

LOCAL AUTHORITIES CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY



KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL

Kilkenny County Council have established a Climate Change Steering Committee to develop policies and actions which can realistically and coherently make the maximum contribution to the national effort to address climate change.

Members of the steering group consist of senior representatives from all departments of the Council, each of whom will be responsible for determination, implementation and reporting of departmental actions.

Technical and secretariat assistance is provided by the Carlow Kilkenny Energy Agency and the Council's Environmental Awareness Officer.

The climate change strategy is currently in final draft form and is due to be completed in 2009. The Action Plan will be regularly updated to meet changing requirements.

The strategy is divided up in to six main sections:

- 1) Kilkenny Local Authorities Climate Change Policy Statement - agreed and signed of on by County Manager, Cathaoirleach, & Mayor.
- 2) Background to climate change, and national policy and legislation
- 3) Strategic Management, aims and objectives of the strategy & plan
- 4) Responsibilities, targets, reporting and review procedures
- 5) Emissions balance for Kilkenny County Council
- 6) Goals for each Council Department - the Action Plan

The action plan incorporates the goals of each Council Department:

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| 1. Cross Department Action | 7. Environment & Parks |
| 2. Heritage | 8. Water Services |
| 3. Community & Enterprise | 9. Housing |
| 4. Library Service | 10. Planning |
| 5. Corporate Affairs & Finance | 11. Transportation & Machinery Yard |
| 6. Information Technology | |

Detailed departmental plans

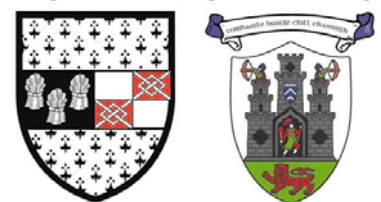
Each Department will develop their own detailed action plans to link into the broader goals listed. Detailed Action Plans will include prioritisation against specified criteria including:

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| 1. Emission reduction potential | 4. Human resources |
| 2. Cost of implementation | 5. External barriers |
| 3. CO ₂ payback period | 6. Timeframe |

The strategy aims to achieve an average 3% energy equivalent reduction per annum as per national strategies.

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