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# **Local Authority Climate Action Plans**

## **Community Climate Action Programme 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 plans have statutory remit for a five-year duration. The LACAPs aim to deliver 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 which 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 plan 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 a series of high-level reports for stakeholders and sectors. These reports facilitate more informed engagement and will assist sectors and stakeholders in the preparation of their own plans.

This report is produced on the theme of the **Community Climate Action Programme**. *If further information is required on any aspect of the report, please contact CARO@CorkCoCo.ie.*

# 2. 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.

# 3. Community Climate Action Programme Actions:

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

- **26** of all 3282 actions relate to Community Climate Action Programme.
- these are contained in **24** of the 31 LACAPs.

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

- **2** of the total DZ actions relate to Community Climate Action Programme.
- These are contained in **2** of the DZ plans.

Figure 1 shows the distribution of LACAPs and DZ actions that relate to the Community Climate Action Programme across local authorities.

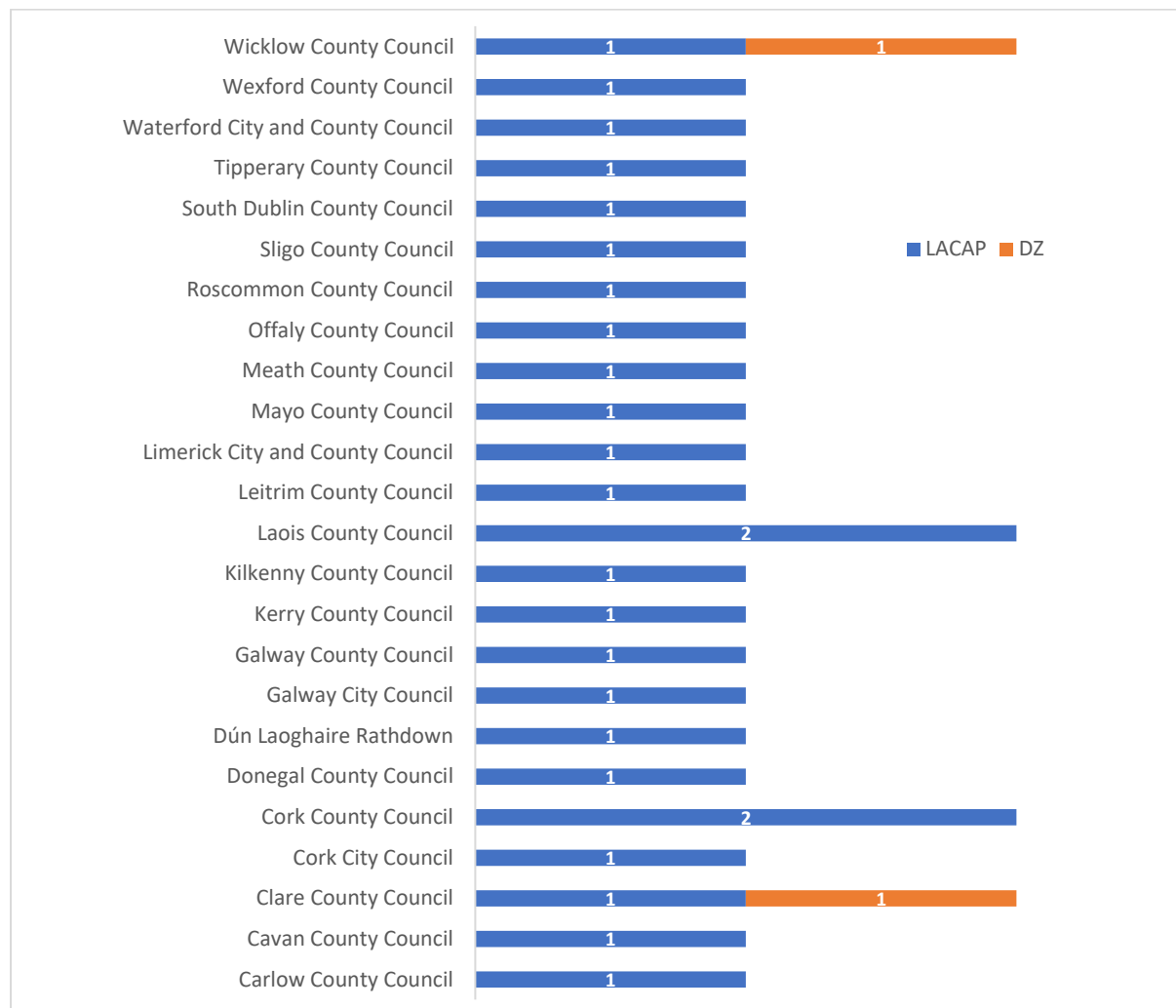


Figure 1: Breakdown of Community Climate Action Programme actions according to Local Authority LACAP and DZ

All 26 LACAP and 2 DZ actions that relate to the Community Climate Action Programme are listed in Tables 1 and 2. The actions can be summarised as follows:

- Promote, administer, and deliver the Community Climate Action Fund.
- Engage with community groups to identify projects that can be funded under the Community Climate Action Fund and support & facilitate them in accessing funding.
- Continue engagement with the Community Climate Action Programme to identify, support and showcase locally based climate action initiatives in line with scheme guidelines/themes. Feed outcomes/results upwards in support of national policy.

Table 1: LACAP actions that are relevant to the Community Climate Action Programme

Local Authority	Action no.	Action
Carlow County Council	C 1.2	Implement the Community Climate Action Fund to engage communities in localised Climate Action Projects
Cavan County Council	C 10	Promote & Implement the Community Climate Action Fund for 2023 - 2026 to engage communities in localised Climate Action Projects.
Clare County Council	C 2.1	Through the implementation of the Community Climate Action Fund, engage communities in localised Climate Action Projects having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as the receiving water environment, biodiversity, European sites local air quality, cultural heritage
Cork City Council	2.8	Fund Cork-City based community organisations for local climate actions, through the National Community Climate Action Programme, and promote Shared Island partnership funding opportunities.
Cork County Council	4.2.1.3.2	Support and administer the Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP) funded by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, which will allow communities to apply for grants to enable climate projects at a local level.
Cork County Council	4.4.1.3.1	Support the delivery of Local Climate Action projects funded through the new Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP). The CCAP will operate under the following themes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home(Community)/Energy</li> <li>• Travel</li> <li>• Food and Waste</li> <li>• Shopping and Recycling</li> <li>• Local Climate and Environmental Action.</li> </ul>
Donegal County Council	CR 4.2	Administer the Community Climate Action Fund to support communities to deliver localised climate action projects.
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown	C 1	Administer the Community Climate Action Fund
Galway City Council	32	Deliver the community climate action fund and work to identify further funding streams for local climate action projects and support communities and voluntary sector in developing and implementing climate adaptation and mitigation projects at local level including nature-based solutions that can provide co benefits to people and nature.
Galway County Council	CP 1.1	Support Community Action in the areas of community energy projects, travel, shopping and recycling, environmental action and food and waste including community gardens. Administer Community Climate Action Fund and support communities in the implementation of the projects.
Kerry County Council	3.3.8	Administration of the Community Climate Action Fund for Kerry.
Kilkenny County Council	4.1	Deliver the Community Climate Action Fund. Ensure projects supported by this action are delivered in a manner that has due regard to:

		* All relevant environmental sensitivities (e.g., heritage, biodiversity, European site related sensitivities), and; * Opportunities to promote climate action co-benefits, where possible (e.g., through the use of nature-based solutions or sustainable drainage systems).
Laois County Council	79	Laois County Council will implement the Community Climate Action Fund to engage communities in local, community-led Climate Action projects.
Laois County Council	100	Laois County Council will pilot replicable, scalable demonstration projects during the lifetime of this plan (Community Climate Action Fund projects), Development supported by this action will, as normal, be carried out in line with planning and environmental protection requirements.
Leitrim County Council	CRT 10	Promote and implement the Community Climate Action Fund 2023-2026 to engage communities in localised Climate Action Projects.
Limerick City & County Council	C 11	Continue to deliver on the Community Climate Action Fund.
Mayo County Council	18	Administer Community Climate Action Fund
Meath County Council	CRT 13	Administer and support Strand 1 & 1A of Community Climate Action Programme to deliver selected Climate Action projects.
Offaly County Council	C 5.2.3	Administer Community Climate Action Fund
Roscommon County Council	BET13	Continue the Community Climate Action Programme to identify, support and showcase locally based Climate Action initiatives in line with scheme guidelines/themes. Feed outcomes/results to upwards in support of national policy.
Sligo County Council	28	Deliver the Community Climate Action Fund, and the promotion of other related funding streams, including the Creative Climate Action Fund, and ensure full use of available resources.
South Dublin County Council	CE 21	Deliver the Community Climate Action Fund.
Tipperary County Council	67	Through the 'Community Climate Action Fund' support community groups in decarbonising their building assets and programmes.
Waterford City & County Council	4.16	Deliver the Community Climate Action Fund overseeing the delivery of up to 30 climate action projects across the county
Wexford County Council	CRT 1	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
Wicklow County Council	1 CRT	Administer the funding to local community groups for climate action through the Community Climate Action Fund ensuring a diversity of themes covered. Include sustainability and climate change scoring on relevant grant assessments to ensure that community groups/stakeholders consider climate action in all their grant funded activities

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*Table 2: DZ actions that are relevant to the Community Climate Action Programme*

Local Authority	Action no	Action
Clare County Council	DZ-BE9	Support implementation of energy, biodiversity and climate projects in the DZ via Community Climate Action Fund
Wicklow County Council	ADZ CR&T 19	Engage with community groups to identify projects that can be funded under the Community Climate Action Fund.

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