



Compliance Audit Return 2023

Commercial Enterprises by Local Governments		
No	Reference	Question
1	s3.59(2)(a) F&G Regs 7,9,10 YES	Has the local government prepared a business plan for each major trading undertaking that was not exempt in 2023?
2	s3.59(2)(b) F&G Regs 7,8A, 8, 10 YES	Has the local government prepared a business plan for each major land transaction that was not exempt in 2023?
3	s3.59(2)(c) F&G Regs 7,8A, 8,10 YES	Has the local government prepared a business plan before entering into each land transaction that was preparatory to entry into a major land transaction in 2023?
4	s3.59(4) YES	Has the local government complied with public notice and publishing requirements for each proposal to commence a major trading undertaking or enter into a major land transaction or a land transaction that is preparatory to a major land transaction for 2023?
5	s3.59(5) N/A DID NOT PROCEED	During 2023, did the council resolve to proceed with each major land transaction or trading undertaking by absolute majority?

Delegation of Power/Duty		
No	Reference	Question
1	s5.16 (1) N/A	Were all delegations to committees resolved by absolute majority?
2	s5.16 (2) N/A	Were all delegations to committees in writing?
3	s5.17 N/A	Were all delegations to committees within the limits specified in section 5.17 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> ?
4	s5.18 N/A	Were all delegations to committees recorded in a register of delegations?
5	s5.18 N/A	Has council reviewed delegations to its committees in the 2022/2023 financial year?
6	s5.42(1) & s5.43 Admin Reg 18G YES	Did the powers and duties delegated to the CEO exclude those listed in section 5.43 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> ?
7	s5.42(1) YES	Were all delegations to the CEO resolved by an absolute majority?
8	s5.42(2) YES	Were all delegations to the CEO in writing?
9	s5.44(2) YES	Were all delegations by the CEO to any employee in writing?
10	s5.16(3)(b) & s5.45(1)(b) N/A	Were all decisions by the council to amend or revoke a delegation made by absolute majority?
11	s5.46(1) YES	Has the CEO kept a register of all delegations made under Division 4 of the Act to the CEO and to employees?
12	s5.46(2) YES	Were all delegations made under Division 4 of the Act reviewed by the delegator at least once during the 2022/2023 financial year?
13	s5.46(3) Admin Reg 19 YES	Did all persons exercising a delegated power or duty under the Act keep, on all occasions, a written record in accordance with Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, regulation 19?

Disclosure of Interest		
No	Reference	Question
1	s5.67 YES	Where a council member disclosed an interest in a matter and did not have participation approval under sections 5.68 or 5.69 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> , did the council member ensure that they did not remain present to participate in discussion or decision making relating to the matter?
2	s5.68(2) & s5.69(5) Admin Reg 21A YES	Were all decisions regarding participation approval, including the extent of participation allowed and, where relevant, the information required by the Local



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			Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 regulation 21A, recorded in the minutes of the relevant council or committee meeting?
3	s5.73	YES	Were disclosures under sections 5.65, 5.70 or 5.71A(3) of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which the disclosures were made?
4	s5.75 Admin Reg 22, Form 2	YES	Was a primary return in the prescribed form lodged by all relevant persons within three months of their start day?
5	s5.76 Admin Reg 23, Form 3	YES	Was an annual return in the prescribed form lodged by all relevant persons by 31 August 2023?
6	s5.77	YES	On receipt of a primary or annual return, did the CEO, or the Mayor/President, give written acknowledgment of having received the return?
7	s5.88(1) & (2)(a)	YES	Did the CEO keep a register of financial interests which contained the returns lodged under sections 5.75 and 5.76 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> ?
8	s5.88(1) & (2)(b) Admin Reg 28	YES	Did the CEO keep a register of financial interests which contained a record of disclosures made under sections 5.65, 5.70, 5.71 and 5.71A of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> , in the form prescribed in the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, regulation 28?
9	s5.88(3)	YES	When a person ceased to be a person required to lodge a return under sections 5.75 and 5.76 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> , did the CEO remove from the register all returns relating to that person?
10	s5.88(4)	YES	Have all returns removed from the register in accordance with section 5.88(3) of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> been kept for a period of at least five years after the person who lodged the return(s) ceased to be a person required to lodge a return?
11	s5.89A(1), (2) & (3) Admin Reg 28A	YES	Did the CEO keep a register of gifts which contained a record of disclosures made under sections 5.87A and 5.87B of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> , in the form prescribed in the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, regulation 28A?
12	s5.89A(5) & (5A)	YES	Did the CEO publish an up-to-date version of the gift register on the local government's website?
13	s5.89A(6)	YES	When people cease to be a person who is required to make a disclosure under section 5.87A or 5.87B of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> , did the CEO remove from the register all records relating to those people?
14	s5.89A(7)	YES	Have copies of all records removed from the register under section 5.89A(6) of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> been kept for a period of at least five years after the person ceases to be a person required to make a disclosure?
15	s5.70(2) & (3)	YES	Where an employee had an interest in any matter in respect of which the employee provided advice or a report directly to council or a committee, did that person disclose the nature and extent of that interest when giving the advice or report?
16	s5.71A & s5.71B(5)	N/A	Where council applied to the Minister to allow the CEO to provide advice or a report to which a disclosure under s5.71A(1) of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> relates, did the application include details of the nature of the interest disclosed and any other information required by the Minister for the purposes of the application?
17	s5.71B(6) & s5.71B(7)	N/A	Was any decision made by the Minister under subsection 5.71B(6) of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> recorded in the minutes of the council meeting at which the decision was considered?
18	s5.104(1)	YES	Did the local government prepare and adopt, by absolute majority, a code of conduct to be observed by council members, committee members and candidates that incorporates the model code of conduct?
19	s5.104(3) & (4)	N/A	Did the local government adopt additional requirements in addition to the model code of conduct? If yes, does it comply with section 5.104(3) and (4) of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> ?
20	s5.104(7)	YES	Has the CEO published an up-to-date version of the code of conduct for council members, committee members and candidates on the local government's website?
21	s5.51A(1) & (3)	YES	Has the CEO prepared and implemented a code of conduct to be observed by employees of the local government? If yes, has the CEO published an up-to-date version of the code of conduct for employees on the local government's website?



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Disposal of Property		
No	Reference	Question
1	s3.58(3) YES	Where the local government disposed of property other than by public auction or tender, did it dispose of the property in accordance with section 3.58(3) of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> (unless section 3.58(5) applies)?
2	s3.58(4) YES	Where the local government disposed of property under section 3.58(3) of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> , did it provide details, as prescribed by section 3.58(4) in the required local public notice for each disposal of property?

Elections		
No	Reference	Question
1	Elect Regs 30G(1) & (2) YES	Did the CEO establish and maintain an electoral gift register and ensure that all disclosure of gifts forms completed by candidates and donors and received by the CEO were placed on the electoral gift register at the time of receipt by the CEO and in a manner that clearly identifies and distinguishes the forms relating to each candidate in accordance with regulations 30G(1) and 30G(2) of the Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997?
2	Elect Regs 30G(3) & (4) N/A	Did the CEO remove any disclosure of gifts forms relating to an unsuccessful candidate, or a successful candidate that completed their term of office, from the electoral gift register, and retain those forms separately for a period of at least two years in accordance with regulation 30G(4) of the Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997?
3	Elect Regs 30G(5) & (6) YES	Did the CEO publish an up-to-date version of the electoral gift register on the local government's official website in accordance with regulation 30G(5) of the Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997?

Finance		
No	Reference	Question
1	s7.1A YES	Has the local government established an audit committee and appointed members by absolute majority in accordance with section 7.1A of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> ?
2	s7.1B N/A	Where the council delegated to its audit committee any powers or duties under Part 7 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> , did it do so by absolute majority?
3	s7.9(1) YES	Was the auditor's report for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 received by the local government by 31 December 2023?
4	s7.12A(3) YES	Where the local government determined that matters raised in the auditor's report prepared under section 7.9(1) of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> required action to be taken, did the local government ensure that appropriate action was undertaken in respect of those matters?
5	s7.12A(4)(a) & (4)(b) YES	Where matters identified as significant were reported in the auditor's report, did the local government prepare a report that stated what action the local government had taken or intended to take with respect to each of those matters? Was a copy of the report given to the Minister within three months of the audit report being received by the local government?
6	s7.12A(5) YES	Within 14 days after the local government gave a report to the Minister under section 7.12A(4)(b) of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> , did the CEO publish a copy of the report on the local government's official website?
7	Audit Reg 10(1) YES	Was the auditor's report for the financial year ending 30 June 2023 received by the local government within 30 days of completion of the audit?



Integrated Planning and Reporting		
No	Reference	Question
1	Admin Reg 19C YES	Has the local government adopted by absolute majority a strategic community plan? If Yes, please provide the adoption date or the date of the most recent review in the Comments section?
2	Admin Reg 19DA(1) & (4) 20/4/2022	Has the local government adopted by absolute majority a corporate business plan? If Yes, please provide the adoption date or the date of the most recent review in the Comments section?
3	Admin Reg 19DA(2) & (3) YES	Does the corporate business plan comply with the requirements of Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 19DA(2) & (3)?

Local Government Employees		
No	Reference	Question
1	s5.36(4) & s5.37(3) Admin Reg 18A YES	Were all CEO and/or senior employee vacancies advertised in accordance with Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, regulation 18A?
2	Admin Reg 18E NIA	Was all information provided in applications for the position of CEO true and accurate?
3	Admin Reg 18F NIA	Was the remuneration and other benefits paid to a CEO on appointment the same remuneration and benefits advertised for the position under section 5.36(4) of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> ?
4	s5.37(2) YES	Did the CEO inform council of each proposal to employ or dismiss senior employee?
5	s5.37(2) NIA	Where council rejected a CEO's recommendation to employ or dismiss a senior employee, did it inform the CEO of the reasons for doing so?

Official Conduct		
No	Reference	Question
1	s5.120 YES	Has the local government designated an employee to be its complaints officer?
2	s5.121(1) & (2) YES	Has the complaints officer for the local government maintained a register of complaints which records all complaints that resulted in a finding under section 5.110(2)(a) of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> ?
3	S5.121(2) YES	Does the complaints register include all information required by section 5.121(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> ?
4	s5.121(3) YES	Has the CEO published an up-to-date version of the register of the complaints on the local government's official website?



Optional Questions		
No	Reference	Question
1	Financial Management Reg 5(2)(c) YES 29/7/20	Did the CEO review the appropriateness and effectiveness of the local government's financial management systems and procedures in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 regulations 5(2)(c) within the three financial years prior to 31 December 2023? If yes, please provide the date of council's resolution to accept the report.
2	Audit Reg 17 YES 15/2/23	Did the CEO review the appropriateness and effectiveness of the local government's systems and procedures in relation to risk management, internal control and legislative compliance in accordance with Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996 regulation 17 within the three financial years prior to 31 December 2023? If yes, please provide date of council's resolution to accept the report.
3	s5.87C N/A	Where a disclosure was made under sections 5.87A or 5.87B of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> , were the disclosures made within 10 days after receipt of the gift? Did the disclosure include the information required by section 5.87C of the Act?
4	s5.90A(2) & (5) YES	Did the local government prepare, adopt by absolute majority and publish an up-to-date version on the local government's website, a policy dealing with the attendance of council members and the CEO at events?
5	s5.96A(1), (2), (3) & (4) YES	Did the CEO publish information on the local government's website in accordance with sections 5.96A(1), (2), (3), and (4) of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> ?
6	s5.128(1) YES	Did the local government prepare and adopt (by absolute majority) a policy in relation to the continuing professional development of council members?
7	s5.127 YES	Did the local government prepare a report on the training completed by council members in the 2022/2023 financial year and publish it on the local government's official website by 31 July 2023?
8	s6.4(3) YES	By 30 September 2023, did the local government submit to its auditor the balanced accounts and annual financial report for the year ending 30 June 2023?
9	s.6.2(3) YES	When adopting the annual budget, did the local government take into account all its expenditure, revenue and income?

Tenders for Providing Goods and Services		
No	Reference	Question
1	F&G Reg 11A(1) & (3) YES	Did the local government comply with its current purchasing policy, adopted under the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, regulations 11A(1) and (3) in relation to the supply of goods or services where the consideration under the contract was, or was expected to be, \$250,000 or less or worth \$250,000 or less?
2	s3.57 F&G Reg 11 YES	Subject to Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, regulation 11(2), did the local government invite tenders for all contracts for the supply of goods or services where the consideration under the contract was, or was expected to be, worth more than the consideration stated in regulation 11(1) of the Regulations?
3	F&G Regs 11(1), 12(2), 13, & 14(1), (3), and (4) YES	When regulations 11(1), 12(2) or 13 of the Local Government Functions and General) Regulations 1996, required tenders to be publicly invited, did the local government invite tenders via Statewide public notice in accordance with Regulation 14(3) and (4)?
4	F&G Reg 12 YES	Did the local government comply with Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 12 when deciding to enter into multiple contracts rather than a single contract?
5	F&G Reg 14(5) YES	If the local government sought to vary the information supplied to tenderers, was every reasonable step taken to give each person who sought copies of the tender documents or each acceptable tenderer notice of the variation?
6	F&G Regs 15 & 16 YES	Did the local government's procedure for receiving and opening tenders comply with the requirements of Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 15 and 16?



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7	F&G Reg 17	YES	Did the information recorded in the local government's tender register comply with the requirements of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 17 and did the CEO make the tenders register available for public inspection and publish it on the local government's official website?
8	F&G Reg 18(1)	YES	Did the local government reject any tenders that were not submitted at the place, and within the time, specified in the invitation to tender?
9	F&G Reg 18(4)	YES	Were all tenders that were not rejected assessed by the local government via a written evaluation of the extent to which each tender satisfies the criteria for deciding which tender to accept?
10	F&G Reg 19	YES	Did the CEO give each tenderer written notice containing particulars of the successful tender or advising that no tender was accepted?
11	F&G Regs 21 & 22	YES	Did the local government's advertising and expression of interest processes comply with the requirements of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulations 21 and 22?
12	F&G Reg 23(1) & (2)	N/A	Did the local government reject any expressions of interest that were not submitted at the place, and within the time, specified in the notice or that failed to comply with any other requirement specified in the notice?
13	F&G Reg 23(3) & (4)	N/A	Were all expressions of interest that were not rejected under the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 23(1) & (2) assessed by the local government? Did the CEO list each person as an acceptable tenderer?
14	F&G Reg 24	N/A	Did the CEO give each person who submitted an expression of interest a notice in writing of the outcome in accordance with Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 24?
15	F&G Regs 24AD(2) & (4) and 24AE	N/A	Did the local government invite applicants for a panel of pre-qualified suppliers via Statewide public notice in accordance with Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulations 24AD(4) and 24AE?
16	F&G Reg 24AD(6)	N/A	If the local government sought to vary the information supplied to the panel, was every reasonable step taken to give each person who sought detailed information about the proposed panel or each person who submitted an application notice of the variation?
17	F&G Reg 24AF	N/A	Did the local government's procedure for receiving and opening applications to join a panel of pre-qualified suppliers comply with the requirements of Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 16, as if the reference in that regulation to a tender were a reference to a pre-qualified supplier panel application?
18	F&G Reg 24AG	N/A	Did the information recorded in the local government's tender register about panels of pre-qualified suppliers comply with the requirements of Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 24AG?
19	F&G Reg 24AH(1)	N/A	Did the local government reject any applications to join a panel of pre-qualified suppliers that were not submitted at the place, and within the time, specified in the invitation for applications?
20	F&G Reg 24AH(3)	N/A	Were all applications that were not rejected assessed by the local government via a written evaluation of the extent to which each application satisfies the criteria for deciding which application to accept?
21	F&G Reg 24AI	N/A	Did the CEO send each applicant written notice advising them of the outcome of their application?
22	F&G Regs 24E & 24F	N/A	Where the local government gave regional price preference, did the local government comply with the requirements of Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 24E and 24F?