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**Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland
(SEAI)
Stakeholder Report**



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1. Introduction

Section 16 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 requires each Irish local authority to prepare a Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LACAP) for its administrative area. Each Local Authority went through a plan preparation process during 2023 and adopted their LACAP by the end of Quarter 1, 2024. The [31 Local Authority Climate Action Plans](#) have statutory remit for a five-year duration. The LACAPs aim to deliver ambitious global and national climate targets and implement national climate policy at a community level through local authority regulatory and strategic functions and relationships.

Additionally, action 165 of the Government's Climate Action Plan 2019, requires Local Authorities to identify and develop plans for a Decarbonising Zone where a Decarbonising Zone (DZ) is defined as a "*spatial area identified by the local authority, in which a range of climate mitigation, adaptation and biodiversity measures and action owners are identified to address local low carbon energy, greenhouse gas emissions and climate needs to contribute to national climate action targets*". Subsequently, Action 80 of the Climate Action Plan 2021 required that the DZ development be integrated with the development of the LACAP.

The Climate Action Regional Offices (CAROs), which were established to assist and coordinate the Local Authority response to climate change, have carried out an [analysis of the 31 Local Authority Climate Action Plans](#) that have been adopted by Irish Local authorities in 2024.

One of the outcomes of this analysis is the production of high-level reports for the principal stakeholders that have been identified by Local Authorities as being integral to the delivery of LACAPs and DZ actions. The aim of these [stakeholder reports](#) is to guide each stakeholder towards the local authorities and actions that are most relevant to them, to facilitate more informed stakeholder engagement and to inform stakeholders in the preparation of their own plans.

This stakeholder report has been prepared for **Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI)**.

*Please note that this is a high-level assessment performed by the CAROs to inform the **Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI)** of actions where it has been cited by Local Authorities as a stakeholder. If further information is required on any aspect of the report, please contact CARO@CorkCoCo.ie.*

2. LACAP analysis

The methodology deployed for the LACAP analysis centred around the development of a database. The database was populated by the individual actions that were adopted by all 31 local authorities.

A CARO team assessed and categorised each individual action according to its area of focus, type (mitigation or adaptation), whether the action required or involved research, whether the action involved work across local authority boundaries, what sectors the action related to and what stakeholders had been identified by the Local Authority as being involved in delivery of the action.

Actions were further categorised by the project team using a three-tier classification process. Each action was initially classified into one of 11 Tier 1 categories and then further categorised into Tier 2 and Tier 3 category. The Tier 1 categories are:

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- Local Authority Owned or Managed Buildings – this includes administrative buildings, social housing and other community buildings (e.g. libraries, swimming pools, etc)
- Local Authority Owned or Managed Infrastructure – this refers to other assets such as roads, public lighting, land, parks, heritage assets, communication networks, EV charging infrastructure, draining systems
- Local Authority Finance or Budgets
- Planning
- Community
- Active and Sustainable Travel
- Climate Impact Management
- Waste and Circular Economy
- Natural Assets and LULUCF
- Tourism

The project working group developed and worked to set criteria to ensure consistency in approach to action categorisation. Regular review meetings were held to maintain high levels of consistency in the data.

3. LACAP overview

The Local Authority Climate Action Plans (LACAPs) reinforce the commitment by the local government sector to lead on climate action at local and national levels. Each LACAP outlines the actions that the individual local authority will be taking to meet its responsibility regarding reduction of greenhouse gas emissions across its own assets and infrastructure as well as the actions that the local authority will take to influence, enable, and facilitate others to meet their own targets.

The Decarbonising Zone section of the Local Authority Climate Action Plans identifies the climate mitigation, adaptation and biodiversity actions to be taken by the Local Authority in the Decarbonising Zone (DZ) to test, pilot and demonstrate decarbonising at local and community level.

Analysis of the 31 LACAPs including Decarbonising Zones reveals the following:

- In total, **3,935** actions have been adopted across all 31 LACAPs, including
 - **3282** actions that relate to the whole local authority administrative area and are referred to as LACAP actions.
 - **653** actions that relate specifically to Decarbonizing Zones (DZs) and are referred to as DZ actions.
- 26 out of the 31 LACAPs identify the stakeholders that will be involved in each individual action.

4. Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) Actions:

An analysis of all 3282 actions in 31 LACAPs has concluded that:

- **123** of all 3282 actions relate to SEAI.

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- these are contained in **25** of the 31 LACAPs (taking note that 5 of the 31 LACAPs did not identify the stakeholders that will be involved in their actions).

Furthermore, an analysis of all 653 DZ actions has concluded that:

- **49** of the total DZ actions relate to SEAI.
- These are contained in **14** of the DZ plans (taking note that 8 local authorities did not list individual actions for their DZs and that 6 of the Local authorities that did identify DZ actions did not identify the stakeholders that will be involved in their actions).

Figure 1 shows the distribution of LACAP and DZ actions that cite SEAI as a stakeholder across local authorities.

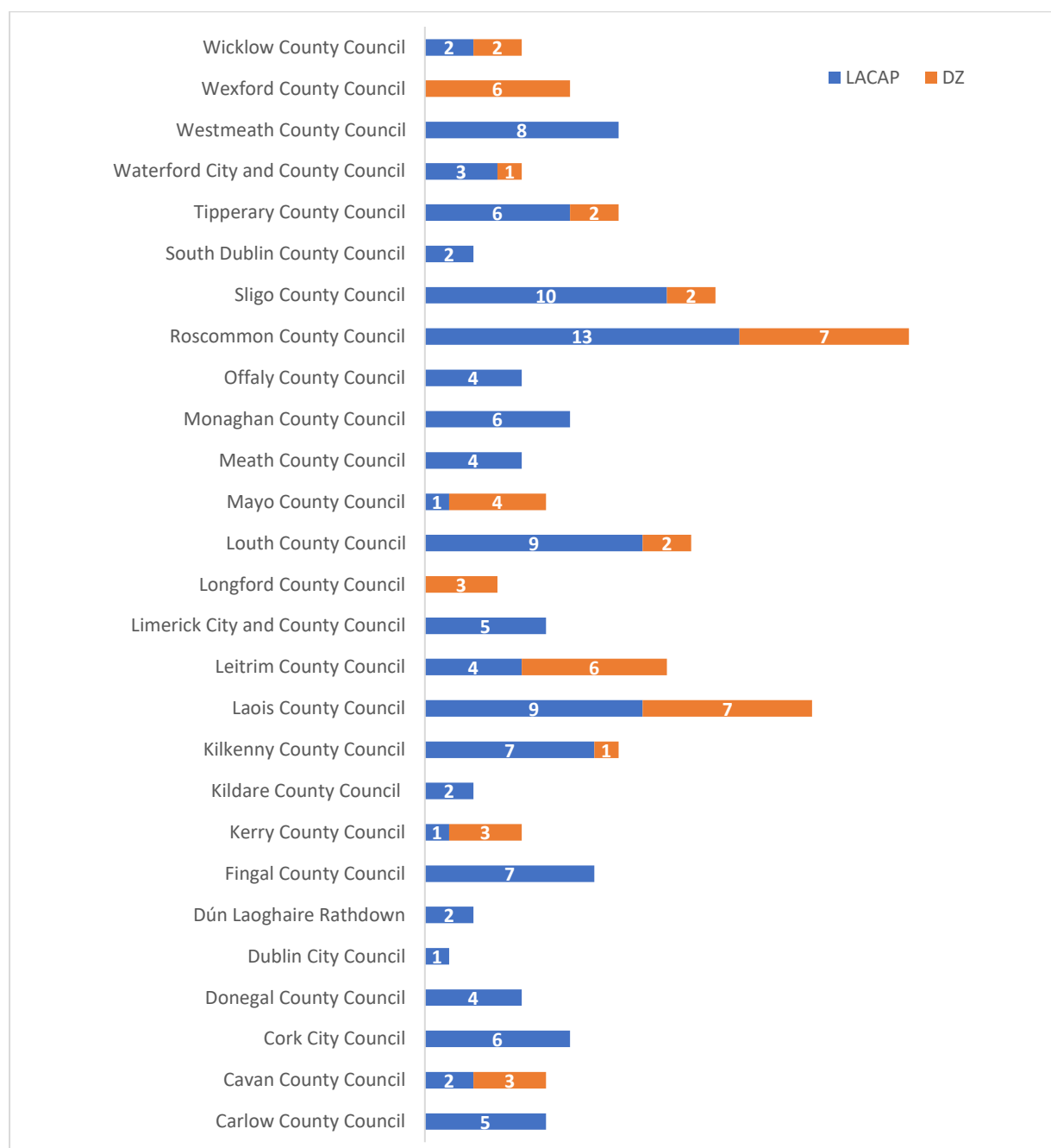


Figure 1: Breakdown of SEAI stakeholder actions according to Local Authority LACAP and DZ

4.1. Adaptation/Mitigation

All local authorities classified their LACAP and DZ actions according to whether they related to mitigation, adaptation, or a combination of both. Mitigation actions include those that reduce the causes of climate change and those that serve to maintain and enhance carbon sinks while adaptation actions include those that increase resilience to current climate and weather conditions and those that involve planning for future climate impacts. Combined actions are those that address climate mitigation and adaptation.

Figure 2 shows the breakdown of the LACAP actions that cite SEAI as a stakeholder according to whether they are identified as mitigation or adaptation or combined. 38% of the total number of LACAP actions that cite SEAI as a stakeholder address both mitigation and adaptation while 55% are specifically mitigation actions and 7% specifically relate to adaptation.

Figure 3 shows the breakdown of DZ actions that cite SEAI as a stakeholder according to whether they are identified as mitigation or adaptation or combined. 27% of the total number of DZ actions that cite SEAI as a stakeholder address both mitigation and adaptation while 69% are specifically mitigation actions and 4% are specifically adaptation actions.

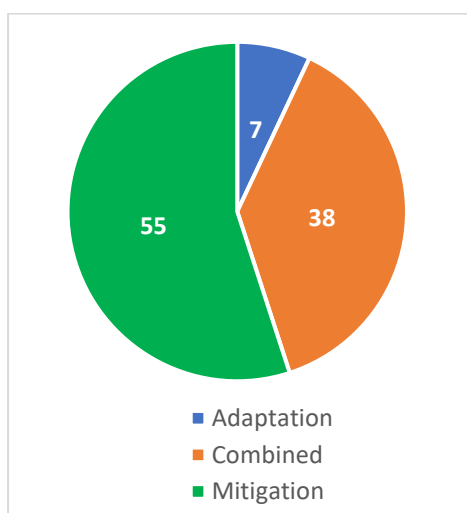


Figure 2: Percentage Adaptation/Mitigation breakdown of LACAP SEAI stakeholder actions

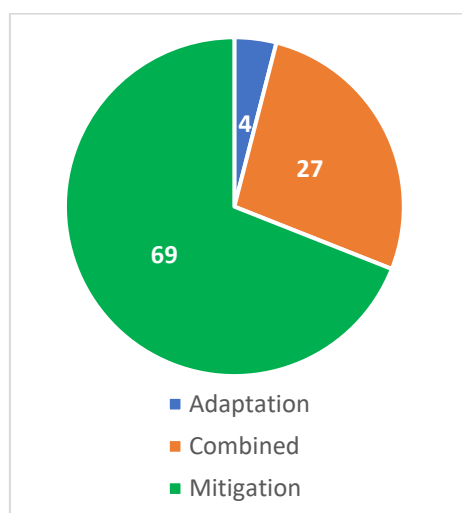


Figure 3: Percentage Adaptation/Mitigation breakdown of DZ SEAI stakeholder actions

4.2. Classification of Actions

Each action underwent a three-tier classification process, with 11 possible categories in Tier one, being further broken down into Tier 2 and Tier 3 categories.

Figure 4 shows the breakdown of all LACAP and DZ actions that cite SEAI as a stakeholder according to Tier 1 Category with actions being classified into 9 of the 11 possible categories.

It is apparent that a significant majority of all LACAP and DZ actions that cite SEAI as a stakeholder are associated with the themes of Community and Local Authority owned and/or managed buildings with smaller numbers of actions associated with the themes of Local Authority Organisation and Planning.

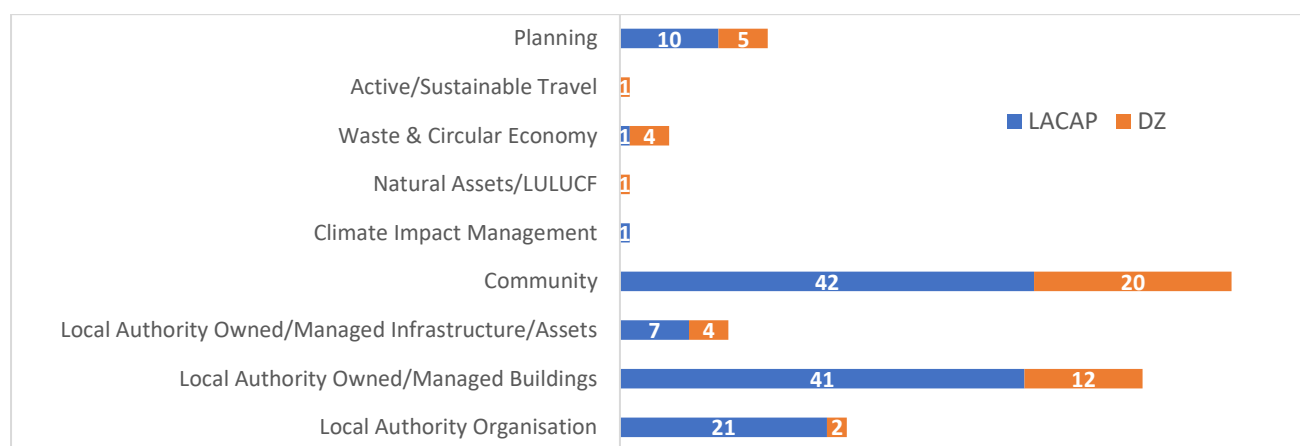


Figure 4: Tier 1 classification of LACAP and DZ SEAI stakeholder actions

The types of actions that are listed under each of these categories are as follows:

Community:

- Increase number of Sustainable Energy Communities (SECs).
- Provide bridging loans to SECs.
- Awareness raising and education.
- Just transition projects.
- Support communities and local level energy projects.
- Collaboration and engagement with SEAI.

Local authority owned/managed buildings:

- Energy audits.
- Engage with Pathfinder Programme.
- Energy Performance Contracting on Council buildings.
- Energy reduction, retrofitting and onsite renewable measures on buildings.
- Climate Impact risk assessments.

Local Authority Organisation:

- Achieve energy efficiency and emission reduction targets.
- ISO50001 energy management system.
- SEAI M&R reporting.
- Public Sector Decarbonisation Programme.
- Source funding.
- Staff training.
- Fleet decarbonisation.

Planning:

- Develop and implement EV charging infrastructure strategy.
- Encourage installation of renewables.
- Compact Urban growth.

All 123 LACAP and 49 DZ actions that cite SEAI as a stakeholder are listed in Tables 1 and 2.

Table 1: LACAP actions that cite SEAI as a Stakeholder

Local Authority	Action no.	Action
Carlow County Council	G 1.11	Complete annual energy consumption reporting to the national energy Monitoring and Reporting system (M&R) operated by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI)
Carlow County Council	B 1.1	Conduct Energy Audits across Carlow County Council's Significant Energy Users (SEUs)/Facilities to create a Gap to Target (51%) analysis to inform spending on projects to reduce carbon.
Carlow County Council	B 1.3	Pursue national/regional funding programmes to attain funding for emission reduction measures for Carlow County Council, e.g. Pathfinder
Carlow County Council	T 1.3	Develop and Adopt Electric Vehicle Strategy to support the transition to electric vehicle use in the wider community for County Carlow and for the South East Region; having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as the receiving water environment, biodiversity, European sites, local air quality, cultural heritage etc.
Carlow County Council	SRM 1.10	Carry out a feasibility study to identify the logistical, financial, planning, environmental and market challenges of a proposed district heating project in Carlow; ensuring the study has appropriate regard to planning and environmental protection considerations.
Cavan County Council	BE 3	Cavan County Council will assign an entity to compile an asset/property register which will detail all council owned buildings and lands. This register can then be utilised to assist with achievement of net zero and sustainability proofing of council owned buildings. The register will be updated routinely.
Cavan County Council	BE 5	Deliver the Cavan's Pathfinder Programme by 2025 and pursue other national and regional funding sources for retrofitting and improving energy efficiency and reducing emissions. Pursue additional similar funding programmes for further emission reduction works whilst advocating and exerting influence to ensure that all retrofitting works will prioritise energy efficiencies and renewable energy generation (solar PV, geothermal and micro wind generation where feasible); having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as European sites and biodiversity.
Cork City Council	3.3	Complete Energy Performing Contract (EPC) on seven nominated Cork City Council Buildings. The aim is to improve energy efficiency and to reduce CO2 emissions across each site. Using a large energy consuming building, i.e. a leisure centre, and incorporating smaller- consuming buildings into the contract to make it financially viable to complete works and to help establish best-practice guidance for similar building across the city, having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as biodiversity, European sites, sensitive human receptors, and heritage features.
Cork City Council	3.8	Establish a Cork City Retrofitting & Renewables Taskforce for decarbonising the city's building stock to explore, inform and ensure the transition to sustainable, energy efficient residential homes, commercial buildings, heritage buildings, private rented properties, apartments, public buildings. Fund pilot projects in hard to retrofit and heritage buildings. Make it a mission of this taskforce to achieve the decarbonisation of the city's building stock without resulting in unintended negative effects on humans, heritage, or biodiversity.

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Cork City Council	3.11	Implement, and where possible accelerate, the plan to retrofit the social-housing stock and carry out energy efficiency upgrades on City Council buildings, having due regard for environmental sensitivities such as local human receptors, European sites and biodiversity; and the need to appropriately protect and conserve protected structures.
Cork City Council	3.2	Encourage installation of solar/renewables generation, rainwater harvesting, or other green use, in existing properties by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consideration of planning regulations; • review of incentives to overcome financial barriers; and • support to increase contractor capacity, among others.
Cork City Council	3.23	Co-operate with SEAI to increase the number and activity levels of Sustainable Energy Communities (SECs) in Cork City in support of Action BE/23/8 of the national Climate Action Plan. Facilitate project adherence to planning and environmental protection requirements.
Cork City Council	4.1	Publish and implement the actions arising from the forthcoming Cork City EV-Charging Infrastructure Strategy, having due regard to universal access requirements, environmental sensitivities such as the receiving water environment, biodiversity, European sites, local air quality and built/cultural heritage, and available grid capacity.
Donegal County Council	GL 3.4	Partner with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) to provide bridging loans to Sustainable Energy Communities so that they can avail of SEAI Grants for preparing Energy Master Plans.
Donegal County Council	BE 2.4	Promote the National Retrofitting Scheme to private householders to highlight the package of supports that make it easier and more affordable to undertake home energy upgrades.
Donegal County Council	BE 2.8	Continue participation in the European City Facility (EUCF) to develop an investment concept for the decarbonisation of the Energy systems across the North West Region.
Donegal County Council	CR 2.3	Utilise the Public Library Network as a community hub to support national, regional and local awareness campaigns of Climate Action Plans.
Dublin City Council	S 2.1	Sustainable Energy Communities
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown	C 13	Facilitate the roll out of the SEAI Sustainable Energy Communities (SECs) programme
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown	C 20	Promote energy awareness within the County and Council including workshop type events
Fingal County Council	E 1	Continuous Improvement by maintaining ISO 50001 energy management system
Fingal County Council	E 2	Annual Monitoring & Reporting to SEAI
Fingal County Council	E 12	Implementation of identified DeliveREE/ Pathfinder projects across FCC premises to include the decarbonisation of significant energy using buildings.
Fingal County Council	E 18	Complete Pilot programme in Strandmill Estate, Portmarnock, in conjunction with SEAI and REIL offering retrofit upgrades to private homeowners, availing of economies of scale when coupled with public housing upgrades. Partially funded by SEAI government grants.
Fingal County Council	E 30	Work with SMEs to promote energy efficient adaptations through Local Enterprise Office initiatives including Green for Business and the Energy Efficiency Grant.

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Fingal County Council	C 9	Provide an annual energy awareness event in partnership with Codema, SEAI and other stakeholders
Fingal County Council	C 10	Promote and support SEAI's Better Energy Communities and Sustainable Energy Communities
Kerry County Council	1.1.1	Continue to make Returns via SEAI M&R System
Kildare County Council	B7	Prepare and implement a programme of measures for Council Buildings/Facilities to assist in achieving a 51% reduction in non-electrical related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 and to improve adaptation to climate change, having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as local human receptors, protected species that may be present in such buildings, European sites and biodiversity, and the need to appropriately protect and conserve protected structures. This will be assisted by Building Information Modelling (BIM) and adhere to the Capital Works Management Framework (CWMF) requirements.
Kildare County Council	R20	Support Just Transition projects with a climate focus, such as the Midlands Bioenergy Development Project within the County, whilst advocating and exerting influence to ensure such projects promote climate action co-benefits and do not contravene relevant environmental protection criteria or cause significant negative environmental effects.
Kilkenny County Council	1.6	Monitor, Report and Communicate on delivery of Kilkenny County Council climate actions and targets
Kilkenny County Council	2.23	Participate in the establishment and support of local authority Regional South East Energy Unit
Kilkenny County Council	2.24	Identify and implement a pipeline of projects for local authority assets to assist in achieving emissions and energy reduction targets
Kilkenny County Council	2.25	Undertake a programme of energy reduction, retrofitting, and onsite renewable measures on Local Authority buildings, facilities and social housing, having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as local human receptors, protected species, European sites and biodiversity, and the need to appropriately protect and conserve protected structures.
Kilkenny County Council	2.26	Investigate the feasibility of local authority led/supported alternative heating systems and fuels including District Heating, Geothermal and Bioenergy.
Kilkenny County Council	2.36	Undertake a programme of energy reduction, retrofitting and onsite renewable measures on Local Authority buildings and facilities, having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as local human receptors, protected species, European sites and biodiversity, and the need to appropriately protect and conserve protected structures.
Kilkenny County Council	4.2	Support communities to deliver local climate and sustainability actions, through grant schemes and programmes such as Sustainable Energy Communities, Tidy Towns, GAA Green Clubs, Green Schools and Heritage in Schools, Heritage Week, Heritage Grants, National Biodiversity Week, Creative Ireland and Cruinnui na nOg
Laois County Council	10	Laois County Council is required to achieve a 51% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 based on 2016-2018 levels and improve energy efficiency by 50%.
Laois County Council	20	Laois County Council will complete annual energy consultation reporting to the national energy Monitoring and Reporting system operated by SEAI and undertake a 'Gap to Target' analysis of its energy use annually within the lifetime of this Plan.
Laois County Council	21	Laois County Council will continue to act as lead authority for the Midland Energy Agency and participate in the SEAI Pathfinder programme.

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Laois County Council	47	Laois County Council will investigate the feasibility of Shared or District Heating in Portlaoise.
Laois County Council	48	Over the lifetime of this plan Laois County Council will carry out a Renewable Electricity Strategy (RES) for the County, based on revised national guidance. Such a strategy would be appropriately shaped by planning and environmental protection requirements associated with renewable energy development.
Laois County Council	49	Laois County Council will conduct a feasibility study for Solar Farm at Kyletalesha landfill, ensuring this study has appropriate regard to planning and environmental protection considerations.
Laois County Council	62	Laois County Council will install an Energy Monitoring System and Energy sub-metering across the portfolio of Council buildings
Laois County Council	82	Laois County Council will continue to provide support to Sustainable Energy Communities (SECs) by offering to assist in the preparation of local Energy Master Plans for SEC areas.
Laois County Council	105	Laois County Council will increase awareness of climate action initiatives and energy efficient grants to SME's.
Leitrim County Council	GL 16	Update library educational stock with current climate action information where available. Continue to update material as necessary. Run Library events and workshops that promote climate literacy.
Leitrim County Council	GL 21	Carry out an energy performance review within Leitrim County Council on an annual basis. Review will include details of energy and GHG reduction progress from baselines.
Leitrim County Council	B 1	Deliver the Leitrim Pathfinder Programme and pursue other national and regional funding sources for retrofitting and improving energy efficiency and reducing emissions. Promote the need to adhere to environmental protection requirements during retrofit projects, including the need to appropriately conserve built heritage.
Leitrim County Council	B 10	Prepare and implement a programme of measures for Council Buildings / Facilities to assist in achieving a 51% reduction in non-electrical related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 and to improve adaptation to climate change.
Limerick City & County Council	B 5	Carry out a feasibility study on the introduction of a district heating network in Limerick City.
Limerick City & County Council	B 8	Partner with the Chamber of Commerce to encourage businesses to carry out energy efficiency upgrade works to their premises and to reduce their carbon emissions.
Limerick City & County Council	B 12	Carry out energy audits of Council properties to identify the scale of investments required to meet the required carbon reductions.
Limerick City & County Council	C 7	Complete the SMARTLABs SEAI supported project which supports up to 100 residents / property owners better understand their energy usage and promotes behavioural change to reduce overall energy consumption.
Limerick City & County Council	C 9	Utilise the facilities of the CIL and other programmes to encourage communities to form SECs. Facilitate project adherence to planning and environmental protection requirements.
Louth County Council	GL 13	Increase participation in SEAI Pathfinder programme for public sector whilst promoting - through control or influence, as appropriate project adherence to planning and environmental protection criteria.
Louth County Council	BEI 10	Climate Impact Risk Assessment on Louth County Council owned heritage sites

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Louth County Council	BEI 11	Climate Impact Risk Assessment on Louth County Council owned buildings
Louth County Council	BEI 12	Complete annual reporting requirements to SEAI through the National Energy Monitoring and Reporting (M&R) systems
Louth County Council	CRT 11	Support development of Sustainable Energy Communities
Louth County Council	SRM 3	Deliver a series of energy efficiency and management workshops for small and medium businesses in County Louth to help them meet their sectorial targets under the nation's decarbonising plan
Louth County Council	SRM 4	Fully support and resource the Louth County Council energy and Facilities team to continue to work towards our 51% carbon reduction by 2030 targets.
Louth County Council	SRM 6	Develop a Clean Energy Policy for County Louth. This is to define the local authority's role in supporting sustainable green energy expansion and assess the current and emerging technologies
Louth County Council	SRM 7	Support local level renewable energy and micro generation projects within county Louth and cooperate with neighbouring regions where opportunities are identified. Promote - through control or influence as appropriate - project accordance with planning and environmental protection requirements
Mayo County Council	29	Support businesses to become more aware of their climate responsibilities, as well as the commercial opportunities arising from sustainability, energy efficiency, circular economy, nature-based solutions, and evolving consumer sentiment.
Meath County Council	GL 1	Implement ISO 50001 Energy Management System.
Meath County Council	BET 9	Undertake deep retrofit and install renewable energy sources as appropriate on LA owned buildings.
Meath County Council	BET 17	Explore the feasibility of sustainable energy and heating solutions in County Meath.
Meath County Council	CRT 12	Promote and support the Sustainable Energy Communities Programme and deliver workshops.
Monaghan County Council	GL 4	Join SEAI Public Sector Decarbonisation Partnership Programme.
Monaghan County Council	GL 13	Identify and draw down funding from all available sources for climate action.
Monaghan County Council	BE 1	Improve the energy efficiency of Council buildings to help deliver carbon reduction targets, maximising the use of renewable energy sources where possible, having due regard to local human receptors, protected species, biodiversity, European sites and the need to appropriately conserve protected structures.
Monaghan County Council	BE 2	Continue retrofitting council owned social housing to improve BER ratings; having due regard to local human receptors, protected species, biodiversity, European sites, and the need to appropriately conserve protected structures.
Monaghan County Council	BE 3	Ensure all new council buildings where possible are built to at least NZEB standards; having due regard to the need to ensure renewable energy development supported by this action will not have any significant negative environmental effect.
Monaghan County Council	BE 9	Participate in study on Reducing emissions through Compact Urban Growth in Ireland (RE-CUGI) (SEAI funded).

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Offaly County Council	BE 2.3.2	Build climate resilience and improve energy performance of architectural and archaeological heritage in public and private ownership through schemes such as BHIS, HSF, HTI, IWTN and Community Monuments Fund.
Offaly County Council	C 5.2.4	Support Sustainable Energy Communities by way of signed MoU with SEAI regarding the provision of bridge funding.
Offaly County Council	S 6.1.5	Seek funding for a County Wide Energy Master Plan
Offaly County Council	S 6.1.6	Investigate the potential for a District Heat Network and smaller neighbourhood district heating schemes
Roscommon County Council	GL2	Engage with the existing range of community capacity building supports to progress Climate Action initiatives in a consolidated way, ensure that stakeholders can engage with support service providers, funding streams and tailored advice to develop, mobilise and deliver projects
Roscommon County Council	BET 1	Ensure that all new Local Authority Buildings are designed to meet Net Zero Carbon using new innovative construction techniques, products, and processes. Identify a pilot building project to establish RCC as an exemplar of best practice.
Roscommon County Council	BET2	Implement prioritised SEAI Pathfinder projects in RCC including Aras an Chontae, Dillon House Library, Roscommon Leisure Centre, Roscommon Arts Centre and Roscommon Library and progress remaining buildings identified in Energy Audit process, prioritising significant energy users. Progress Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project in support of energy efficient public lighting. Incorporate additional energy saving measures in consultation with local communities; having due regard to protected species, biodiversity, European Sites and the need to appropriately conserve protected structures.
Roscommon County Council	BET3	Manage energy efficiency and vacancy levels in Local Authority housing stock in accordance with the Housing Strategy and national retrofit programme. Include energy awareness and management information in pre-tenancy training and to existing and prospective tenants as part of retrofits/energy upgrades where applicable; having due regard to protected species, biodiversity, European Sites and the need to appropriately conserve protected structures.
Roscommon County Council	BET4	Promote the development of suitable alternative energy projects in appropriate areas, including on degraded lands in RCC ownership (e.g. historic landfill sites) and particularly those developed and run by communities aligned with the SEC programme and in accordance with the adopted RCC Renewable Energy Strategy (CDP); having due regard to landscape and visual amenity and environmental sensitivities such as biodiversity, noise environment, air environment and European Sites, where it is confirmed through a glint and glare assessment that any solar development will not have any potential glint and glare impact on sensitive receptors, or otherwise, where it is confirmed that any solar development constitutes exempted development under the Planning and Development Regulations by virtue of its size or location outside a Solar Safeguarding Zone.
Roscommon County Council	BET7	Review RCC fleet management and composition in the context of required emissions reductions and in accordance with the Reimagining Fleet strategy. Implement changes in line with recommendations. Provide training on fleet operation including emissions reducing measures and promote fleet sustainability.
Roscommon County Council	BET9	Review modal split for staff and Council activities through the development and implementation of a Workplace Travel Plan in conjunction with NTA Smarter Workplaces. Develop a pilot Mobility Hub project for RCC staff in this regard and apply learning to potential external initiatives, having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as the receiving water environment, biodiversity, European sites, sensitive human receptors and traffic and transport conditions.

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Roscommon County Council	NEGI 4	Promote heritage, biodiversity and Climate Action awareness in the management and maintenance of Local Authority assets, landbank and properties, compile an inventory of heritage assets within Local Authority ownership and develop conservation/risk management plans as appropriate, including energy efficiency measures
Roscommon County Council	CRT 3	Engage with the business community to progress Climate Action initiatives
Roscommon County Council	CRT 8	Identify communities and groups with the potential to be affected by the transition to a low-carbon society as part of overarching national and sectoral policy implementation, including agricultural communities and those employed in associated industries, and including individuals and communities vulnerable to energy poverty. Identify and investigate potential opportunities associated with just transition, including locally based carbon offset initiatives
Roscommon County Council	SRM 4	Develop and implement multi-faceted campaigns on the practical need for behavioural change at all levels, work, home and recreation in order to achieve Climate Action ambitions.
Roscommon County Council	SRM 5	Develop, enhance and maintain RCC climate risk monitoring systems.
Roscommon County Council	SRM 6	Prioritise Climate Action based interventions in locations when greatest emissions savings can be achieved, such as EV charging in town centres, prioritising reuse of existing built fabric where services and infrastructure are in place, reuse existing paving/building material where possible and in line with relevant specifications, having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as the receiving water environment, biodiversity, European Sites, local air quality.
Sligo County Council	4	Develop & deliver staff climate awareness campaign that will assist staff with implementing good practice & achieving continuous improvements.
Sligo County Council	15	Ensure that the Social Housing Retrofitting Program is completed each year, and expanded where possible.
Sligo County Council	16	Work with Regional Energy Bureau to develop grant applications for SEAI Pathfinder grant programmes, and implement decarbonisation projects on Local Authority buildings.
Sligo County Council	21	Identify potential energy saving initiatives that can be applied to social housing stock and carry out pilots before extension to all stock
Sligo County Council	22	Achieve energy efficiency objectives of Housing Delivery Action Plan
Sligo County Council	25	Support and participate in regular public events that will improve awareness around the impacts of climate change and ways that we can adapt. Work with PPN to identify relevant topics & communities with a key focus on message and communicating to vulnerable groups
Sligo County Council	26	Continue to promote & support the Green Club Programme
Sligo County Council	29	Support the formation of new Sustainable Energy Communities, and provide support to develop their Energy Master Plans (EMPs)
Sligo County Council	39	Develop & implement a fleet decarbonisation strategy

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Sligo County Council	41	Develop Sustainable Travel Mobility Hubs and promote shared mobility solutions that will allow for the move away from private car ownership
South Dublin County Council	CE 7	Engage with communities and residents across the County, through local pop-up awareness raising events, on home energy upgrades, funding and other supports available.
South Dublin County Council	CE 11	Support the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland's (SEAI) Sustainable Energy Communities Programme in South Dublin by working with the Local Mentor. Where specific supported energy efficiency and renewable energy projects will not lead to unintended negative environmental effects in a local community.
Tipperary County Council	15	Develop a 'Setting the Scene for Going Green' Staff Awareness programme across all local authority services and involving all local authority staff focused on 'Reducing your Use' including for sustainable waste management, energy saving and reduced need for travel, and to support behavioural change by all staff, using shared learning for example, the Regional Waste Management Office and adjoining local authorities (See Actions 8, 31 and 32).
Tipperary County Council	30	Prepare and implement a pipeline of projects and initiatives for Local Authority Buildings/Facilities to assist in achieving a 51% reduction in non-electrical building emissions (thermal) by 2030. Programme to include (at the minimum) for the following: i. Building Stock Plans ii. Prepare Buildings for 2050 in so far as practical (Net Zero Emissions) iii. Energy Efficiency Projects iv. 'Reduce Your Use' initiatives (see Action 15) v. Renewable Energy Technologies vi. Lifecycle analysis/Green Public Procurement vii. Consideration of specialist building requirements i.e. HVAC in Museum, fire training services etc. viii. Consider use of emerging technologies and materials Note: See related Action 58 Nature-based solutions and integrated rainwater management protocol.
Tipperary County Council	33	Participate/lead in national/regional funding programmes for local authorities, for example, the SEAI Energy Retrofit 'Pathfinder' funding programme etc, to support funding for emissions reductions and climate action measures, ensuring that all retrofitting works funded will have due regard to environmental sensitivities such as European sites and biodiversity.
Tipperary County Council	48	In line with the Town-Centre First programme, reduce vacancy and dereliction by collaborating with owners in finding ways that these structures can be brought back to use, having due regard to the need to appropriately protect and conserve protected structures in accordance with relevant protected structures regulations, and the need to not negatively impinge on any protected species.
Tipperary County Council	66	Identify ways to support grant administrators in their role as influencers of climate action/sustainability through administration of grants across council services.
Tipperary County Council	90	To deliver an exemplar 'Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy' as the anchor and catalyst for the redevelopment of Martyr's Road Regeneration Quarter, located in Nenagh Town Centre.

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Waterford City & County Council	1.19	Apply for Pathfinder funding for energy projects and continue to apply for Better Energy Community funding
Waterford City & County Council	4.2	Support & encourage sustainable energy communities to engage in climate action at local level through the provision of Bridge funding for Energy master Plans under the MOU through the SEAI SEC Programme
Waterford City & County Council	4.14	Support & encourage sustainable energy communities to engage in climate action at local level through the provision of Bridge funding for Energy master Plans under the MOU through the SEAI SEC Programme
Westmeath County Council	1.3	Create a climate awareness section on WCC website and social media with practical tips and advice on everyday actions to help offset climate change.
Westmeath County Council	1.6	Endeavour to align to National & international Climate Policy. It is noted that there will be updates to existing plans, policies & programmes along with further new plans and policies published during the lifetime of this LACAP. While the Draft LACAP is prepared in line with current policies, plans and programmes all actions undertaken in relation to this Plan will be undertaken in accordance with the most recent plans, policies, and programmes available at that time
Westmeath County Council	1.13	WCC shall explore ways to actively reduce the organisational carbon footprint.
Westmeath County Council	2.7	WCC will collaborate with neighbouring local authorities to develop a comprehensive Electric Vehicle (EV) charging strategy, ensuring a seamless and regionally integrated charging infrastructure to support the widespread adoption of electric vehicles, having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as European sites and biodiversity.
Westmeath County Council	2.14	Apply a robust risk assessment and management framework to Westmeath County Council owned buildings and properties to identify and protect against the key vulnerabilities to the impacts of climate change and mitigate against service disruption, having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as local European sites and biodiversity.
Westmeath County Council	2.2	WCC will continue to actively engage in the Midland Energy Agency and participate in the associated SEAI Pathfinder programme with due regard to environmental sensitivities such as local human receptors, European sites and biodiversity; and the need to appropriately protect and conserve protected structures, during any retrofitting works.
Westmeath County Council	4.3	WCC will engage with SEAI to seek to support the local SEC Network to assist with developing and implementing community initiatives which address emission reduction and energy efficiency, having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as the receiving water environment, biodiversity, European sites, local air quality, cultural heritage etc.
Westmeath County Council	5.9	Support, in line with the policies of the County Development Plan, initiatives for limiting emissions of greenhouse gases through energy efficiency and the development of renewable energy sources which make use of the natural resources in an environmentally acceptable manner having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as biodiversity, noise environment, air environment and European sites. Where it is confirmed through a glint and glare assessment that any solar development will not have any potential glint and glare impact on sensitive receptors, or otherwise, where it is confirmed that any solar development constitutes exempted development under the Planning and Development Regulations by virtue of its size or location outside a Solar Safeguarding Zone.

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Wicklow County Council	1 BET	<p>Prioritise decarbonisation of significant energy usage buildings within the Local Authority whilst advocating and exerting influence to ensure due regard is had to environmental sensitivities such as protected species associated with such buildings, European sites and biodiversity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four Leisure Centres • County Buildings • Bray Fire Station
Wicklow County Council	5 SRM	<p>Promote uptake of energy performance measures in business and agricultural sectors through the promotion of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEAI programmes and Energy Audits • support scheme for renewable heat • micro and small-scale renewable energy generation • anaerobic digestion • energy efficient and heating control technology. <p>Whilst advocating and exerting influence to ensure supported renewable energy development does not contravene relevant environmental protection criteria or cause significant negative environmental effects.</p>

Table 2: DZ actions that cite SEAI as a Stakeholder

Local Authority	Action no	Action
Cavan County Council	DZ-BE1	Continue to retrofit all social housing and local authority buildings in the Cavan Town DZ to achieve a minimum Building Energy Rating of B2, having due regard for environmental sensitivities such as local human receptors, European sites and biodiversity; and the need to appropriately protect and conserve protected structures, during any retrofitting works.
Cavan County Council	DZ-BE2	Assess the feasibility and where feasible install rooftop solar PV on social housing and local authority property across the Cavan Town DZ having due regard to local human receptors, protected species, biodiversity, European sites and the need to appropriately conserve protected structures
Cavan County Council	DZ-BE3	Implement sensor lighting in all common areas and corridors of suitable CCC buildings
Kerry County Council	4.4.1	Investigate mapping residential areas within the county with lower energy efficiency to target retrofitting schemes
Kerry County Council	4.4.2	Undertake social housing retrofits in line with Housing for All, having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as protected species, European sites and biodiversity, and the need to conserve protected structures.
Kerry County Council	4.4.3	Investigate options, with relevant stakeholders, to set up an independent "energy" advisory service in the county.
Kilkenny County Council	DZ2	Support Kilkenny City Sustainable Energy Communities (SEC's) in the DZ, having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as local human receptors, protected species, European sites and biodiversity, and the need to conserve built heritage
Laois County Council	3.21	Support the development of EV charging points throughout the town, having due regard to planning and environmental protection requirements, as normal, and available grid capacity.
Laois County Council	4.3	Trial pop-up Energy Clinics for personalized energy efficiency guidance.
Laois County Council	4.7	Conduct a District Heating Feasibility Study to explore efficient heating solutions, ensuring the study has appropriate regard to planning and environmental protection constraints and considerations.
Laois County Council	4.1	Upgrade all public lighting to energy-efficient LED technology.
Laois County Council	4.14	Support Reuse and Repair initiatives, minimising unnecessary waste and promoting resource conservation.
Laois County Council	4.15	Enhance the accessibility of recycling facilities at Kyletalesha Landfill
Laois County Council	4.16	Investigate the feasibility of installing litter bins dedicated to recycling, thus making recycling more convenient option

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Leitrim County Council	DZBE1	Retrofit social housing and local authority buildings in the Carrick-on-Shannon DZ to achieve a minimum Building Energy Rating of B2, having due regard for environmental sensitivities such as local human receptors, European sites and biodiversity; and built heritage conservation requirements, during any retrofitting works.
Leitrim County Council	DZBE2	Assess the feasibility of rooftop solar PV on social housing and local authority property across the Carrick-on-Shannon DZ, having due regard to local human receptors, protected species, biodiversity, European sites and the need to appropriately conserve protected structures.
Leitrim County Council	DZBE3	Install rooftop solar PV on social housing and local authority property across the Carrick-on-Shannon DZ, having due regard to local human receptors, protected species, biodiversity, European sites and the need to appropriately conserve protected structures.
Leitrim County Council	DZBE4	Promote retrofit to Building Energy Rating B2 for private and commercial properties across the Carrick-on-Shannon DZ, having due regard for environmental sensitivities such as local human receptors, European sites and biodiversity; and built heritage conservation requirements, during any retrofitting works.
Leitrim County Council	DZT1	Implement the decarbonisation of the Local Authority vehicular fleet as appropriate. Ensure energy / fuel used to power local authority alternative vehicles is sustainably sourced, and appropriate end-of-life management practices are in place for local authority owned Electric Vehicles.
Leitrim County Council	DZCRT5	Support the work of the Sustainable Energy Communities within Carrick-on-Shannon.
Longford County Council	2	Deliver mitigation measures to reduce the rate of climate change and improve the quality of life within the DZ.
Longford County Council	3	Deliver adaptation measures to combat the risk of and build resilience to the negative impacts of climate change.
Longford County Council	5	Mobilise local, sectoral, and national investment and resources in pursuit of local solutions and interventions.
Louth County Council	DZ 12	Support the development of new sustainable energy committees within the DZ and provide bridging finance to allow these SECs to complete energy master plans.
Louth County Council	DZ 13	Examine the potential of maximising district heating opportunities within the DZ and support the implementation of best practice as recommended by SEAI. Raise awareness of the opportunities and benefits presented by district heating. Appropriate regard shall be had to planning and environmental protection requirements when investigating and progressing any development projects supported by this action.
Mayo County Council	DZ 10	Develop and expand renewable energy resources
Mayo County Council	DZ 12	Work with other public bodies in Mulranny to reduce emissions from their buildings, installations, and activities in the DZ
Mayo County Council	DZ 14	Retrofitting Homes

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Mayo County Council	DZ 15	Vacant and/or Derelict homes brought back to use
Roscommon County Council	DZ 1	RCC will develop projects and programmes of Citizen engagement and awareness raising to promote behavioural change across the DZ area, aligned where possible with other RCC initiatives in the areas of regeneration and the circular and night-time economies.
Roscommon County Council	DZ 2	RCC will embrace its lead role in minimising waste and embracing circular economy principles and to leverage influence over resident's behaviours and attitude towards waste and to build capacity in the local and business community to support waste minimisation and the circular economy in Roscommon town and provide support as appropriate, to progress, develop and/or expand circular economic activities
Roscommon County Council	DZ 10	RCC will utilise the 'Gap to Target' tool and the Building Pathfinder Programme to support Public Sector building retrofits and potential for renewable energy heat sources should be explored including the use of renewable gas as well as district heating opportunities to reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions at public buildings, having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as European Sites and biodiversity related sensitivities, sensitive human receptors and the need appropriately protected and conserve heritage features.
Roscommon County Council	DZ 11	Engage with owners/occupiers to enhance awareness to develop appropriate knowledge and skills required to enable energy efficiency improvements in heritage buildings, including specialists to help understand, specify, and install appropriate retrofitting to reduce carbon footprint while retaining architectural and heritage integrity. Roll out tailored education scheme in this regard and engage with national funding streams for implementation, whilst promoting consideration of environmental protection requirements during such works.
Roscommon County Council	DZ 12	Engage with the Planning, Roads, Town Regeneration, Economic Development & Tourism and Capital Implementation Teams of RCC in the development, design and funding of town centre projects to reduce the need to travel in the urban area and to promote availability and uptake of public transport in support of a pedestrian-focussed town centre. Implement the design manual for Urban Roads and Streets in support of pedestrian priority zones and reduction of vehicular dominance in the town centre and residential areas. Promote the carrying out of development supported by this action in a manner that has due regard to environmental sensitivities such as the receiving water environment, biodiversity, European Sites and local air quality.
Roscommon County Council	DZ 14	RCC will examine investment in electric vehicles (EVs), the potential for increased charging facilities and optimum location for these in association with local businesses and communities, having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as heritage, biodiversity, European sites, sensitive human receptors, and available grid capacity.
Roscommon County Council	DZ 17	Develop a register of interested homeowners via EOI to facilitate economies of scale for retrofit projects to promote group access to discounts, green finance and available supports within the DZ area.
Sligo County Council	5	Identify existing community groups within the DZ and engage with them regarding climate & energy related matters that they have identified as being a priority for their group.

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Sligo County Council	8	Commission a District Heating feasibility study
Tipperary County Council	5	Roll-out relevant LACAP initiatives in the area including existing programmes relating to public lighting, local authority housing retrofit programmes etc.
Tipperary County Council	9	Consider the development and implementation of a collaborative/innovative approach to nature-based, land land-use diversification and biodiversity rich solutions, on a catchment basis to support water quality improvement, carbon capture, the bio-economy and flood risk management.
Waterford City & County Council	DZ 4.2	Deliver a 50% energy efficiency improvement in Council owned buildings in the City
Wexford County Council	DZ BET3	Production of the Enniscorthy Area Local Transport Plan and identification of measures for implementation whilst ensuring the plan is: - Designed to mitigate potential environmental impacts associated with supported active travel infrastructure. - Support the carrying out of environmental/biodiversity enhancement during the active travel development process
Wexford County Council	DZ BET14	Liaise with the Schools within the Decarbonisation Zone in relation to solar PV installation, having appropriate regard to planning and environmental protection considerations, including potential glint and glare impacts
Wexford County Council	DZ BET17	Investigate the feasibility of companies co-funding a high speed electric vehicle charger for use by companies within their own industrial estate having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as the receiving water environment, biodiversity, European sites, local air quality, cultural heritage
Wexford County Council	DZ CRT6	Work on the feasibility of an Electric Vehicle taxi co-operative
Wexford County Council	DZ SRM1	Run sustainability and energy efficiency workshops/initiatives, increasing knowledge on grant funding and aid the Enniscorthy people on completion of grant applications
Wexford County Council	DZ SRM3	Work with Enniscorthy businesses, Enniscorthy Chamber, Enniscorthy SEC in promoting climate action initiatives such as Go-Cups, low-level lighting in shops, championing new business initiatives on energy reduction
Wicklow County Council	ADZ BE&T 10	Support the work of Arklow SEC to engage owners of buildings in retrofitting projects.
Wicklow County Council	ADZ CR&T 20	Promote greater uptake of solar PV in the town through promoting the micro-generation and the small scale generation scheme, where it is confirmed through a glint and glare assessment that any solar development will not have any potential glint and glare impact on sensitive receptors, or otherwise, where it is confirmed that any solar development constitutes exempted development under the Planning and Development Regulations by virtue of its size or location outside a Solar Safeguarding Zone.

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