

## **SUMMARY**

### **Summary of Report 23/2020, relating to Cornellà de Llobregat Town Council, safety and citizen mobility, year 2017**

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The Public Audit Office for Catalonia has issued Report 23/2020, relating to Cornellà de Llobregat Town Council, safety and citizen mobility, year 2017, in accordance with its Annual Programme of Activities.

The report, which was presented by Board Member Mr Joan-Ignasi Puigdollers, was approved by the Audit Office Board at its meeting on 27 October 2020.

The subject of the audit was a review of the budget programmes corresponding to the Safety and Citizen Mobility policy area at Cornellà de Llobregat Town Council in financial year 2017.

The most significant findings arising from the work carried out, as explained in section 3.1 of the report, can be summarised as follows:

- Objectives and performance indicators for the budget programmes

The different objectives set, the activities envisaged and the performance indicators selected to evaluate the different programme groups which make up the Safety and Citizen Mobility policy area were not adequate for their intended purposes. When certain indicators were established, to measure activities to achieve the objectives that had been set, the reality of previous years was not taken into account.

Urban mobility and civilian safety, as two lots of services and activities which the municipal council was required to provide, and which Cornellà Town Council did indeed provide, should have been included in two groups of programmes relating to these services and activities, as determined in the classification of expenditures for the Safety and Citizen Mobility policy area.

The audit also considers that the indicators established to measure to what extent the one objective set in the Management and General Administration of the Municipal Police Force (*Guardia Urbana*) budget programme had been accomplished were both inadequate and insufficient.

As regards the Citizen Safety budget programme, the one indicator established (the Municipal Police Force's Register of New Developments) did not provide information on programme objectives relating to the protection and safety of public buildings and reducing crime levels.

In the case of the Prevention and Coexistence programme, having only one indicator meant it was not possible to determine whether the activities carried out were sufficient to meet the intended objectives.

- The Tow-Away and Blue Parking Zone programme

In year 2017, according to its company Statutes, the local enterprise Procornellà was not charged with running the tow-away and blue parking zone service.

- Monitoring arrangements

In year 2017 the Town Council did not carry out any measures to monitor the service for towing away vehicles parked illegally on public roads, or the service for regulating above-ground parking, both delivered by a private contractor, the company Saba Aparcaments, SA.

- Revenues from local charges and fines

The Council stopped charging and collecting the official fee included in its local tax ordinances for year 2017 under the heading of special arrangements for shows or transport services, worth € 163,756, which mainly corresponded to services provided to a sports organisation for supervising, safeguarding, directing and regulating vehicle traffic and parking.

- Notifications to the Public Contracts Register

The audit found no evidence that the Catalan Government's Public Contracts Register had been notified of the low-value contracts it reviewed.

In section 3.2 of the report the Audit Office makes various recommendations relating to some of the issues brought to light during the audit work.

This summary is solely for information purposes. The audit report (in Catalan and Spanish) can be consulted at [www.sindicatura.cat](http://www.sindicatura.cat).