

SUMMARY

Summary of Report 24/2017, relating to Les Avellanes i Santa Linya Borough Council, compensation payments deriving from construction work for the LV-9042 local road, year 2015

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The Public Audit Office for Catalonia has issued Report 24/2017, relating to Les Avellanes i Santa Linya Borough Council, compensation payments deriving from construction work for the LV-9042 local road, year 2015, 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 5 December 2017, with one dissenting vote.

The aim of the assignment was to audit the payments to owners of land affected by the construction work in breakdown number 1 included in the construction project for reconditioning, widening, improving and asphalting the LV-9042, from the C-12 junction, in Les Avellanes, to Santa Linya.

The finding from the audit work carried out, as stated in section 3.1 of the report, is that the Council incorrectly arranged the handover of land in breakdown number 1 to carry out the LV-9042 road construction project. The handover was accepted by the affected landowners in a document that presented it as a gratuitous conveyance, with no mention made in the said document to the effect that the handover agreements came with a commitment by the Council to pay deferred compensation to the affected landowners, as stated in the minutes to a meeting held on 10 December 2011.

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