

# Galway City Council

## Press Release

### Galway City Council would like your input to the City's first ever Climate Action Plan

**(27.07.2023)** Galway City Council would like your input to co-create the City's first ever Climate Action Plan. Members of the public, community, and business groups are invited to share how climate change is impacting you and what climate actions you are already undertaking or consider important to action with support from Galway City Council and other government agencies. Your feedback will help Galway City Council develop actions to be implemented in the next five years, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and to improve the climate resilience of Galway City. Feedback is invited online at [www.galwaycity.ie/climate-action-plan](http://www.galwaycity.ie/climate-action-plan) or by post to Galway City Council, Climate Change Department, City Hall, College Road, by 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Over the coming months, all Local Authorities in the Country, including Galway City Council, will be working with communities, businesses, public representatives, and other stakeholders to develop a Climate Action Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 51% by 2030, and achieve net carbon zero by 2050.

Speaking about the launch of initial public consultation, Eddie Hoare, Mayor of Galway City commented, "During my speech at the annual general meeting I highlighted that Climate change is one of the most significant challenges to all communities in Galway City. However, it also offers opportunities to communities and businesses alike to promote sustainability, biodiversity, active travel and make Climate choices. I encourage both communities and businesses to make a submission to tell us how they feel about Climate Change, what the barriers are to taking action on climate and what changes they would like to see in their area."

Speaking about the launch of initial public consultation, Patricia Philbin, Chief Executive of Galway City Council commented, "The Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act, 2021 requires each Local Authority to prepare its first Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LA CAP) by February 2024. This consultation is an important first step in commencing a dialogue with the people of Galway so that our city has climate

action and resilience at the forefront of everything that we do. As we are witnessing extreme weather events such as increased flooding and droughts here in Ireland, and temperatures reaching the high 40's overseas in Southern Europe, Climate Change is becoming very real and visible. These events remind us that we all have a responsibility to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and make Climate Choices - Galway City Council will be to the forefront of that action, working in partnership with businesses and our communities in the city."

The online survey invites respondents to share feedback on priority themes and areas of action and is available at [www.galwaycity.ie/climate-action-plan](http://www.galwaycity.ie/climate-action-plan). Feedback on the proposed Galway City Climate Action Plan is also welcomed by post to Galway City Council, Climate Change Department, City Hall, College Road, Galway by 8th September 2023.

To find out more about why Climate Action plans must be prepared by local authorities, please see [www.galwaycity.ie/climate-action-plan](http://www.galwaycity.ie/climate-action-plan).

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