

Non-Financial Reporting Landscape

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This is the beginning of an ongoing piece of work to consider the non-financial reporting methods/frameworks being adopted by the private sector and which/how they can be incorporated into public sector reporting.

We would welcome any input as the project develops, the below sets out some of our initial avenues of thought:

Exploring the emerging frameworks for Non-Financial Reporting in the private sector, the disclosures currently required by law of large companies (Direcive2014/95EU) as well as those being voluntarily implemented by SME's & large business in their Strategic Reports.

Tying in with the four primary sustainability issues (environment, social and employee issues, human rights, and bribery and corruption)

Potential creation of a common standard for non-financial information across Government/Public Sector and examining the benefits of mandatory vs voluntary requirements of information reporting.

To provide users with relevant information on the wider spectrum of non-financial information by, in addition to environmental matters, including important information such as the lead indicators driving a department's/business's performance ie. information around customers, suppliers, public perception. It may also include information on intangibles (to the extent that they are key drivers).

- Exploring the Public Sector interpretation of Section 172 of the Companies Act and whether further consideration should be given to some of the Act's duties of directors ie:
- The likely consequences of any decision in the long term
- The need to foster the relationships with suppliers, customers and others
- The impact of operations on the community and the environment
- The desirability of maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct

