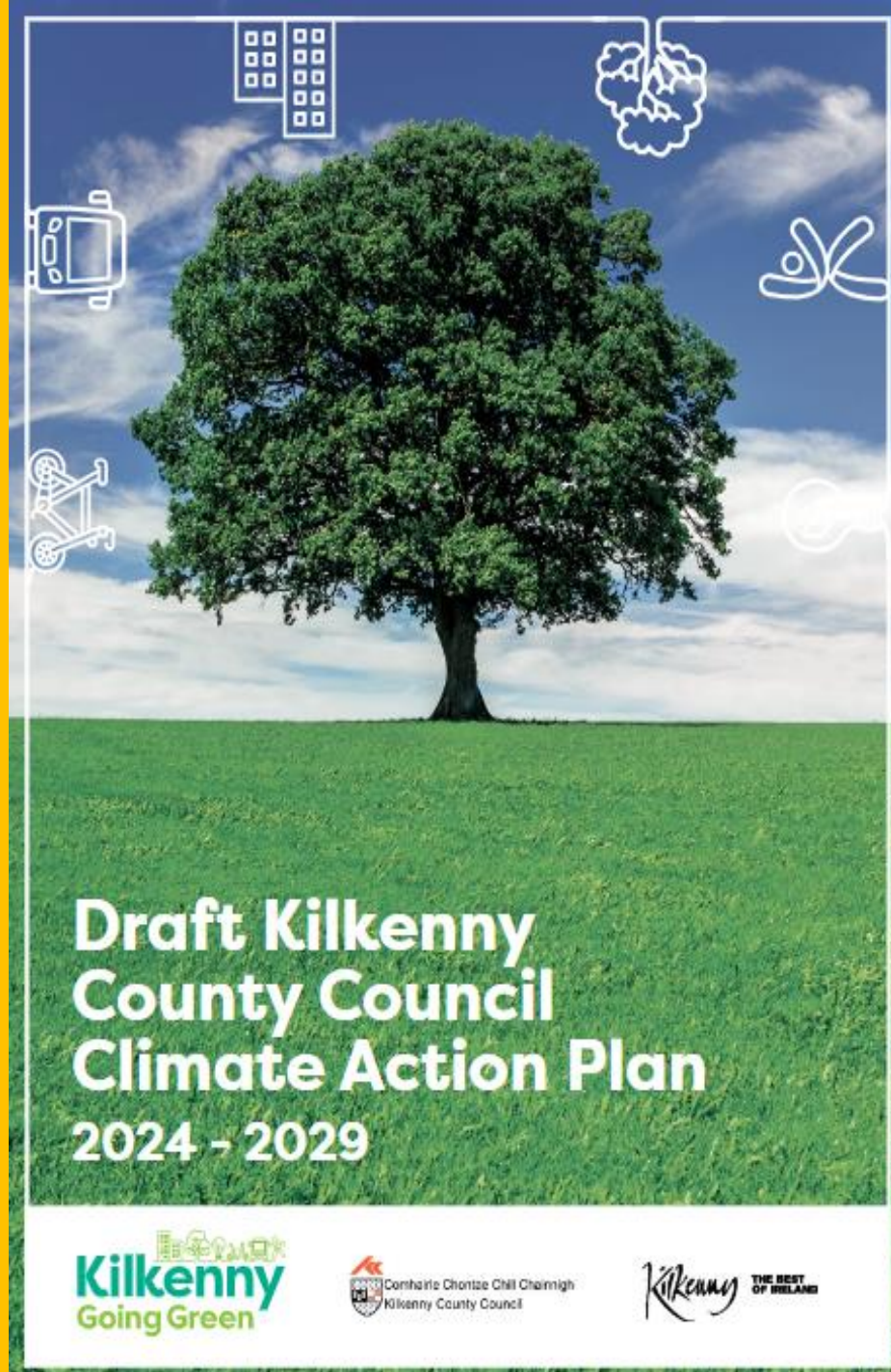


Adoption of the Draft Kilkenny County Council Climate Action Plan 2024-2029

**Council Plenary
19th Feb 2024**

**Dearbhala Ledwidge
Climate Action Coordinator**



1. Summary of CAP
(Workshop 12th Feb)
2. Supporting
documentation

Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021

Comprehensive Process

1. Governance
2. Evidence Base
3. Consultation
4. Training
5. Plan Preparation
6. SEA/AA Assessment



Scope of the Climate Action Plan

Roadmap/path for Kilkenny County Council to respond to climate change, meet our climate obligations and deepen our commitment to climate action.

1. KCC buildings, facilities, fleet, public lighting
 - Increase energy efficiency (50% by 2030)
 - Reduce greenhouse gas emissions (51% by 2030)
2. Embed Climate Resilience across the organisation
3. Demonstrate Leadership in Climate Action
4. Support Kilkenny City Decarbonising Zone (DZ)



The Process

Evidence Base

- Climate Risks, Emissions

Consultation

- Public, Elected Members, SPC, Staff, Stakeholders
- Submissions to Draft Plan

Strategic Environmental Assessment & Appropriate Assessment



The Draft Plan

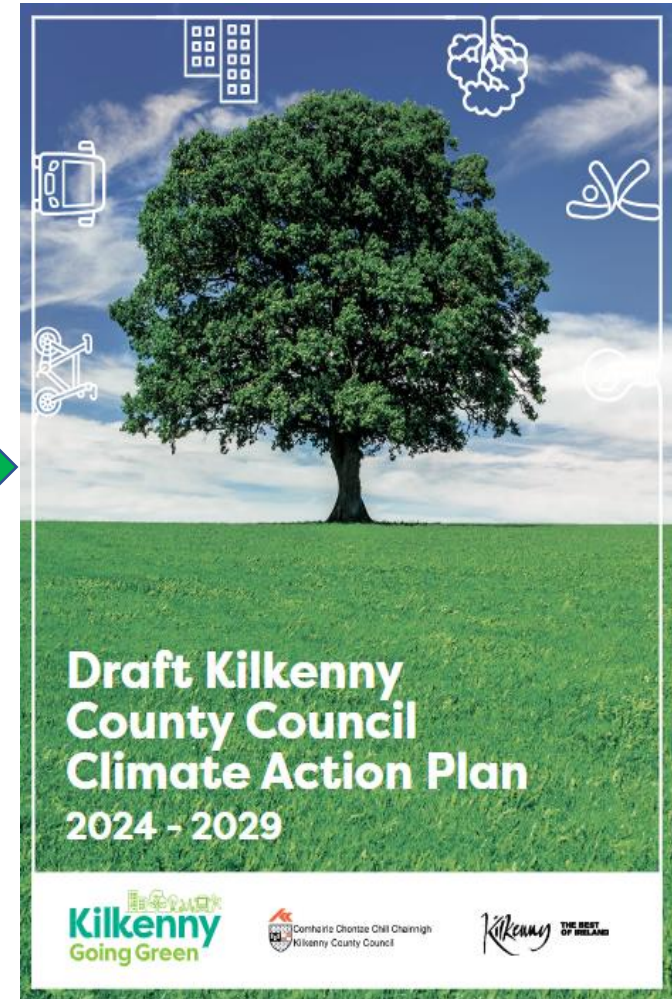
Vision

“A climate resilient organisation that inspires and supports the County’s transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, sustainable and carbon neutral economy by 2050.”

5 Strategic Goals

- Governance & Leadership
- Built Environment & Transport
- Natural Environ. & Green Infrastructure
- Communities; Resilience & Transition
- Sustainability & Resource Management

95 Actions



Kilkenny County Council Climate Action Objectives

DZ

established
in Kilkenny City

€511K

invested in
1st Phase of
Community
Climate
Action Fund

Support local
business adopt
more sustainable
practices.

Protect the County's
Infrastructure and
Assets.

Embed Climate Action
within the Council and
support Climate Action
across the County.

Maintaining
ISO50001
Energy Management
System

€30m

invested by
OPW in Flood
Relief Schemes

Kilkenny County
Council will move
to more
sustainable
service delivery.

Facilitate shift
to Active Travel.

€700K

invested in
transitioning
fleet to HVO

€3.5m

Invested in
retrofitting all

12,000

Public lights
to LED

Improve energy
efficiency and
sustainable
building practices.

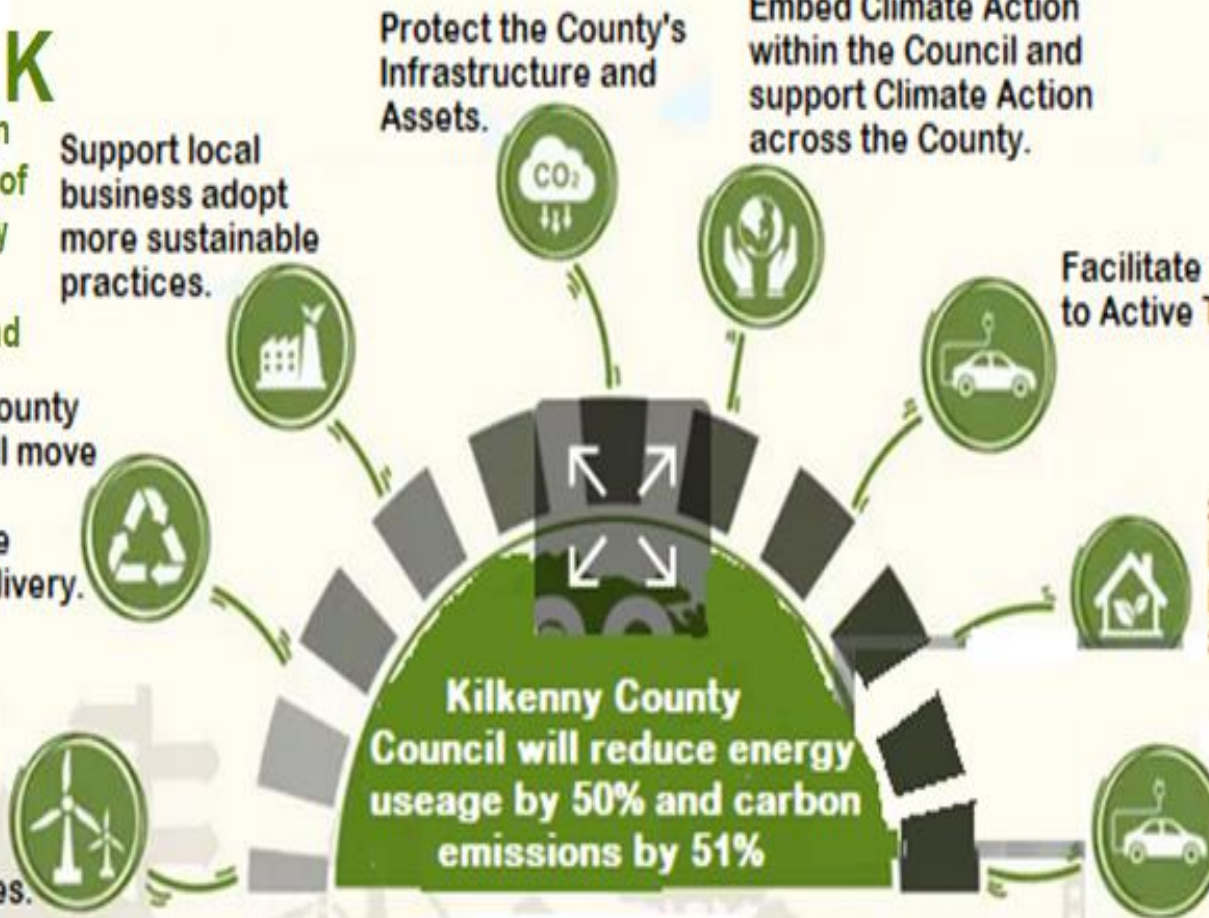
Support
Biodiversity and
Nature Based
Solutions.

€3m

invested in
retrofitting
Council owned
Buildings

**Kilkenny County
Council will reduce energy
usage by 50% and carbon
emissions by 51%**

2030



Before You Today

Kilkenny

- Draft Kilkenny County Council Climate Action Plan 2024-2029
- Chief Executive's Report on Submissions to the Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029, containing:
 - Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Determination
 - Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination
- Final AA Determination
- Natura Impact Report
- SEA Environmental Report

(Summary Conclusion: No likely significant effects on the environment or designated European sites)

Thank You

