

To: The Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council

Audit Committee Self-Assessment

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At its meeting of 13th February, 2018, the Audit Committee carried out a review of its own effectiveness in accordance with Section 13 of the Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations, 2014.

The Committee was satisfied with its role; functions and responsibilities; together with the resources and skills provided by, and to, the Committee. The Committee was also satisfied with the scope and scale of the activities carried out by it in conjunction with the Internal Audit function within the Council.

As part of the review the Committee noted and discussed the following issues that need to be addressed:

1. The lack of gender balance on the Committee with only one of the seven members being female;
2. The levels of attendance by Audit Committee members at meetings (see Appendix 1 attached);
3. Succession planning for the future such as by staggering or varying the length of the terms of membership of each of the members to provide for carry-over of experience to the term after mid-2019 when a new committee will be appointed. This is provided for in the Guidance for Audit Committees in Local Authorities (June 2014) and is considered essential to ensure the necessary balance of members on a new committee with the required skills and experience to discharge its responsibilities effectively, particularly with the appointment of a new Committee in mid-2019.

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**John Field,
Chair of Audit Committee.**

26th February, 2018.

Appendix 1. Limerick City and County Council Audit Committee, Attendance at Meetings

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL AUDIT COMMITTEE								
ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS								
Date of Meeting	Councillor Jerome Scanlan	Councillor James Collins	Councillor Shane Clifford	Councillor Joe Pond (appointed on 23/03/16)	Tony O'Brien	Brid Quinn	Damien Clancy	John Field
02/12/2014	Yes	Yes	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
28/01/2015	Yes	Yes	No		Yes	Yes	No	Yes
11/02/2015	No	No	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
08/05/2015	No	No	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
02/07/2015	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	No	Yes
23/09/2015	No	No	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11/12/2015	Yes	No	No		Yes	Yes	No	Yes
19/02/2016	No	No	Resigned from Council		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
25/04/2016	Yes	No		No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
20/06/2016	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
12/09/2016	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
14/12/2016	Yes	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
22/03/2017	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
21/06/2017	Yes	No		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
20/09/2017	No	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
14/12/2017	Yes	No		Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
13/02/2018	Yes	No		Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
No. Attended	12	7	3	6	16	15	11	16
No. of Meetings	17	17	7	9	17	17	17	17
% Attendance	71%	41%	43%	67%	94%	88%	65%	94%