



# Local Authority Environmental Performance Assessment Report

2014 - 2016 Report

Laois County Council

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# Introduction

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The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has designed a Performance Framework to measure the performance of local authorities in delivering their environmental enforcement activities. Local authorities have provided data annually and the EPA has reported on the Framework since 2014.

The purpose of the Framework is to assist local authorities in implementing programmes of continual improvement in the areas of environmental enforcement and inspection. By providing local and national comparative data, a local authority can benchmark their own enforcement processes and plan for making performance improvements.

The EPA has published two previous reports, in 2015 and 2016, on Local Authority Environmental Enforcement Performance. These reports summarise and grade the performance of local authorities' enforcement activities compared to a baseline performance level. Most recently, the EPA published the 2017 report that looks at trends over the three-year cycle (2014 to 2016).

A series of individual local authority Environmental Performance Assessment Reports have now been prepared for the three-year timeframe.

Further details regarding the Framework and copies of the annual reports and individual local authority Assessment Reports are available on the EPA website at <http://www.epa.ie/enforcement/pa/performanceframework/>

## **Purpose of this Report**

This report presents the overall environmental enforcement assessment for Laois County Council. It also includes the contextual and source data upon which the assessment is based and provides a comparison with the assessments from 2014 and 2015.

In addition, summary information regarding the assessment methodology is also included.