

Local Authority Climate Action Context

Elected Member Induction Training

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Presentation Overview

- Climate is changing
- Climate Policy Context and role of
LAs
- Local Authority Climate Action
Plans
- Climate Governance

Climate is
changing ...



Climate Action

Climate Mitigation

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Climate Adaptation



Climate Policy Context

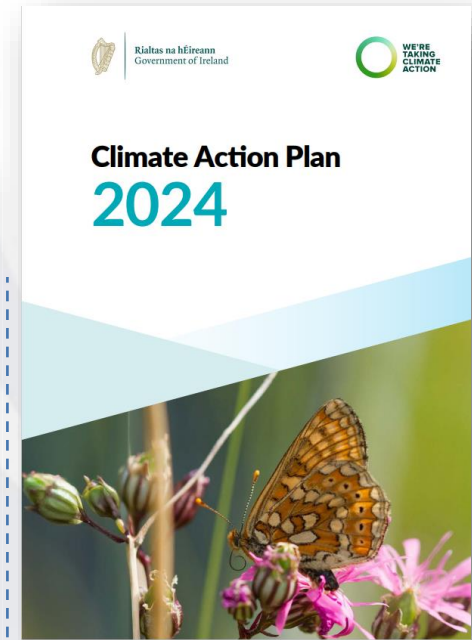
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Evolving National Climate Policy

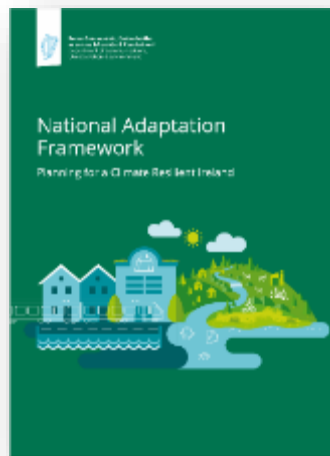
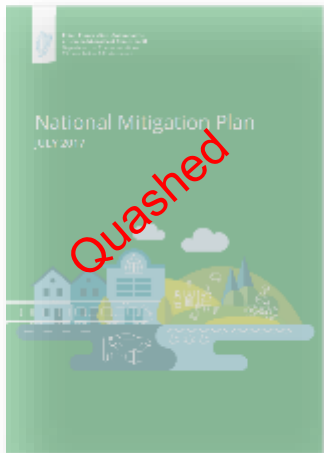


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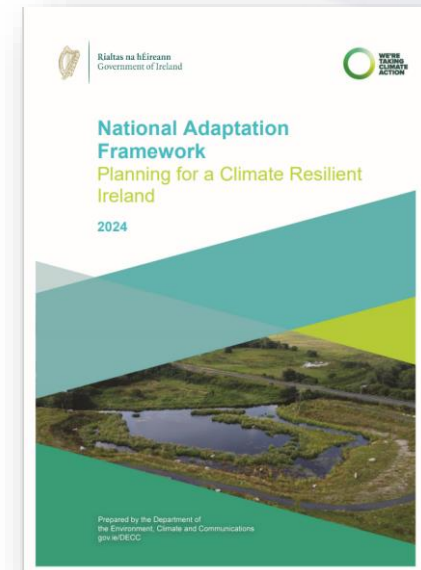


Strengthening



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National Climate Policy & Role of Local Government

- Defined **Leadership Role** of local government on climate action
- Intrinsic part of **National Adaptation Framework** helping to build resilience
- **Well positioned** to build upon climate action measures e.g. Emergency response, environmental protection, flood relief measures
- Strong **relationship with communities** - cultivate positive engagement
- **End of line delivery** of climate action - **it's all 'local'**



Local Authority Adaptation Strategies 2019-2024

- All 31 Local Authority Councils adopted Local Authority Adaptation Strategies in 2019
- Action of the National Adaptation Framework 2018
- Implementation to point of adoption of LACAP
- Reported on annually to DECC & CCAC



Adaptation Progress in the Local Government sector:

CCAC Scorecard Assessment

Sector	Risk, prioritisation & adaptive capacity	Resourcing & mainstreaming	Governance, coordination & cross cutting	Overall
1. Flood Risk Management (OPW)	Advanced	Good	Good	Good
2. Transport (DoT)	Advanced	Moderate	Good	Good
3. Built & Archaeological Heritage (DHLGH)	Good	Good	Good	Good
4. Local Government (CCMA)	Good	Good	Good	Good
5. Agriculture, Forestry and Seafood (DAFM)	Moderate	Good	Moderate	Moderate
6. National Adaptation Framework (DECC)	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
7. Water Quality & Services Infrastructure (DHLGH)	Limited	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
8. Communications Networks (DECC)	Limited	Moderate	Limited	Limited
9. Electricity and Gas Networks (DECC)	Moderate	Limited	Limited	Limited
10. Health (DoH)	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited
11. Biodiversity (DHLGH)	No progress	Limited	Limited	Limited



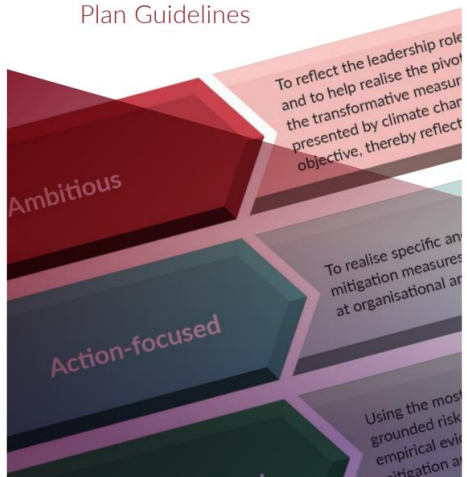
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Local Authority Climate Action Plan Guidelines



Local Authority Climate Action Plans:

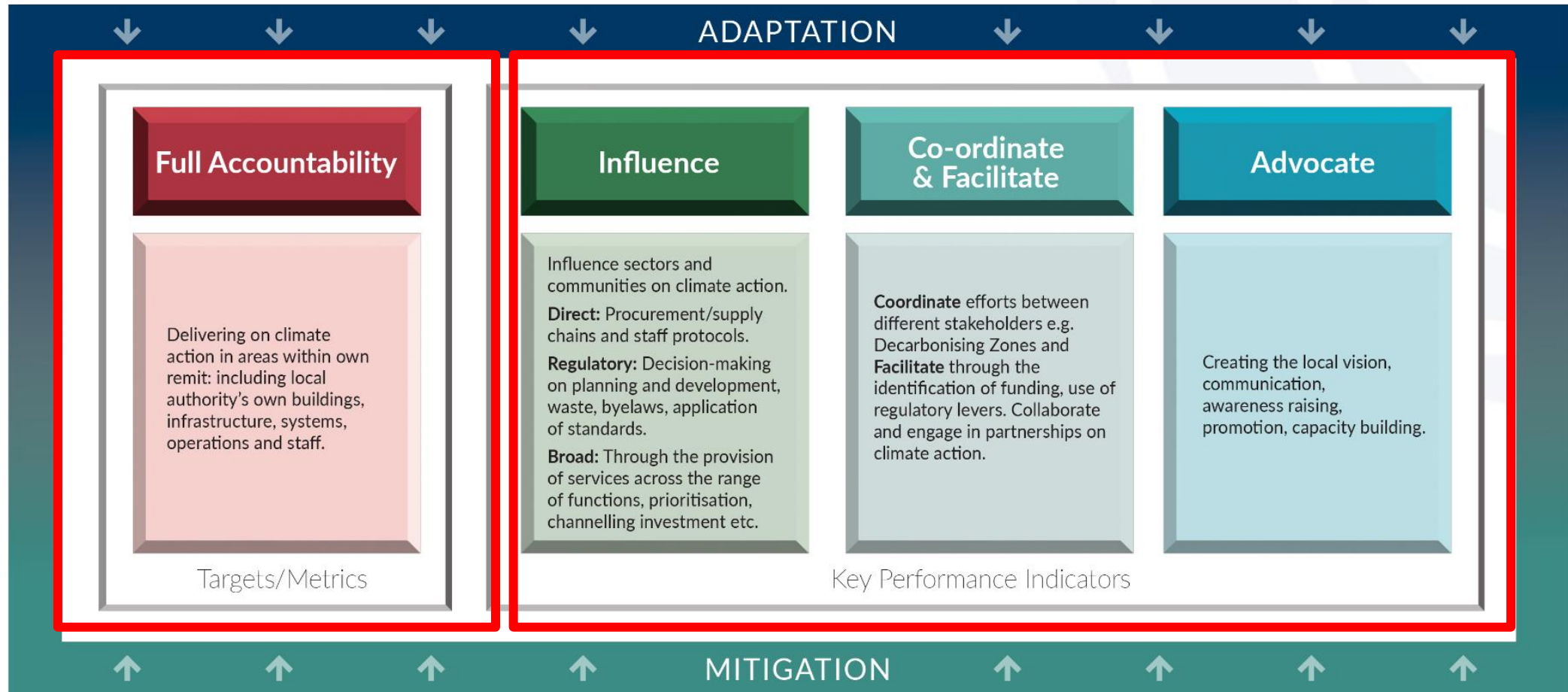


- Bring forward **Adaptation & Mitigation** measures in a coherent manner.
- Provide a strong emphasis on a **place-based approach to climate action**
- Deliver and promote **evidence-based and integrated climate action** by way of adaptation and mitigation measures
- **Translate and provide strategic direction** at local and community levels on the delivery of the national climate objective
- Identify and deliver a **Decarbonising Zone** to act a **test bed for mitigation, adaptation and biodiversity** measures


LACAPs




Local Authority: Scope on Climate Action




Elements of the LACAPs




Electricity



Thermal



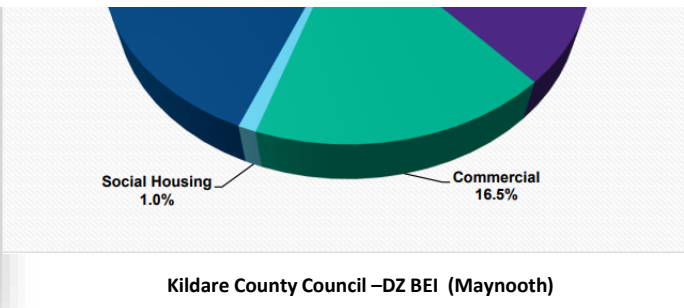
Transport



Built Environment

Actions in bold indicate where MCC have direct control of implementation

Built Environment		DZ Objectives: 1. Retrofit local authority buildings across Monaghan Town and transition the local authority fleet to electric or other low-carbon transport options 2. Promote the retrofit of private buildings across Monaghan Town and ensure all new buildings are zero energy 3. Enhance the resilience of the built environment to climate impacts						
Action #	Action	Type (Mitigation/Adaptation/Both)	KPI	Lead Dept.	Partners	Timeframe	Dependencies	Objective Addressed
BE.1	Retrofit all social housing and local authority buildings in the Monaghan Town DZ to achieve a minimum Building Energy Rating of B2.	Mitigation	Number of social housing units with a BER of B2	Housing	Finance, SEAI	Annual	None	1
BE.2	Assess the feasibility and install rooftop solar PV on social housing and local authority property across the Monaghan Town DZ	Mitigation	Study Conducted	Housing, Corporate Assets	Climate Action Unit, SEAI	Annual	None	1
BE.3	Install rooftop solar PV on social housing and local authority property across the Monaghan Town DZ	Mitigation	Number of PV projects implemented	Housing, Corporate Assets	None	Annual	BET.2	1
BE.4	Promote retrofit to Building Energy Rating B2 for private and commercial properties across the Monaghan Town DZ	Mitigation	Number of engagement events held	Community, LEO	SEAI	Annual	None	2
BE.5	Undertake a study to identify vacant buildings in the DZ in support of the Town Centre First Policy	Mitigation	Study conducted	Town Regeneration Officer	Department of Housing, Local Government, and	2024	None	1
BE.6	Conduct a Monaghan Town Centre Health Check and compare findings with the 2019 study	Both	Survey conducted	Community Development	The Heritage Council	2025	None	1,2

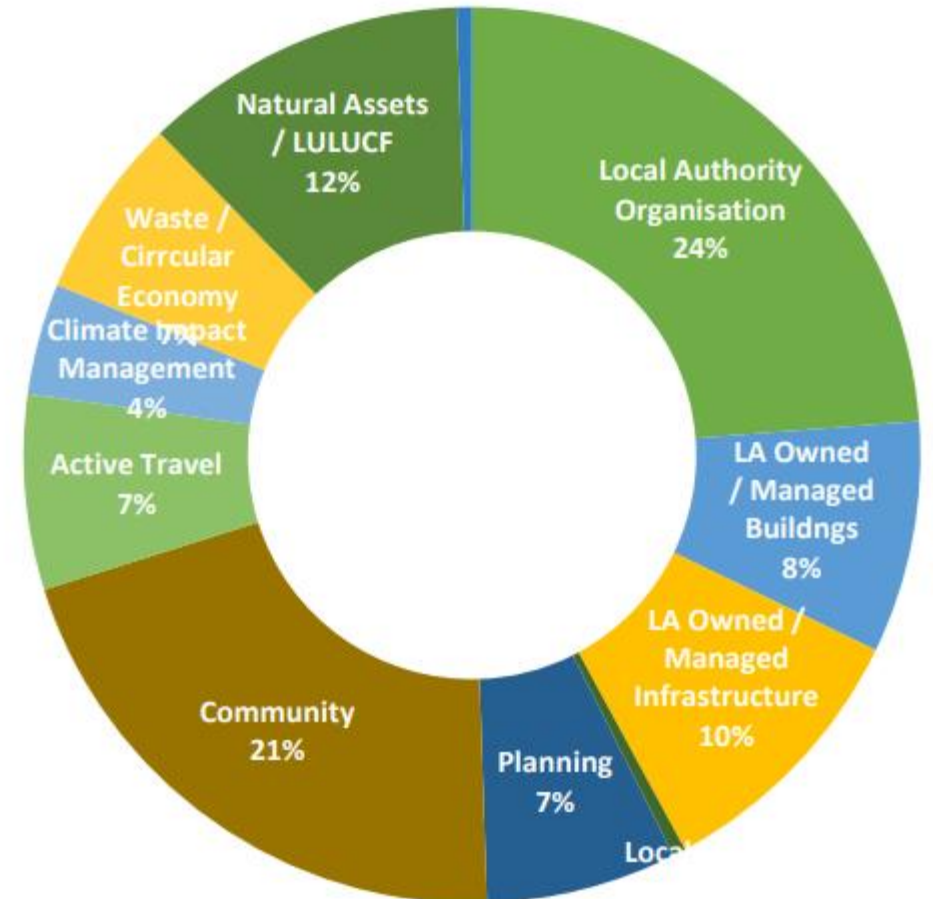
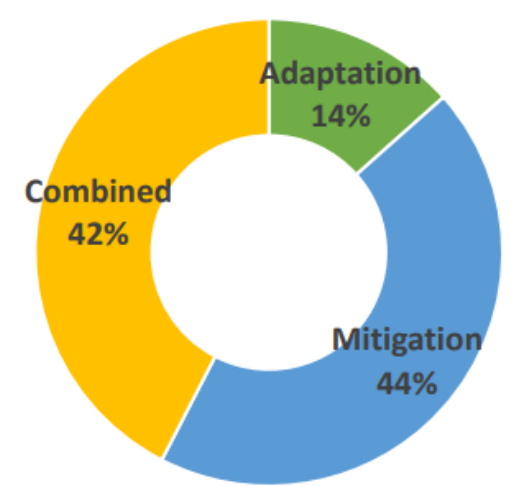


- Evidence Base supporting the actions
 - Adaptation Baseline
 - Mitigation Baselines
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- Framework of Actions
 - Internal - targets (Buildings, Operations & Fleet)
 - Internal – **integration** to all services/functions
 - External – sectoral and community stakeholders
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- Decarbonising Zone
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- Approach to Implementation
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Review of LACAPs

- 3919 Actions: 3282 + 637 DZ
- 44% Mit 14% Adapt 42% Combined
- 44 Thematic areas
- 357 Stakeholders: national, regional, local
- 41 DZs - Pop eq. 435K.
29 Urban, 6 Part Urban, 6 Rural

Represents our expansive influence on climate action



Implementation

- **Evolving policy context and priorities**

Eg. NCCRA & Sectoral adaptation plans

- **Monitoring and Reporting**

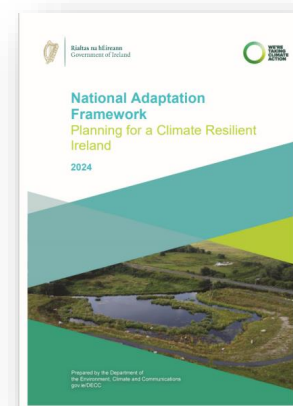
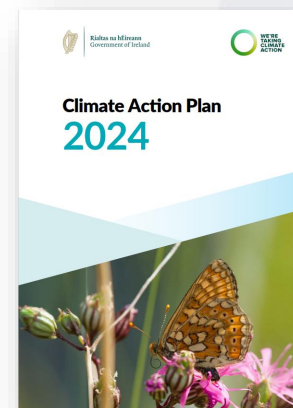
- M&R
- LG Sectoral KPIs
- Adaptation, Risk & Resilience
- CAP – alignment & progress

- **Mainstreaming & Integration**

Optimising all services/functions/policy levers...

- **Budgets and sourcing funding/finance**

- **Spatial planning - Critical**



Climate Governance

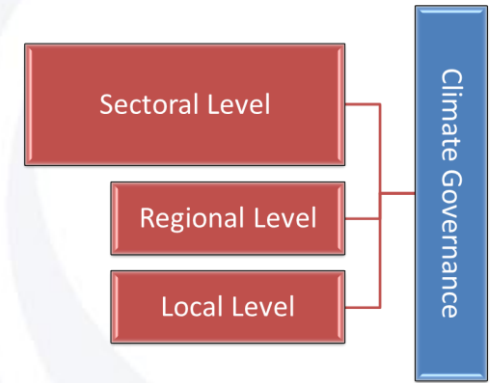


Climate Governance:

Within the Local Government Sector



CCMA's Climate Action, Transport, Circular Economy and Networks Committee (CATCEN)



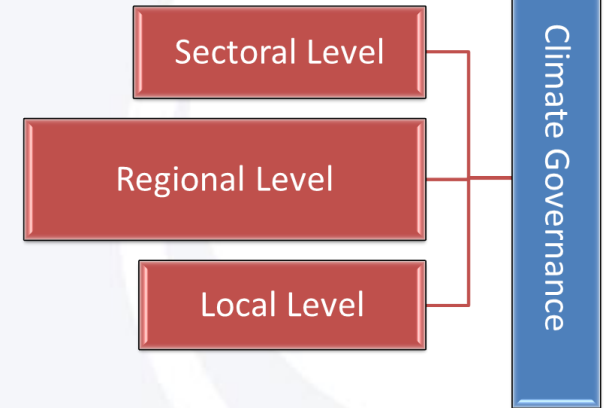
- 1 of the 7 CCMA sub-committees dealing with specific policy areas
- First point of contact for climate issues - but climate action runs across all local authority services and therefore relevant to all CCMA committees
- Over 80 working groups / projects with representatives from the committee or who report back to committee
- Works with and develops partnerships with departments and agencies to implement effective services e.g. DECC, DoT, SEAI, EPA, OPG etc.
- Represents sector at national level – adaptation and mitigation forums

Climate Governance:

Within the Local Government Sector



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CARO mandated to:

- **Build** on Experience & Expertise
- **Coordinate and Facilitate** Climate Action & Build Capacity within LA Sector
- **Coordinate** Engagement across Various Agencies and Government Departments
- **Translate** Sectoral Efforts to Local Level

Facilitate Regional & Sub-regional Governance



Climate Governance:

Within the Local Government Sector

Local Authority level

Leadership

Senior Management Team

Elected Representatives

Operational

Climate Action Coordinator

Climate Action Officer

Community Climate Action Officer

Roles funded by DECC

Funded by CAF

Climate Action Team: Multi-disciplinary, Cross departmental representation

