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**Wexford County Council Climate Action Plan 2024-2029**

Wexford County Council has published the local authority’s Climate Action Plan 2024-2029. The plan was adopted by the Elected Members at the Wexford County Council Meeting on the 12th of February 2024.

All local authorities in Ireland were tasked by the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications to publish a plan that laid out the specific actions they would be taking to assist their county in meeting their climate objectives.

The actions laid out in this document are the foundation of Wexford County Council’s climate action for the next five years. There are 133 actions listed within the plan across the five action areas of:

* Governance & Leadership
* Built Environment & Transport
* Natural Environment& Green Infrastructure
* Communities, Resilience & Transition
* Sustainability & Resource Management

The plan sets out Wexford County Councils responsibility for enhancing climate resilience, increasing energy efficiency, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, across their assets, services and infrastructure, while also taking on a broader leadership role in influencing and facilitating others to meet their own targets, within the county.

A significant aspect of the plan is the establishment of Enniscorthy Urban Area as Wexford County Council’s first ‘decarbonisation zone’ which will act as a key pilot zone and testbed for climate change mitigation, adaptation and biodiversity measures, as well as community led climate action projects. The DZ requires the same reduction in carbon emissions as is required for the rest of the county.

Carolyne Godkin, Director of Services Housing, Community, Libraries & Arts,

Environment & Climate Change, Emergency Management. “The Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Amendment Act 2021 required Wexford County Council to produce a Climate Action Plan. This plan incorporates actions that will aid both Wexford County Council and the people of County Wexford to contribute to reducing our Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) by the required 51% by 2030.”

Cllr Mary Farrell, Chair of the Climate Change, Biodiversity & Environment Strategic Policy Committee, “This Climate Action Plan will allow County Wexford to transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral economy.”

Cllr John Fleming, Cathaoirleach, Wexford County Council, “Wexford County Council will deliver climate action across all council services and functions and is well placed to influence and facilitate climate action at local level through individuals, communities and businesses.”

The published Wexford County Council Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 is available on the Council website. Hardcopies of the plan are available to view in County Hall and in the five Municipal District Offices.

All the environmental reports associated with the Climate Action Plan are also available on the Wexford County Council website.

<https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/environment-and-climate-change/climate-action/climate-action-plan-2024-2029>

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