



WATERFORD CITY & COUNTY COUNCIL DRAFT CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION STRATEGY

Notice is hereby given that Waterford City & County Council has prepared a draft Local Authority Climate Change Adaptation Strategy in accordance with the provisions of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 and the National Adaptation Framework (NAF), 2018.

Climate change is recognised as a global challenge with policy responses required in terms of both mitigating the causes of climate change and in adapting to the inevitable consequences of our changing climate. The Climate Change Adaptation Strategy represents a proactive step by Waterford City & County Council in the process of adaptation planning to build resilience and respond effectively to the threats posed by climate change.

Purpose of the Strategy:

The Climate Change Adaptation Strategy takes on the role as the primary instrument at local level to:

- (i) Ensure a proper comprehension of the key risks and vulnerabilities of climate change;
- (ii) Bring forward the implementation of climate resilient actions in a planned and proactive manner and,
- (iii) Ensure that climate adaptation considerations are mainstreamed into all plans and policies and integrated into all operations and functions of Waterford City & County Council.

Environmental Reports:

Accompanying the draft Climate Change Adaptation Strategy is:

- (i) A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Report in accordance with the SEA Directive (DIR 2001/42/EC) and pursuant to European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (SI 435 of 2004 as amended by SI 200 of 2011) and,
- (ii) An Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report in accordance with the requirements of Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC).

Display Details:

A copy of the draft strategy, SEA and AA screening reports may be viewed on the Council's website: <http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie/> or inspected during the period (4 weeks) from **Monday, 22nd July 2019 to Monday, 19th August 2019** (both dates inclusive) at the following locations during normal opening hours:

- Customer Services, Bailey's New Street, Waterford
- Customer Services, Civic Offices, Dungarvan
- All Waterford City & County Council Libraries

The adaptation strategy, SEA screening report and AA screening report may also be viewed on the Government Public Consultations Portal at <https://gov.ie/consultations>

Making a Submission:

Submissions or observations may be made:

- By e-mail to climateaction@waterfordcouncil.ie or
- In writing to Mr. Raymond Moloney, SEO, Environment Department, City Hall, The Mall, Waterford X91 PK15
- Online

Submissions or observations should state your name, address and where relevant the organisation/body etc. represented. Please make your submission by **one medium only** i.e. post/hard copy **or** email **or** online submission.

Any written submissions or observations received within the timeframe will be taken into consideration before the making of the strategy. You are invited to make written submissions/ observations in respect of the draft strategy and the accompanying SEA and AA screening reports. **Closing date for receipt of submissions is 19th August 2019.**

Data Protection:

Please note that all submissions may be available for public viewing during the period of making the strategy. Waterford City & County Council will treat all personal data as confidential and will retain data for no longer than is necessary for the purpose of this Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and in accordance with the Council's Retention Policy and relevant Data Protection legislation.

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22nd July 2019