

10 March 2023

Public Spending Code - Quality Assurance Report 2022

Dear Chief Executive

Thank you for submitting the 2021 Quality Assurance reports required under the Public Spending Code to NOAC in accordance with the requirements set out by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DPER).

The Report was published November 2022 and is available on the NOAC website at https://noac.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Public-Spending-Code-Report-2021.pdf.

For this year, the requirements are similar. Accompanying this letter is the:

- CCMA Guidance Note for the Local Government Sector on the Public Spending Code(PSC) Quality Assurance Requirements Version 4
- DPER: Public Spending Code Checklists 1-7
- DPER: Inventory Spreadsheets for
 - o Expenditure being Considered Greater than €0.5m (Capital and Current).
 - o Expenditure being Incurred Greater than €0.5m (Capital and Current).
 - Projects/Programs Completed or discontinued in the reference year Greater than €0.5m (Capital and Current).

DPER have confirmed that no changes have been made since last year's report and therefore, no update is required to the documentation or guidelines.

If you have any queries on the methodology of the Public Spending Code please contact finance&business@lgma.ie

The deadline for submission of the 2022 QA report is Wednesday 31 May 2023.

The inventory spreadsheets are to be completed and returned as <u>EXCEL</u> spreadsheets in the attached format.

The Public Spending Code checklists 1-7 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 criteria will be returned.

Please ensure that the required documents are submitted by email to info@noac.ie by the deadline of Wednesday 31 May 2023.

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

Yours faithfully

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