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## **Dublin City Climate Change Action Plan 2019 – 2024**

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The Strategy towards Climate Change Action Plans for the four Dublin Local Authorities was noted at the September 2016 meeting of the City Council. The development of Dublin City's Climate Change Action Plan has been progressed since then by Codema and the Executive in collaboration with the Climate Change subcommittee of the Environment SPC.

The Action Plan focuses on a range of activities across five key areas –Energy and Buildings, Transport, Flood Resilience, Nature Based Solutions and Resource Management that collectively address the four targets of the plan:

- A 33% improvement in the Council's energy efficiency by 2020.
- A 40% reduction in the Council's greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.
- To make Dublin a Climate Resilient City, by reducing the impacts of future climate change related events.
- To actively engage and inform Citizens on Climate Change.

Regular updates on the progress of the Action Plan were given, by the Climate Change Subcommittee and the Executive, to the Environment Strategic Policy Committee. At the December 2018 meeting of the City Council, following the recommendation of the SPC, it was agreed that the Draft Action Plan should go to public consultation.

The Draft Climate Change Action Plan went on public consultation from 11<sup>th</sup> February to 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

A public notice was published in the Irish Independent on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February and in the Dublin Gazette, advising how the plan could be accessed and viewed and how submissions and/or observations could be made. A Climate Change website was also developed: [www.dublinclimatechange.ie](http://www.dublinclimatechange.ie)

A major public engagement event on the Plan, which was launched by the Lord Mayor, was held in the Round Room, the Mansion House on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019. This was attended by over 500 individuals who could access information at 20 different stands and meet staff, children's organisations and NGOs. Further information sessions took place in four public libraries.

Additionally, the information campaign for the plan included a public consultation video, posters at bus stops and on solar compacting bins, banners on the quays and St Stephen's Green, and a large banner on the front façade of the City Council Office on Palace Street. There were over 6600 views of the video and 4000 people accessed the climate change website.

In response to the public consultation process, 234 valid submissions were received which translated into over 760 discrete comments, on the Plan.

At the meeting of the Environment Strategic Policy committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019, the Committee considered the attached Chief Executive's Report on Submissions and the attached Draft Action Plan.

The Strategic Policy Committee recommends to the City Council that the Dublin City Climate Change 2019 – 2024, including the changes outlined in the Chief Executive's report, is adopted.

**Councillor Naoise Ó'Muirí**

**Chairperson**

**Environment Strategic Policy Committee**