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# Spending Review 2022

## An Evaluation of the Landfill Remediation Grant Scheme

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# Spending Review 2022 – Overview, Aims & Objectives



## Overview

- The Department established, by Ministerial Direction, the Landfill Remediation Grant Scheme in 2006 to provide capital funding to Local Authorities in respect of essential works to be undertaken on identified landfill sites as per the definition in the regulations.

## Aims and Objectives

- The purpose of the Spending Review is to assess the value for money of expenditure incurred to date, estimate the total cost of remediation for landfill sites where remediation works are still required, and assess if there is a basis for continued funding.

# Spending Review 2022 – Key Findings



## **New Business Case with SMART Objectives to be developed in 2023:**

- A policy should be evaluated against its stated objective. As per section 3.2.2 of the Public Spending Code (2019) “Objectives must be SMART – specific, measurable, attributable, realistic and time-bound.” It is recommended that the Department prepare a public spending code compliant business case for approval while the programme continues to fund ERAs etc and collate data on all projects through the national steering group.

## **Continued Performance Data Collection:**

- It is recommended that Department continue the work of the national steering group in delivering the landfill remediation grant programme to address data limitations by continuing to appropriately collect, account, and monitor the relevant performance and financial data of this scheme, in compliance with the Public Financial Procedures and the Public Spending Code.