

Auditing the Use of Natural Resources

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My Presentation

1. Auditing value for money
2. Why are natural resources important?
3. Audit methodologies
4. Current results

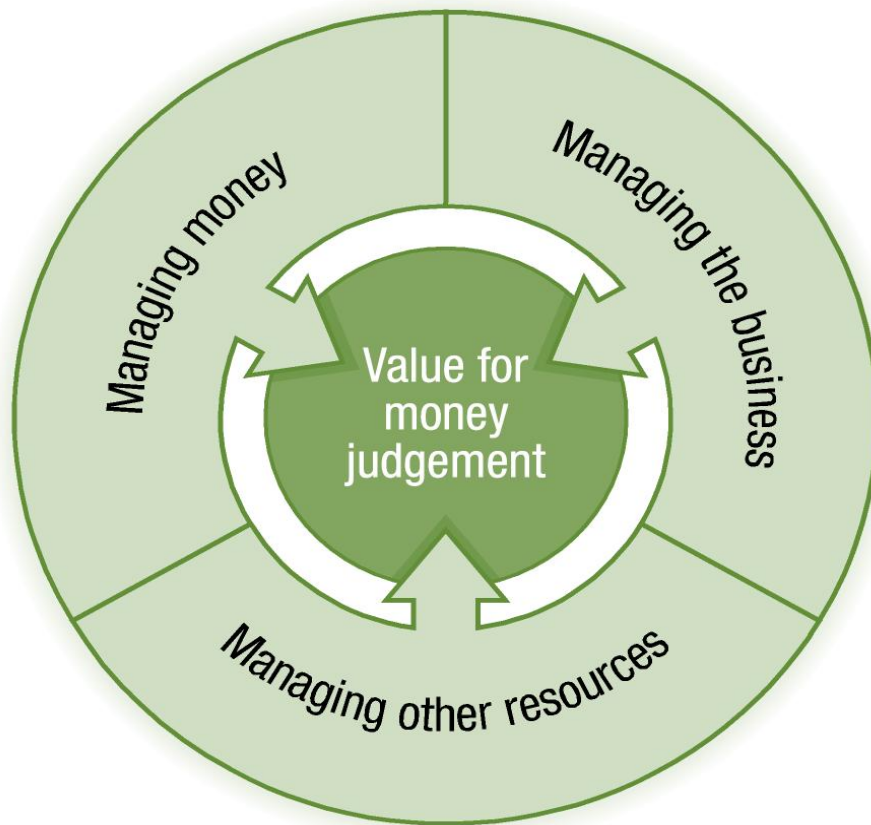


Auditing Value for Money

- Responsibility of public bodies
- Annual assessment
- Scored and published
- *“How well is the organisation managing and using resources to deliver better value for money and sustainable outcomes”*



Auditing Value for Money – 3 themes



- 1 = Not adequate
- 2 = Adequate
- 3 = Well
- 4 = Excellent

Managing Resources

1. Assets and Property
2. People
3. Natural Resources



Why is management of natural resources important?

1. Contributes to sustainable development
2. Maintain resources for future
3. Reduces pollution
4. Influence others by example
5. Enhances credibility
6. Resources cost money



What 'natural resources'?

❖ Energy

❖ Water

❖ Clean air

❖ Land and soil

❖ Materials

- plant and animal products
- metal and minerals
- waste



The Methodology

3 Questions to explore:

1. Does the Council understand and can it quantify the use of resources?
2. How does it manage performance to reduce the impact on the environment?
3. How does it manage environmental risks?



Understanding and Quantifying Resource Use

Adequate

- Developing strategy
 - Gathering data
 - Setting targets
- Developing initiatives

Doing Well

- Reducing use
- Good knowledge
 - Effective plans
- Working with others

Managing Performance and Risks

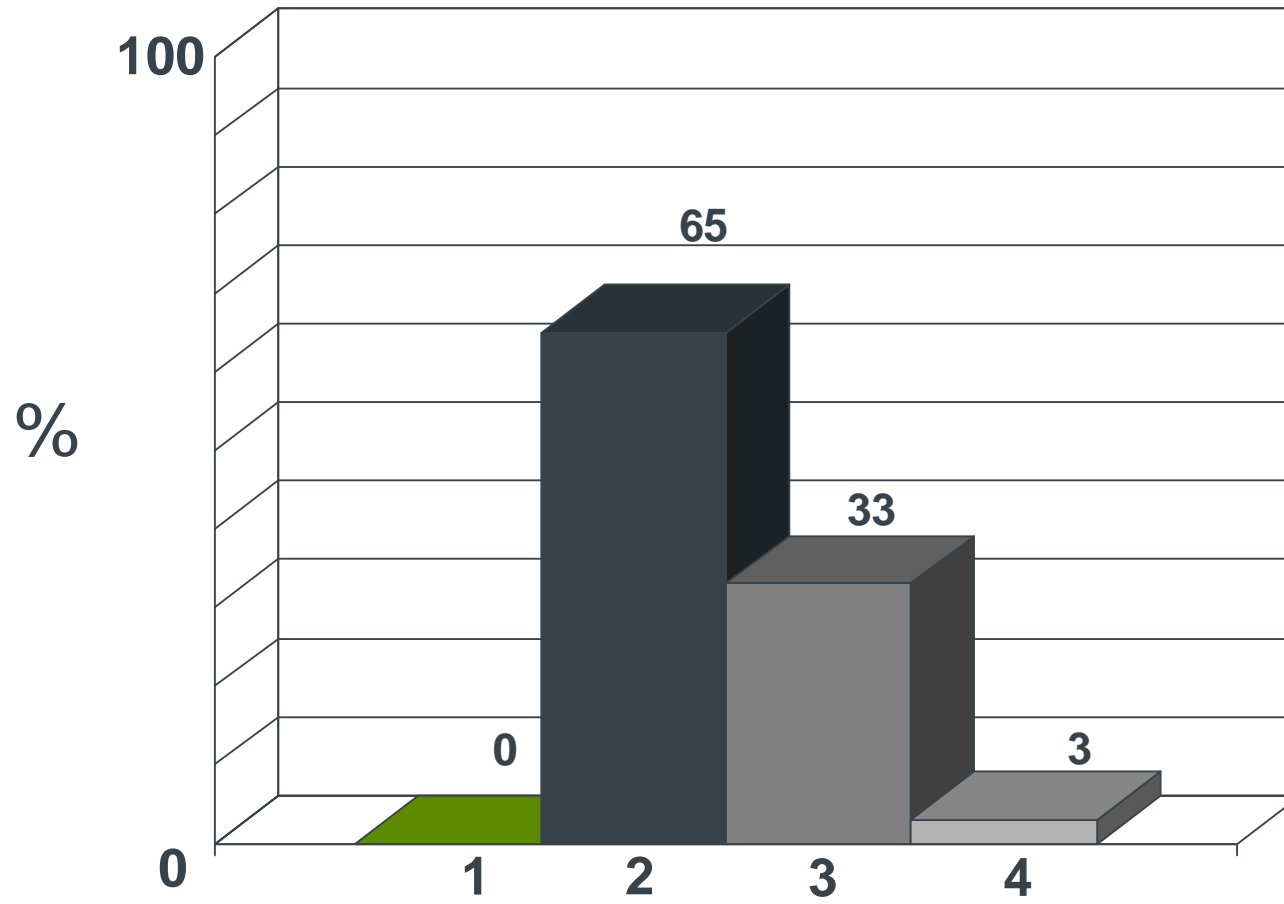
Adequate

- Systems in place to reduce use and manage performance
- Targets in place

Doing Well

- wide progress against strategy and plans
 - Significant risks identified
- Sustainability impact assessments

Results from Year 1



Some Good Practices

- ❖ Clear understanding of baseline
- ❖ Investment in renewable energy
- ❖ Use of bio-fuel
- ❖ Sustainable staff travel
- ❖ Significant carbon reductions
- ❖ Raised awareness
- ❖ Seeing the whole life costs



Some messages from good practices

- Energy costs can be managed ,
 - significant savings are possible - £420k investment in plant and insulation produced £674k annual savings for a London Borough,
- Staff and Fleet travel
 - Dual purpose waste vehicles reduced the number of journeys needed to collect waste and recyclates
 - Rationalising social workers' caseloads means they spend less time travelling, and more time with clients
- And there are many more examples..
 - The wealth of examples we have shows that there is much more to gain