

Wexford County Council
Climate Action Plan (2024-2029)
Implementation Report 2025



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Introduction

This is the second progress report of the Wexford County Council Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024-2029. The plan was adopted by the elected members in February 2024 and published in March 2024. This progress report reflects the plan implementation period from adoption in February 2024 to December 2025 and aligns to the Government's National Climate Objective (to achieve the transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral economy by 2050).

Full Accountability

The core targets of Wexford County Council's Climate Action Plan are a 51% absolute reduction in the Council's greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and 50% improvement in the Council's energy efficiency by 2030

In addition, the plan includes a range of climate adaptation actions, aimed at improving the resilience of the County to the impacts of climate change as well as a range of mitigation actions, to reduce future impact on the climate.

Influencing, Advocating and Facilitating other Sectors

While the Climate Action Plan specifically sets out Wexford County Council's full accountability for reducing greenhouse gas emissions across its own assets, the Council is also committed to influencing, advocating and facilitating other sectors, to meet their own climate targets and ambitions. Wexford County Council engaged with a number of sectors, organisations and groups since the plan was adopted in February 2024. The Climate Action team initiated/engaged/attended numerous public awareness events to emphasise the Climate Action message to the citizens of Wexford. These sectors and stakeholders included Agriculture, Sustainable Energy Communities (SEC), Business Sector, Community & Voluntary groups, PPN, Educational and Third Level Institutions.

Climate Action Reporting

The following outlines the Climate Action reporting completed by the Climate Action Team as set out below.

National Climate Action Plan

The Council will, in accordance with Part 3(w) of the Local Authority Climate Action Charter, continue to report annually to the DCC on progress on climate action at local level as part of the delivery of the national climate objective.

Sectoral Performance

The Council continues to report annually on their performance on climate action by way of KPIs to inform the performance of the local government sector on climate action, as part of the local government DECA 2030 Strategy.

The Climate Action Team (CAT) compiled the Climate Action Data Overview and submitted to the CCMA ECCE Committee. The results are as per Figure 1 for Wexford County Council.

The status of all 133 climate actions within Wexford County Council's Climate Action Plan is detailed in Figure 1 below.

Note: A recurring action is an action that will be implemented on more than one occasion during the lifetime of the plan. This could be that the action is to be implemented every year or on multiple occasions during this plan's timeframe.

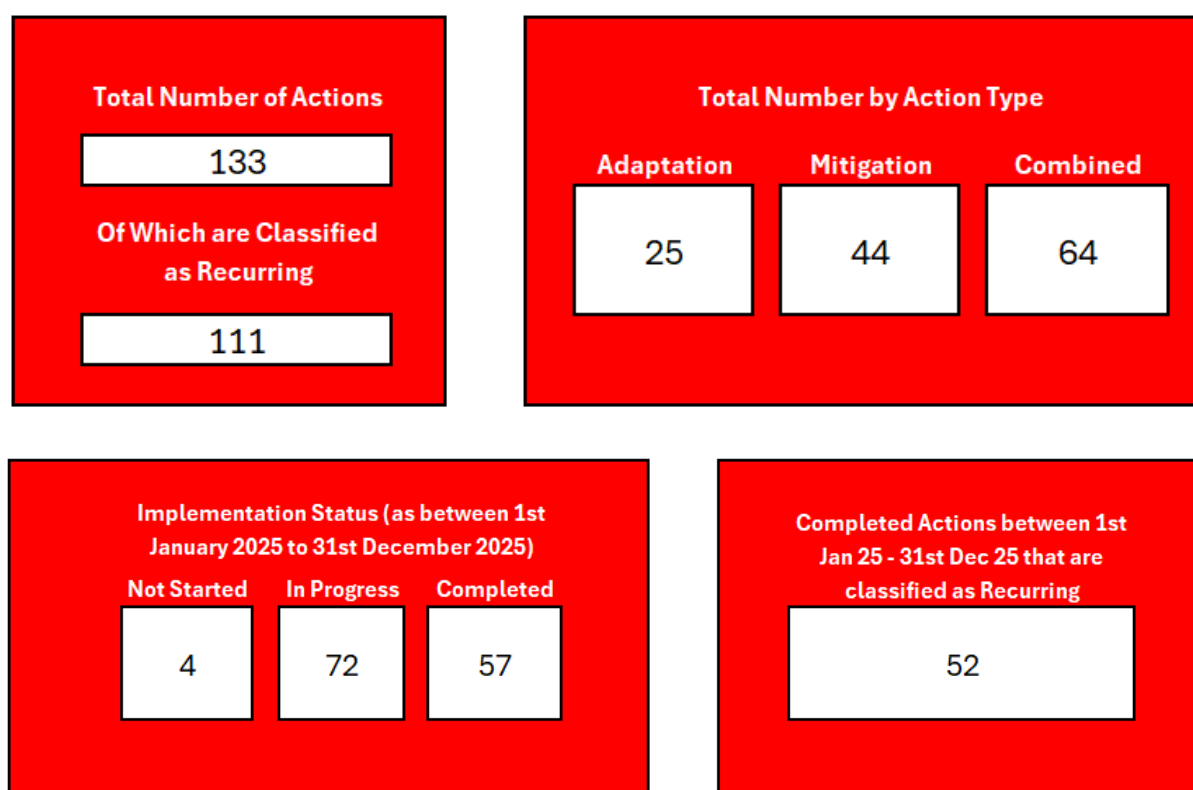


Figure 1: Climate Action Data Overview submitted to the CCMA ECCE Committee

Internal Reporting

- Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)
- Monthly Climate Action Steering Group
- Climate Action Internal Tracker
- Elected Members on an annual basis, through an annual Climate Action Plan Implementation Report (CAPR), as outlined below.

Climate Action Tracker Report

The Climate Action Plan contains 133 actions (including DZ actions) across 5 Action Areas (see Figure 2 below). 95 of these actions relate to the entire County with 38 actions specific to the Enniscorthy Decarbonisation Zone (DZ). A sample of actions from each of the action areas will be outlined in this report.



Figure 2: Total Number Actions per Action Area (including DZ Actions)

The statistics from the Climate Action Tracker report below are comprised of the status of all 240 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that relate to the 133 climate actions across. Some of the actions have numerous KPIs associated with them across 23 sections and operational areas (See Figure 3 below).

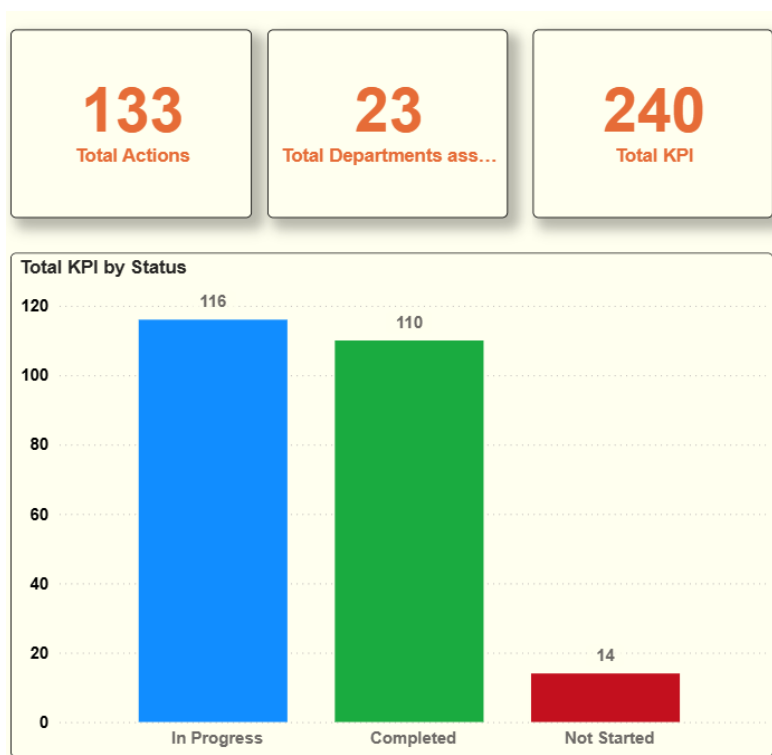


Figure 3: Wexford County Council status of Key Performance Indicators (KPI)

Monitoring and Reporting (SEAI M&R 2030 System)

Wexford County Council are legally mandated under SI 426 of 2014 to report our organisational energy and carbon emissions data through SEAI's online M&R 2030 platform. The M&R return requires Wexford County Council to report metered and un-metered energy consumption data from our owned/leased buildings, vehicle fleet and public lighting. The system also requires a working project list of energy conservation projects to meet our national 2030 public sector targets. Since 2024 the SEAI require additional data from public sector organisations Business Travel, vehicle fleet and a live building register.

Energy Elephant

Wexford County Council (WCC) collates, measures, and evaluates energy performance using Energy Elephant a third-party monitoring and targeting software application. Energy Elephant is Wexford County Council's central repository for our utilities meter and consumption point portfolio, cost and consumption data.

This software allows WCC to report, track, target and identify saving opportunities for all SEUs (significant energy users) and smaller usage points across the organisation for Buildings, Public Lighting, vehicles and other assets.

WCC's Energy Management System - EnMS ISO 50001:2018

Wexford County Council maintain a certified Energy Management System (EnMS) to the international management standard I.S. EN ISO 50001:2018.

This demonstrates Wexford County Council's commitment to manage, conserve and decarbonise our use of energy across the organisation.

In 2021, Wexford County Council was NSAI Certified to I.S. EN ISO 50001 - Figure 4 below refers. A recertification audit was carried out in May 2024 with a successful surveillance audit completed in September 2025.

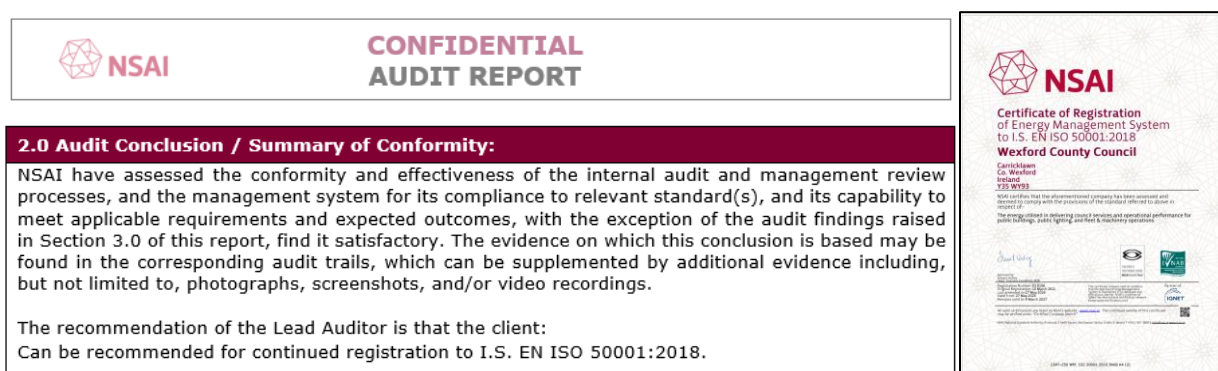


Figure 4: WCC's NSAI Certified ISO50001 EnMS

Progress of Actions

A suite of sample actions across various themes and Action Areas has been selected including relevant case studies and are outlined below.

Energy

Wexford County Council is obligated to achieve a 51% reduction in GHG carbon emissions (based on a 2016-2018 baseline) and a 50% improvement in energy efficiency (based on a 2009 baseline) by 2030 under the Climate Action Plan 2023 set out by the government.

Table A below outlines the details of Action GL1:

Action No	Action Description	Adaptation or Mitigation	KPI	Status
GL1	Wexford County Council will reduce its energy usage by 50% and greenhouse gas emissions by 51% by 2030.	Adaptation & Mitigation	a) Yearly roadmap of planned emissions reductions. b) % of Energy reduction per year. c) % of greenhouse gases reduction per year.	In Progress

Progress up to 2024 and predicted trajectory to 2030 targets is outlined below.

SEAI Monitoring and Reporting Scorecard 2024

The SEAI M&R system provides an annual breakdown of WCC's gap to target to achieve the 2030 targets.

Table B :The summary of 2030 Gap to target as of 2024

Target	Target Source	2024 (M&R Scorecard)	2030 Target	Remainder (Gap-To-Target)	On Trajectory to Meet 2030 Target? (Yes/No)
Fossil Fuel CO ₂ Target (tCO ₂)	Transport + Thermal Absolute Carbon Emissions	3,003	1,478	1,525	No
Total CO ₂ Target (tCO ₂)	Transport + Thermal + Electricity Absolute Carbon Emissions	4,923	2,464	2,459	Yes
Energy Efficiency Target*	Normalised Electricity + Thermal +Transport Energy Consumption	40.7%	50%	9.3%	Yes

*The Energy Efficiency Target normalises WCC's Annual Energy Consumption against Activity Metrics: Population Served, Number of Public Lights, Total FTE employees and Building Total Useful Floor Area. These Activity Metrics are allocated weightings (%) which combined form a "Composite Activity Metric" used to normalise WCC's energy consumption.

Wexford County Council (WCC) 2024 Energy and Carbon Emissions Performance

The following three targets must all be independently achieved by 2030.

- **Fossil Fuel CO₂ Emissions (Transport & Thermal):** Wexford County Council has reduced fossil CO₂ emissions by only 0.5% since our baseline (2016-2018 average). The fossil fuel emissions is 3,003 tCO₂ for 2024. WCC's current fossil CO₂ emissions target is 1,478 tCO₂ for 2030. This is not on a trajectory to meet the 2030 fossil CO₂ emissions target. Urgent Action is required.
- **Total CO₂ Emissions (Transport, Thermal & Electricity):** Wexford County Council has reduced total CO₂ emissions by 35.4% since the baseline (2016-2018) and is on a trajectory towards the 2030 total CO₂ target. The total emissions is 4,923 tCO₂ in 2024. The 2030 target is 2,464 tCO₂. This is on a trajectory to meet the 2030 Total CO₂ emissions target.
- **Energy Efficiency:** Wexford County Council energy performance has improved by 40.7% since the baseline and is on a trajectory that is consistent with meeting the 2030 energy efficiency target. Wexford County Council must improve energy efficiency by 9.3% by 2030. This is on a trajectory to meet the 2030 Energy Efficiency target.

The projected outlook for 2025 is a similar performance level to 2024. The final SEAI M&R Scorecard for 2025 is not available until August 2026.

2025 and 2026 were denoted as design years for the SEAI Pathfinder Retrofit Programme with works commencing from late 2026 onwards.

Bridging the gap – WCC Energy Action Plan

If WCC's list of planned energy projects, fleet decarbonisation, the forecasted decarbonisation to Ireland's electricity grid system and the biofuel blending strategy (as of 2024) are implemented between 2024 & 2030 our Fossil CO₂ emissions, Total CO₂ emissions and Energy Efficiency Targets can be achieved.

Table C: Wexford County Council Planned Energy Projects

SEAI project ID	Project name	Project type	Status	Annual saving in 2030		
				Reduction in final energy	Reduction in fossil CO2	Reduction in total CO2
				[kWh]	[tCO2]	[tCO2]
20340	HVO transition project Machinery Yard	Transport	Planned	-221,461	1,238	1,238
18586	Pathfinder Project - Apex Leisure Centre	Combination/ other	Planned	1,152,620	268	254
20333	Pathfinder Project - Waterfront Pool and Leisure Centre Enniscorthy	Combination/ other	Planned	629,694	131	137
18588	Pathfinder Project - Wexford Swimming Pool & Leisure Centre	Combination/ other	Planned	434,193	0	13
18596	Pathfinder Project - Spawell Centre	Combination/ other	Planned	245,505	43	46
18590	Pathfinder Project - County Hall Light Emitting Diode (LED) Lighting Retrofit	Lighting	Planned	137,911	0	13
20342	Machinery Yard Retrofit	Combination/ other	Planned	122,700	0	1
20334	Pathfinder Project - County Hall BMS Upgrade and energy retro-comissioning works	HVAC	Planned	101,181	0	4
22047	Holmestown Recycling Centre - Solar PV c/w additional energy efficiency retrofit measures	Energy supply	Planned	32,713	0	3
21789	New Ross Harbour Office – Business Energy Upgrades Scheme (BEUS) Energy Retrofit	Combination/ other	Planned	23,000	0	2
21795	Enniscorthy Library	Combination/ other	Planned	20,000	5	5
21790	Kilmore Quay Harbour Office – BEUS Energy Retrofit	Combination/ other	Planned	13,050	0	1
21796	Old County Hall (Spawell Centre) - Electrical Sub-Metering Works	Energy management	Planned	10,000	0	1
14137	Wexford FS Walls	Building fabric	Planned	8,500	0	0
21791	Pathfinder Project - Gorey Civic Offices & Library	Combination/ other	Planned	150,403	0	6
21792	Pathfinder Project - Wexford Library	Combination/ other	Planned	127,428	0	6
	Anticipated National decarbonisation forecast of Irelands Electricity Grid and Biofuel blending between 2024 & 2030	National Decarbonisation Plan	Forecast		191	1,433
Grand Total			2,987,437		1,876	3,161

Further ongoing energy conservation measures include:

- Continual efficiency improvements via WCC's ISO 50001 Energy Management System
- Continual Electrification of our vehicle fleet
- Continual improvement of our vehicle fleet efficiency including Eco Driver Training
- Ongoing energy conservation communication and awareness training for all WCC staff

Important Note: Wexford County Council took over operational management of the Waterfront Pool & Leisure Centre in Enniscorthy in March 2024 to ensure the complex continues to serve the people of Enniscorthy and the District, into the future. The addition of this additional Significant Energy User (SEU) will impact Wexford County Council's gap to target reporting, as the addition of the Waterfront Pool & Leisure Centre will add a further circa 200 tonnes of CO₂ per annum to our 2030 gap to target from 2024 onwards.

SEAI Pathfinder Retrofit Programme

Wexford County Council is fully committed to the SEAI Pathfinder Retrofit Programme. The Programme will provide Wexford County Council with 50% grant funding aid to assist with the decarbonisation and energy conservation of our seven highest Significant Energy User (SEU) buildings (see Table D).

Pathfinder Retrofit Programme Project List:

Table D: Wexford County Council Pathfinder Project List

Building Name	Building Description	Status
Apex Leisure Centre New Ross	Leisure Centre	Commenced - IDT Design Stage 1 - Preliminary Design
Wexford Ferrybank Swimming Pool	Leisure Centre	Phase 1 Works Commenced - Emergency Replacement of Pool Hall Air Handling Unit
Waterfront Pool and Leisure Centre Enniscorthy	Leisure Centre	Pending
WCC County Hall	County Hall/Civic Offices	Mini competition for Lighting Retrofit in progress
Spawell Centre (WCC Old County Hall)	Spawell Centre Social Enterprise	Pending
Gorey Civic office & library	Civic office & library	Pending
Wexford Library	Library	Pending

The WCC SEAI Pathfinder Retrofit Programme targets a 500 tCO₂ reduction in absolute carbon emissions by year end 2030.

Tipperary County Council, acting as Lead Authority for the Southeast Region (including County Councils of Carlow, Kilkenny, Tipperary Wexford and Waterford City & County Council) for the SEAI 2025-2028 Pathfinder Retrofit Programme. The Pathfinder

Programme Funding Agreement and Service Level Agreement was signed in January 2025 by Wexford County Council.

- €37.8 million has now been allocated to the Southeast Region in respect of the Pathfinder Programme 2025-2028
- WCC's estimated high level Budget for 2025-2028 Pathfinder Projects is currently €8.9m, of which 50% will be grant funded by SEAI

During 2025, a Multi-Party Framework for Design Consultancy Services has been procured with contracts signed (in December 2025) for the WCC initial Pathfinder Retrofit Programme Project : The Apex Leisure Centre New Ross.



The Apex New Ross Pathfinder Programme Contract Signing

Action GL1 falls under the Governance and Leadership Action Area and focuses on climate action resources within Wexford County Council and how they can be utilised to raise awareness on climate actions. It aims to foster ownership of actions in every service we provide as a Local Authority and through the incorporation of climate actions across all our functions.

Governance and leadership actions in County Wexford also support the following United Nations Sustainable Development Goals:



Transport

This area is focused on our efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 51% and energy consumption by 50% by 2030 in Transport. A number of measures have been undertaken to date and will continue to reduce Wexford County Councils emissions across our transport and fleet.

Table E below outlines the details of Action BET3:

Action No	Action Description	Adaptation or Mitigation	KPI	Status
BET3	Reduce WCC fossil fuel emissions across the Councils fleet through: a) Maximizing the EV fleet and continuing to upgrade existing older fleet to modern efficient vehicles. b) Assessing the feasibility of moving to renewable or low emission fuels for fleet vehicles and marine vessels and piloting the roll out of Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil fuel c) Promote & encourage fuel saving measures such as eco driving & speed limiters, etc d) Increase the tonnage carrying capacity of fleet lorries which will reduce the number of trips. Quantify and verify the GHG emission reductions achieved by adopting this action whilst ensuring energy/fuel used to power local authority alternative vehicles is sustainably sourced, and appropriate end-of-life management practices are in place for electric vehicles	Mitigation	a) Number of Electric Vehicles purchased per year b) Trial the running of fleet vehicles (Diesel) on Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil(HVO) & monitor the reliable source of HVO c) Number of training events d) Number of participants e) Relative number of lorry trips before vs after increase in tonnage capacity	Completed

The measures and actions which align with BET 3 include:

There are 13 EVs as part of the Wexford County Council Fleet. Work is currently underway to create an onboarding video & Frequently Asked Questions for staff on EV driving to promote an increase in the use/uptake of electric vehicles with staff from the various sections.

The machinery yard is trialling the use of HVO in two heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) and three light goods vehicles (LGVs) since Feb 2025. It is planned to increase the number of vehicles on HVO. Cost savings on ordering HVO are available when ordered in bulk.

The pilot identified a slight increase in fuel usage from diesel fuel for all trial vehicles. It ranged from 10% increase in LGVs trialled and an increase of 15% fuel usage in the HGVs piloted.



LGV trialled with HVO Fuel



HGV trialled with HVO fuel

FTA Ireland delivered ECO driver training sessions to fleet drivers in Wexford County Council in December 2025. The program consisted of a two-hour classroom-based theory session, followed by individual on-road practical training. In total, 20 one-to-one practical sessions were delivered, ensuring each participant received tailored instruction and feedback. The course was delivered in full compliance with the Department of Transport Eco-Driver Training Program requirement.

The average fuel saving for the training carried out over distances between 32 and 60 km was 1.03 litres of fuel and 2.5L/100km.

Implementing Eco-driving techniques can deliver substantial benefits for Wexford County Council:

- Fuel savings: ~1,120 litres per vehicle annually*
- Cost savings: ~€1,792 per vehicle annually*
- CO₂ reduction: ~3 tonnes per vehicle annually*

These figures highlight the significant financial and environmental impact achievable through consistent application of Eco-driving practices and enhanced through monitoring, supervision, and incentives.

*These figures are Estimated and are based on cost of diesel prior to the recent increases in fuel prices due to the middle east conflict. Financial savings would be significantly higher now



Eco Driver Training Course Enniscorthy 2025

35 inefficient vehicles were removed from the fleet in 2024/2025. Many of these vehicles were not in mainstream use.

The transport area focuses on the promotion of alternative modes of travel to the private car vehicle use such as active travel and increased use of public transport. It also focuses on innovative ways of reducing emissions within the Wexford County Council fleet and an increase in the use of EVs and EV charging Infrastructure.

These measures align with action BET3, which falls under the Built Environment and Transport Action Area and supports the following SDGs:



Biodiversity

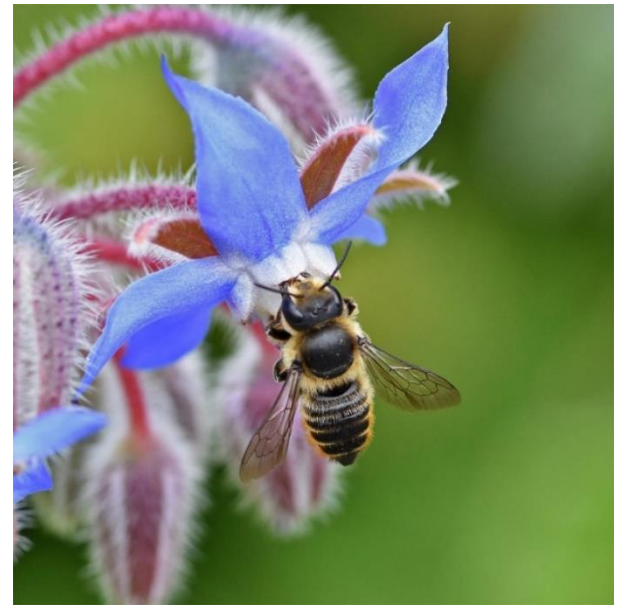
Table F below outlines the details of Action NEGI 7:

Action No	Action Description	Adaptation or Mitigation	KPI	Status
NEGI7	Review of existing Biodiversity Action Plan and update to reflect new priorities and risks associated with climate change along with resourcing and implementing relevant climate actions of the National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023 – 2030.	Adaptation & Mitigation	a) Reviewed biodiversity plan in place with updated priorities b) Record number and status of actions from the National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023 - 2030 c) Invasive Species Mapping (coastal & inland) d) Number of sites mapped, where control measures were undertaken e) Complete a policy for hedgerow and tree management	In Progress

The Wexford Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) 2026-2031 sets out a vision for protecting the natural heritage of County Wexford.

The Plan proposes a structured approach to biodiversity conservation and restoration at a local level and closely aligns with the objectives of Ireland's 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan (Government of Ireland, 2024). Wexford faces challenges common across Ireland and Europe, including addressing habitat degradation and reversing the decline of species. The county's continued prosperity is dependent upon its capacity to achieve these objectives, thereby ensuring a healthy and resilient natural environment for generations to come.

The draft plan will go to public consultation in the 2nd quarter of 2026. The actions have also been the subject of Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). Stage 2 Strategic Environmental Assessment and Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment are not required.



Leafcutter Bee



This action comes under the Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure Action Area which seeks to promote effective biodiversity management and to improve protection of our natural habitats and landscapes and supports the following United Nations Sustainable Development Goals:



Community Action

Wexford County Council in association with the Department of the Climate, Environment and Energy, has recently rolled out Phase 2 of the Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP). Funding is available for not-for-profit community groups and clubs for up to 100% of the cost of a climate action project.



Under Phase one of the Programme Co. Wexford was allocated €669,000 for community-based Climate projects. Following an extensive promotion campaign and a competitive assessment process, 16 groups were awarded funding out of a total of 52 applications.

Phase 2 of the Programme was open for applications for an 8 week period up to 16th December 2025. The county was allocated the same amount of funding again for projects. In total, 36 applications were received totalling €1.4 million in funding. The applications are currently being assessment with the successful projects due to be notified in April 2026 following a review by the DCEE.

Table G below outlines the details of Action CRT1:

Action No	Action Description	Adaptation or Mitigation	KPI	Status
CRT1	Encourage community groups to pursue climate action projects at local level through the Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP) and support & facilitate them in accessing funding through various channels/initiatives	Adaptation & Mitigation	a) Number of funding applications made. b) Number of funding applications approved. c) Number of projects completed (CCAP). d) Number of communities engaged in climate action	Completed



Solar PV installed at Glynn Barntown GAA Club funded through CCAP



LED lights installed at Faythe Harriers GAA club funded through CCAP



Bike Repair Station funded through CCAP



Polytunnels at Reachability Funded through CCAP

Another Community action is listed below:

Table H below outlines the details of Action CRT2:

Action No	Action Description	Adaptation or Mitigation	KPI	Status
CRT2	Organise and host themed events based on areas such as energy saving and energy use reduction, renewable energy, biodiversity, climate literacy, sustainable lifestyles, environmental awareness, climate action health and wellbeing projects and sustainable development goals, to actively and equitably participate in climate action	Adaptation & Mitigation	a) Number of events held annually over the Climate Action Plan. b) Number of new "Skills for Life" Programmes run by the five branch libraries. c) Number of participants in the "Skills for Life" Programme	Completed

The Climate Action team hosted its 2nd Climate Action Week/Fortnight from 12th – 25th May 2025. With the recent recruitment of a Biodiversity Officer, the theme for the fortnight was broadened to include Climate Action and Biodiversity. A number of events on the themes of Energy, Water Quality, Biodiversity, Active Travel, Circular Economy and Agriculture were held in the various municipal districts around the county. The fortnight was about raising awareness across County Wexford and served as a platform to inspire action and drive positive change at local level.





Arthurstown Coastal Walk & Underwater Photography Exhibition

Talk on the Tides

Local community groups, Wexford County Council’s Climate & team and Culture team and artists, came together to explore rising sea levels, sustainability, and the circular economy in ways that feel real, relevant, and rooted in local life. In August 2025, as part of House on the Beach, artist Nina McGowan unveiled her exhibition, Container, at Wexford County Hall, which explores our relationship to climate change and hosted a series of “Talk on the Tides” at coastal locations to share details of the project and invite feedback, and spark conversations around climate change and importantly, climate action.



“Talk on the Tides” series – Event at Burrow Rosslare

Action CRT1 & CRT2 are under the Communities, Resilience and Transition Action Area which recognises the crucial role communities play in climate action at local level and aims to support the creation of low carbon communities and build climate resilience. This Action Area supports the following United Nations Sustainable Development Goals:



Sustainability and Circular Economy

Table 1 below outlines the details of Action SRM3:

Action No	Action Description	Adaptation or Mitigation	KPI	Status
SRM3	Promotion of the Fleadh Cheoil in Wexford as a sustainable event, aiming to reduce single use plastics (where possible) and promoting sustainable travel through park & ride/active travel and encourage circular economy through awareness initiatives and apply lessons learned to future events	Mitigation	a) Sustainable event awareness programme. b) Sustainable implementation plan.	Completed

Waste Segregation & Minimisation at the Fleadh Cheoil

Waste segregation units for four waste streams was provided - recycling, food, general waste and a separate waste bin for used vapes. The sustainability policy for traders was updated from 2024. The policy included no single use plastic and compostable only to standard EN 13432. The policy also included information on correct waste segregation with links to various resources & information. In 2024, Lantern Events launched an ambitious environmental initiative at the Breakwater festival during the

Fleadh Cheoil aimed at significantly reducing single-use plastic resulting in the avoidance of 47,500 plastic drinking cups.

Four drinking water refill stations in addition to the existing two stations were installed to reduce single use plastics and these stations are now permanent installations.



Waste Segregation units at Fleadh Cheoil



Drinking Water Refill Station, Wexford Town



Sustainable Transport at the Fleadh

Ten Park & Ride car parks were in operation during the Fleadh festival with a minimum of five open at any one time with one additional location as back up. Buses were operating every 15 minutes. In 2024 over 23,000 cars used the Park & Ride facilities thus reducing this volume of traffic and emissions from the centre of town. In 2025, there was an increase of 30% to over 30,000 users of the Park & Ride facility. Local Link buses also operated from several rural locations.

The Bolt e-bike and e-scooter scheme experienced exceptional demand across the entire duration of the Fleadh. Demand was far higher than in 2024. The following gives an overview of the use during the 10 days of the Fleadh which saw visitor numbers at 800, 000 for the event.

Trips and Users during Fleadh Cheoil 2025

		
Total Trips 4,307 Trips e-bike:1,438 e-scooter: 2,869 Average of 5.3 trips per vehicle per day	Total Kms travelled 9,307 kms travelled e-bike:3,069 e-scooter: 6,238 Average Trip Distance 2.1km	Total Unique Users 1,997 unique users who hire a vehicle during the Fleadh e-bike 756 e-scooter: 1,241



E-Bikes and E-Scooters at Business Park on outskirts of Wexford Town

Another action under the Circular Economy and sustainability is listed below:

Table J:Details of Action SRM4:

Action No	Action Description	Adaptation or Mitigation	KPI	Status
SRM4	Promote the concept of “circular sharing” of library materials and facilitate inclusive community climate action and climate resilience through the investment, provision and promotion of up-to-date reliable information.	Mitigation	a) Percentage increase in book fund expenditure b) Increase in number of books and e-resources borrowed in this area c) Increase in themed book displays across the branch library network	In Progress

The overall library book stock budget increased from €380,000 in 2024 to €390,000 in 2025, representing an increase of €10,000 year on year.

A dedicated allocation of €2,000 per annum was ring-fenced in 2024 and again in 2025 specifically for the purchase of climate action, sustainability and environmental stock, supporting Climate Action Plan objectives and the development of themed collections across the branch network.

In addition, supplementary funding was received under the Skills for Life programme, which was also applied to the acquisition of sustainability, climate literacy and low-waste living resources, further strengthening the Library Service’s climate-related collections.

In 2025, the library continued Circular Sharing of Information & Resources through various Digital Platforms including Borrowbox, Kanopy & Universal Clas. These resources provide online access to over 34,000 Wexford Library members.

In 2025, the library and other sections of Wexford Council continued to promote circular sharing of library materials and the promotion of circular sharing through the following initiatives and events:

- GIY LEAF Week
- Earth Day
- Cloth Nappy Library Ireland Pop Up
- Age Friendly Activator Poles
- Events throughout Climate Action & Biodiversity Fortnight
- T-shirt upcycling series with Textile Waste Artist, Lynn Haughton
- Bealtaine – Driftwood Picture Craft
- Community Energy Hub- one to one Energy Advice Clinics with SEEA
- Bike maintenance workshop during Bike Week.
- Wexford Science Café presented Communicating Climate Change through Arts with Nina McGowan, Mary Colcough, and Dr Padraig Murphy
- Reed For Seeds initiative. Primary school children participating in Ladybird Project - exploring ideas around biodiversity through the arts. A two-part ladybird crafting workshop in association with WWETB
- Garden in a Jar workshop with Enniscorthy Junior Book Club Members
- Picnic Basket sharing

Actions SRM3 and SRM4 come under the Sustainability & Resource Management (SRM) Action Area which promotes the circular economy within Wexford County Council's own services and functions and throughout the County and aligns with the



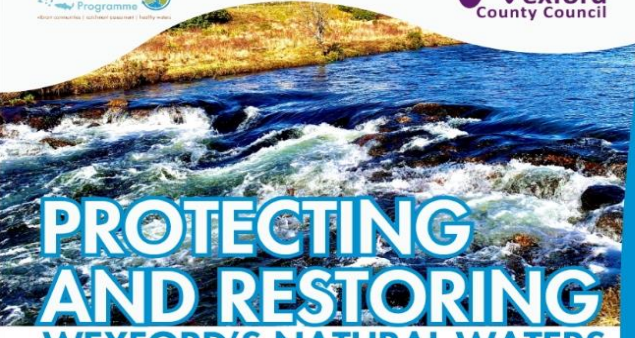
DZ Actions

Table K: Action DZ BET 1:

Action No	Action Description	Adaptation or Mitigation	KPI	Status
DZ NEGI 1	Work with the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) on the Slaney Pilot catchment Management Plan and Catchment Fora to facilitate greater public participation in water management, under the River Basin Management Plan 2022-2027 and support the implementation of all relevant remediation and mitigation measures required to maintain or achieve good or high-quality water status in the County.	Adaptation	Number of participants attending awareness events	Completed

Two events on water quality and awareness were held in Craanford and Clonroche community halls in June 2025. Both villages are located in the Slaney Catchment. The events were hosted by Wexford County Council in collaboration with LAWPRO. Speakers from Teagasc, IFI, Rivers Trust, Tirlán were also invited to present at the events in addition to the speakers from LAWPRO and Wexford County Council.



PROTECTING AND RESTORING WEXFORD'S NATURAL WATERS

The Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) and Wexford County Council's Climate Action and Environment Section are holding two public meetings about the quality of our natural waters in Clonroche and Craanford. Join us to discover how you can become actively involved in helping to protect and improve your local natural waterways!

EVERYONE WELCOME!

www.lawaters.ie


www.farmingforwater.ie

Community Information Meetings on water quality in Wexford

Clonroche

17th June 2025
7pm
Clonroche Community Hall
Clonroche, Co. Wexford

Craanford

26th June 2025
7pm
Craanford Community Hall
Craanford, Co. Wexford



River Slaney Water Quality Public Information Meeting in Clonroche on 17th June 2025

Table L: Action DZ GL3:

Action No	Action Description	Adaptation or Mitigation	KPI	Status
DZ GL3	Aid businesses in Enniscorthy to become aware of their carbon footprint and what they can do to reduce it	Mitigation	Number of business availing of training, awareness programmes, environmental education	Completed

A Business Energy Meitheal event was hosted in February 2025 for businesses in the Commercial/Industrial area of Enniscorthy known as the "Old Dublin Road". 116 businesses were visited by the Climate Action Team to inform them of the event and invite them to attend the event to get information on audits available for businesses and grants to upgrade and improve energy efficiency. 30 persons attended from several businesses and a number of these availed of Energy Audits on their premises and advice and assistance in applying for funding and grants for upgrades in energy projects. Information and assistance were provided by the Southeast Energy Agency and the Local Enterprise Office of Wexford County Council on the various funding streams for businesses and commercial entities.

Energy Upgrade "Meitheal"

Enniscorthy North Business Park

Working Lunch Invitation

 **Kilcannon Garden Centre**

 **Wednesday 26th February**
1pm – 2pm

Who should attend?
Sustainability/Energy/General Managers

Why participate?

- Avail of €2,000 Energy Audit Voucher
- Energy Audit will identify priority works
- Achieve cost savings
- Tendering & project management by South East Energy Agency (SEEA)
- Grant applications managed by SEEA

Register your attendance:
climateaction@wexfordcoco.ie
or access the QR code to register



Grants available for solar, heating, insulation, lighting upgrades













Business Energy Meitheal Event in Enniscorthy on 26th February 2025

A Climate Champions climate action competition was hosted by Wexford County Council's Climate Action Team in March 2025 for Businesses, Schools and Community Groups in Enniscorthy to improve climate action and sustainability awareness among these categories. Prizes were presented to the winners of each category at an event in May 2025 including the Business Category.



Winners of the Business Category Enniscorthy Climate Champions

The collective effort from the 3 categories made a significant environment impact:

- 10.669 tonnes of CO₂eq saved
- 14,324 activities logged
- 127kg CO₂eq average savings per participant

These numbers reflect real, measurable climate action — achieved through everyday behaviours, repeated consistently across dozens of teams.

Climate Actions and UN Sustainability Goals

The information detailed in the report details actions and their alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are “a blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all”.¹ They represent 17 social, economic and environmental priorities designed to combat the global challenges facing humanity by 2030. Wexford County Council has an important part to play in progress toward the UN SDGs.



The Wexford County Council CAP has identified and mapped actions to the SDGs. Throughout this Implementation Report, contributions to delivering on the UN SDGs through the delivery of actions, are reflected from an environmental perspective.

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- The Elected Members.
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- Community & Volunteer Groups.
- Sustainable Energy Communities (SECs).
- Wexford PPN.

Appendix I:

Plans and Policies that incorporated climate elements:

Wexford Local Economic and Community Plan 2024 - 2029.pdf

https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/sites/default/files/content/CE_Report_Dec_24.pdf

Wexford County Development Plan 2022-2028 | Wexford County Council

[creativeireland.gov.ie/app/uploads/2019/12/Wexford-Strategy.pdf](https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/sites/default/files/content/CE_Report_Dec_24.pdf)

<https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/arts-and-culture/current-programmes-plans-and-events/wexford-county-council-arts-plan-2023-%E2%80%93>