



Climate Action Plan 2024-2029

Overview

This report provides a summary of:

1. Ministerial Request and Context
2. Summary of the Revised Draft LACAP
3. Public Consultation Period

1. Ministerial Request and Context

Current CAP to New CAP

The request from the Minister of Environment, Climate & Communication to develop a climate action plan (CAP) was received by Dublin City Council on February 24th, 2023; the new plan is to be completed before February 24th, 2024, as per the Amended Act 2021.

Guidelines for the development of the Climate Action Plan from Department Environment Climate & Communication has been received. Guidance consists of four annexes:

1. Annex A - Developing and Implementing the Local Authority Climate Action Plan
2. Annex B – Climate Change Risk Assessment
3. Annex C – Climate Mitigation Assessment: Baseline Energy Inventory
4. Annex D – Decarbonisation Zones

The CAP will need to consider National Climate Action Plan 2023, as well as sectoral adaptation plans. The evidence base – emissions baseline and adaptation baselines – will inform the actions. Public engagement is an important part of the CAP process. The plan is to be concise and requires approval of the City Council by adopting the CAP at February 2024 City Council meeting.

2. Summary of Revised Draft Dublin City Council LACAP

Draft CAP

Dublin City Councils draft local authority climate action plan, *Climate Neutral Dublin 2030*, sets out the actions that will be implemented by the City Council to prepare our city and citizens living in Dublin City for the known impacts of climate change – flooding, sea level rise, extreme weather events, drought. *Climate Neutral Dublin 2030* will set out how the City Council will mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and contribute the global effort to limit warming to below 1.5°C.

The structure of the plan is as follows:

Section	Description
Executive Summary	
Introduction	Context and imagined future
Targets	National Targets and Mission
Foundations & Connecting Actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation 1: We are a Resilient City • Foundation 2: We are a Resource-Full City • Foundation 3: We are a Creative City • Foundation 4: We are a Social City 	Description of Actions, monitoring
Implementation: Everyone Doing Their Bit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenges & Opportunities: Doing No Harm • Monitoring: Climate Vitals • Data Flows: Informing Local, Achieving National • The Data Story 	Description of plans for successful implementation and potential challenges
Appendices	Detail on emissions baselines, climate risk, and actions

Vision and Mission

Dublin City Council's Corporate Plan puts forward our vision and mission for both the City and Dublin City Council as an organisation and the principles by which we will be guided in all elements of our work on climate action. Our vision and mission in the Corporate Plan for 2020-2024 are:

- Our Vision: A dynamic, sustainable city, that is future-ready, built on thriving, inclusive neighbourhoods and communities, a strong economy, a vibrant cultural life, and compact, connected growth.
- Our Mission: To drive the sustainable development of the City through strong civic leadership and delivery of effective services that promote ***the well-being and quality-of-life of citizens and communities.***

Climate Neutral Dublin 2030 responds to our vision and mission through the inclusion of actions that align. Realising a Dublin City where we are resilient, resource-full, creative, and social requires all of us to be involved in the CAP. Join DCC, as we work together to prepare Dublin City, our home, for the impacts of climate change now and into the future.

Targets:

Dublin City Council's plan has three targets that are interdependent:

- A 51% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in line with our National Climate Objective by 2030, while striving for neutrality before 2050 as per Dublin City's participation in the EU Mission for 100 Climate Neutral and Smart Cities (Net Zero Cities).
- A Climate Resilient City prepared for the known and unknown impacts of climate change
- A Just Transition meaning that the actions we take do not cause unforeseen harm.

Foundations and Connecting Actions

Achieving our targets requires collaboration to ensure that the actions connecting the foundations of our plan are interdisciplinary and account for the diverse systems that support life in our city. The foundations of our plan build on our city's strengths.

The connecting actions support the foundations – A Resilient City, A Resource-Full City, A Creative City and A Social City. While the actions are categorised they are not independent of each other. All actions are interconnected and require a collaborative and interdisciplinary approach (Appendix 1).

Our progress will be monitored with headline indicators and sub indicators as well as our climate readiness toolkit (Appendix 7).

Operations and Service Delivery Actions

Supporting our foundations and connecting actions are our operations and service delivery – the day to day activities of the City Council. These actions come under the following categories: Our Staff, Our Buildings, Our Operations and Service Delivery, and Our Engagement Activities and Partnerships. Appendix 1 provides detail on how these actions contribute to the mitigation of emissions and adaptation of the city to climate change.

Appendices

The appendices provide information on actions, baselines, and our decarbonisation zones.

3. Public Consultation Period

The public consultation period for the plan will be from Friday, 15th September to Tuesday, 31st October. During this time, the plan will be displayed on Dublin City Council web site also in the Civic Offices, and key libraries.

Additionally, the Climate Action Team will organise information days at a number of venues including libraries and third level institutions, to assist public in responding to the consultation questions. Two events will also support the public consultation process: Eat the Streets on Saturday September 16th at Richmond Barracks, and a collaborative event scheduled for 17th October in the round room of the Mansion House in partnership with South Dublin County Council, Fingal County Council, Dun Laoghaire County Council, the Climate Action Regional Office and Codema.

Following public consultation, a Chief Executive's Report on Draft Plan Public Consultation, will be prepared and issued to Elected Members. The Chief Executive's Report will:

- list the persons, organisations or bodies who made submissions or observations on the Draft Climate Action Plan;
- summarise the issues raised by the persons, organisations or bodies in the submissions or observations;
- give the response and recommendation of the Chief Executive to the issues raised; and
- outline any proposed modifications to the Draft Plan, on foot of the Public Consultation process.

The Elected Members will have up to 6 weeks to consider the Chief Executive's Report on Draft Plan Public Consultation, in accordance with the requirements of the Climate (Amendment) Act 2021. Within this statutory timeframe, the Elected Members must decide by resolution, whether to:

- approve, or
- approve, subject to such modifications as they consider appropriate, the local authority climate action plan.

As stated in Section 3.4.2 of the Local Authority Climate Action Plan Guidelines, ‘a modification in this instance is an alteration that is considered non-material and does not compromise the integrity of the plan-making process to that point or the SEA and AA processes that have informed the plan’ (Government of Ireland, 2023).

Furthermore, given the statutory twelve (12) month duration of the Plan making process, as set out in Section 16 of the Climate (Amendment) Act 2021, a Material Amendment public consultation phase, is not provided for under the legislation. The Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications issued the instruction for all local authorities to make a CAP on 24th February 2023. As such, all local authorities are required to make and approve their Climate Action Plan, by 23rd February 2024.

Within thirty days (30) of the approval of the final local authority Climate Action Plan by the Elected Members, the Council will publish the final plan. The Climate Action Plan shall have effect for a period of five years from the date on which it is approved by the Elected Members

A Special meeting of Climate Action, Environment and Energy Strategic Policy Committee will be held on the 6th September to consider the Draft Plan in advance of the public consultation period

3. Proposed Activities for Public Consultation Period

Acknowledging the emphasis placed on public engagement in the guidance. We will be carefully considering opportunities to draw attention to the climate action plan and the ongoing work of DCC to address climate change.

Resolution:

“That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 185/2023”.

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28th August 2023.