



Kilkenny County Council
Comhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh

Kilkenny County Council Climate Action Plan

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Overview

- What is the LACAP
- Statutory obligations
- LA framework & scope
- Key stages & schedule

Statutory Context

- Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act, 2021
- *“Each local authority shall prepare and make a plan relating to a period of five years which shall specify the mitigation measures and the adaptation measures to be adopted by the local authority”.*
- Minister notified LA's **24th Feb 2023**
- Adoption of Kilkenny County Council Climate Action Plan: **23rd Feb 2024**



LA Climate Action Plan

- Build on Adaptation Plan & projects (e.g. public lighting)
- Increased scope
 - Adaptation (adjusting & preparing)
 - Mitigation (prevent/reduce emissions)
- Align local policy with national & international
- Evidence-based
- Deliver targets
 - 51% reduction GHG emissions by 2030 - relative to 2018
 - 50% improvement in energy efficiency
 - Net zero GHG by 2050



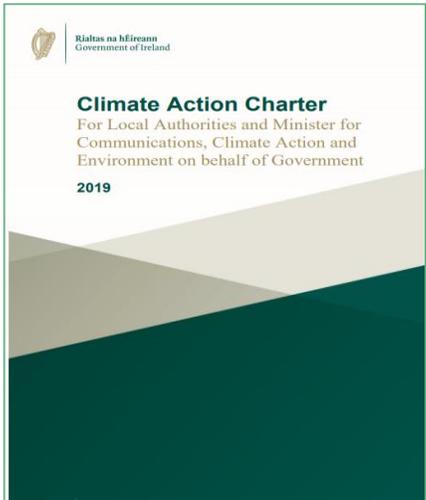
Statutory Guidelines

Local Authority Climate Action Plan Guidelines

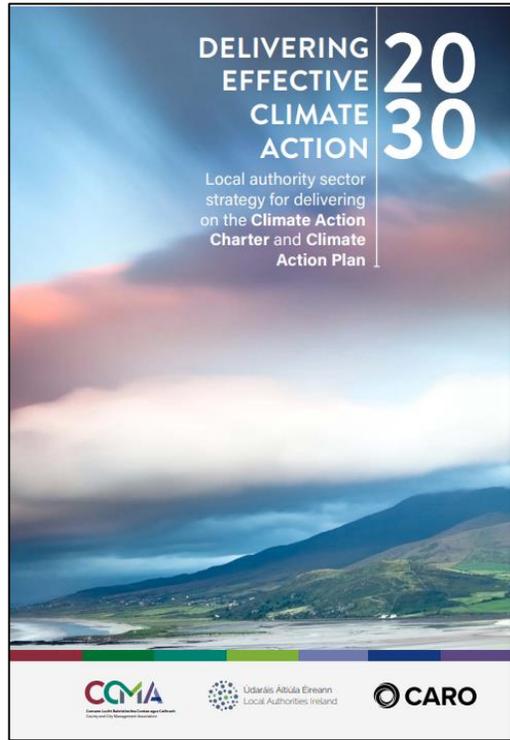
- Annex A: Developing and Implementing the Local Authority Climate Action Plan
- Annex B: Climate Change Risk Assessment
- Annex C: Baseline Emissions Inventory
- Annex D: Decarbonising Zones

Local Authority Framework

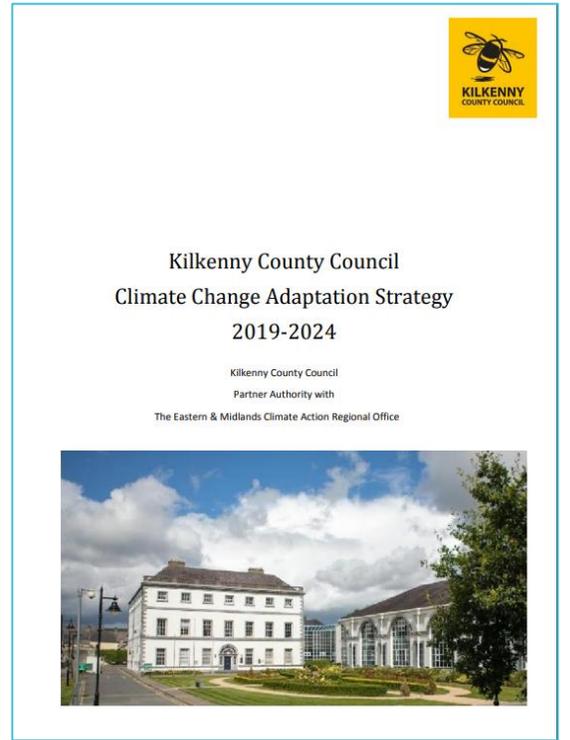
Commitment



Vision



Action



Action & Leadership

Climate Action Plan
2024-2029

Local Authority Scope

- 1. Full accountability (Targets/Metrics)**
Our emissions: municipal buildings & facilities, transport fleet, public lighting, Infrastructure projects, etc
- 2. Influence** (KKCC not responsible for other sector targets)
Business, communities and individuals:
procurement/functions/services/regulatory role
- 3. Co-ordinate and facilitate**
Work with stakeholders, engaging in partnerships , yielding initiatives & projects
- 4. Advocate**
Raise awareness, vision, communicate, inform & engage,

Examples of regulatory and strategic functions:

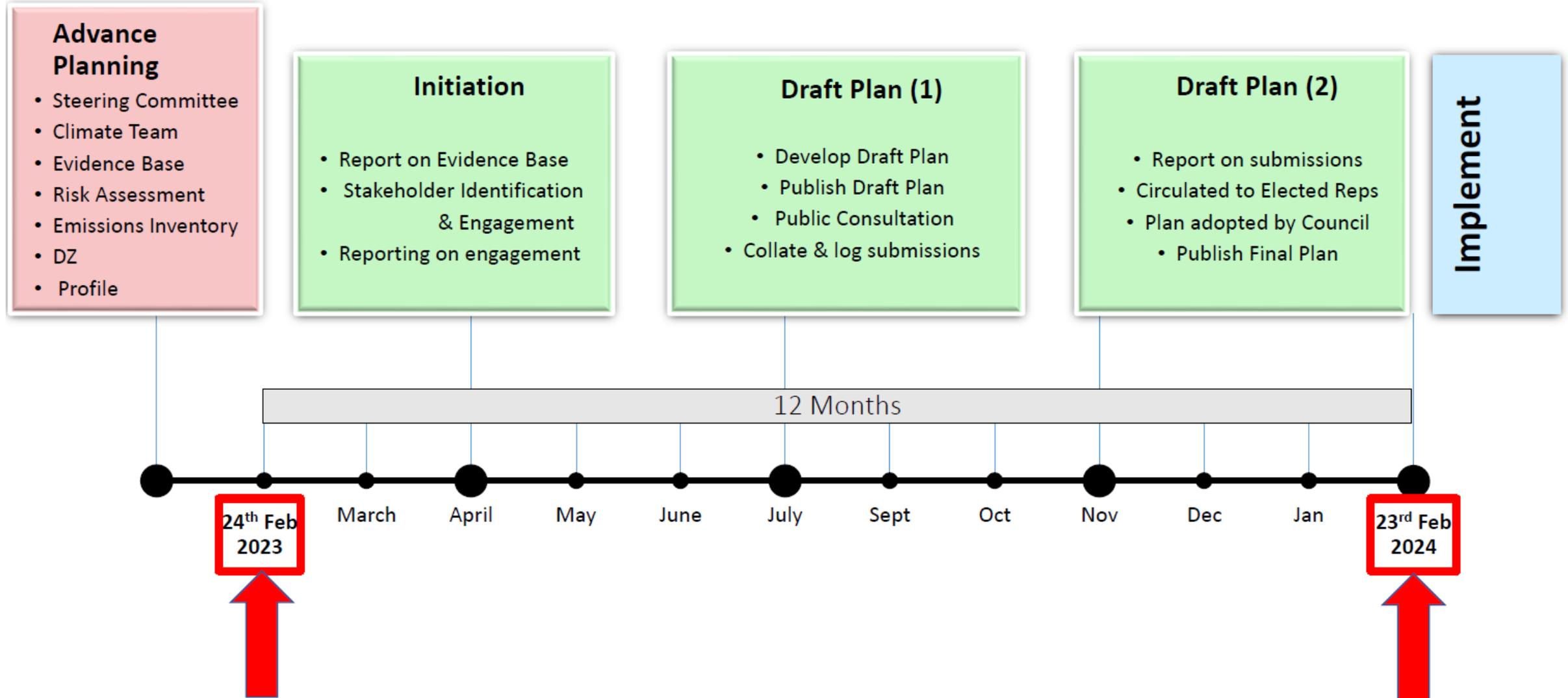
Waste, Planning, Economic & Community Development, Environmental Monitoring etc,

Who's involved

- Climate Action Steering Committee
 - Climate Action Team
 - Elected Representatives
 - All staff
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- Stakeholders
 - Climate Action Regional Office (Eastern & Midlands)
 - South East Energy Agency



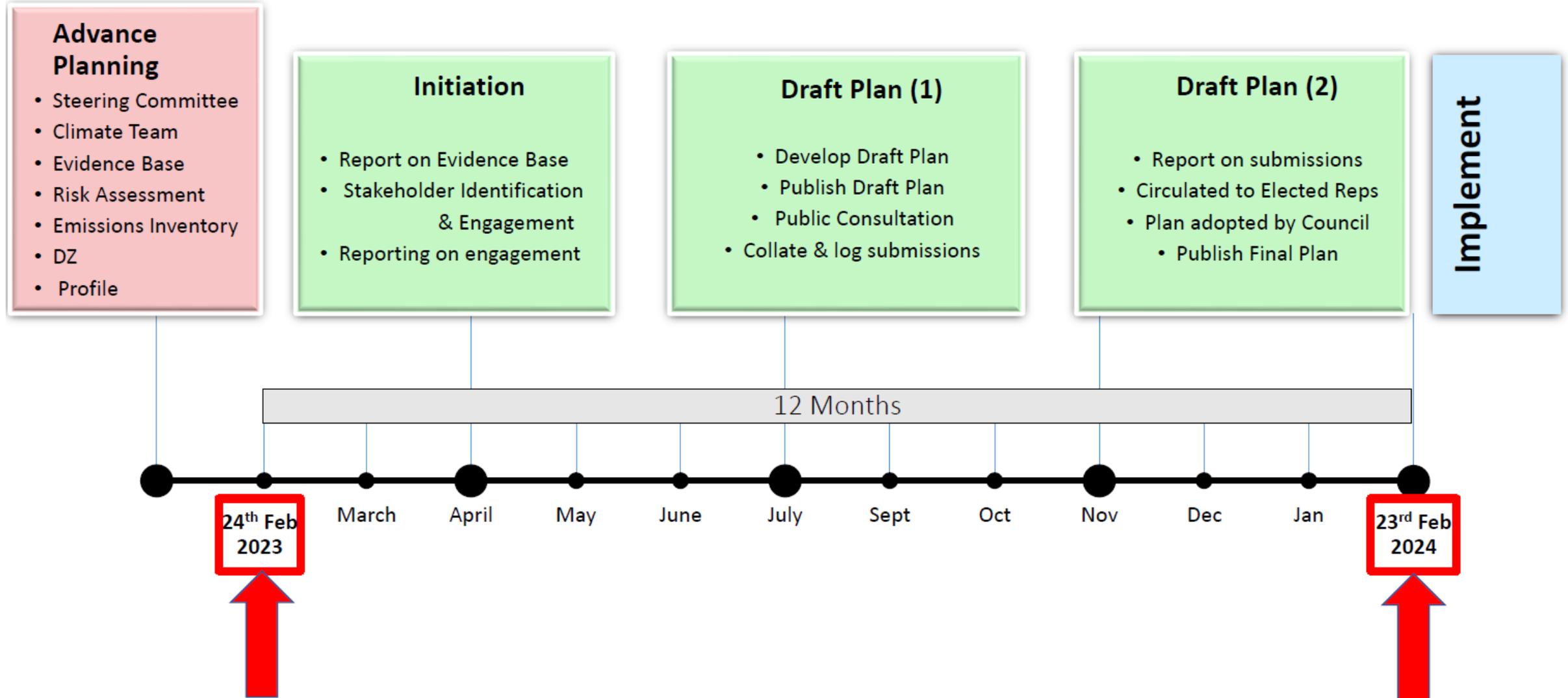
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Advance Planning Stage (Governance & Evidence Building)

- Steering Committee (all service areas)
- Climate Team (5)
- Climate Risk Assessment
- Baseline Emissions Inventory
- Decarbonisation Zone
- Training
- Strategies (LECP, SUMP, Kilkenny Vision 2030)
- Energy (Use Reporting, Energy Audits etc)
- Pathfinder Programme (e.g. Retrofitting)
- Sustainable Energy Communities
 - 13 active SEC's
 - Energy Master Plans
 - (SEEA workshop 30th March)

Climate Action Plan Schedule





Challenges

- change behaviours & procedures
- resources
- competing demands

Opportunities

- 85% - worried about climate change
- 79% - should be either a “very high” or “high” priority for Govt
- 57% - bought goods or services in last 12 months from a company that has taken action to reduce climate change

(Climate Change in the Irish Mind (EPA & Yale University, 2021))

Support

- commitments & vision
- stakeholder engagement
- policy
- leadership

Thanks