	Brian Cawley
	Margaret Lane	Niall Quinn

Secretariat:	John McCarthy	Neill Dalton
	Colin Flood	Darren Browne

1. Approval of draft Performance Indicator Report 2019;

The WG2 Chair provided an overview of the composition of the draft report to the board. Producing the report faced difficulties including the Cork boundary change, Secretariat staff shortages and the continuing Covid-19 situation. In light of Covid-19, local authorities were permitted more time to submit returns. With greater numbers of LA staff working from home, queries inevitably took longer to resolve. The WG Chair discussed the trends found in the report such as housing loans, collection rates, homelessness, property inspection target rates and waste management. This year the WG chose to validate 6 local authorities remotely via video conferencing and were satisfied with the accuracy of the data.

The Members discussed how local authorities use the report. This has been a topic discussed during profile meetings while being mindful not to interfere in how local authorities prioritise their work. It was noted that making comparisons across local authorities can be difficult and needs to be done fairly. The board held a discussion on

the roads and economic development indicators and how best they can be communicated. They also discussed the future direction and make-up of the report and as to whether it could be split into separate reports.

The Board expressed their thanks to the WG and the Secretariat for their efforts in producing the report. They also expressed their appreciation to the LGMA, the local authority data co-ordinators and the Department of Enterprise for their efforts.

The report will be circulated to the local authorities, the Joint Oireachtas Committee, the Department Minister and the CCMA,

The members agreed the report subject to the finalisation by the Secretariat. Any editorial issues will be shared with the Secretariat.

2. Next Meeting Dates;

The Board agreed to reschedule their next board meeting to the 16 December.