Data Protection Act 2018 (as amended)

**PRIVACY STATEMENT**

**for management of submissions made during public consultation processes
in the making of the preparation of the**

**Kildare County Council**

**Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029**

 **Who are we?**Kildare County Council (the Council) is the democratically elected unit of Local Government in County Kildare and is responsible for providing a range of services to meet the economic, social and cultural needs of the people of our County. In order to provide the most effective and targeted services to meet the needs of the citizens, communities and businesses of County Kildare we will be required to collect, process and use certain types of information about people and organisations. Depending on the service being offered, information sought may include ‘personal data’ as defined by the Data Protection Acts and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and may relate to current, past and future service users; past, current and prospective employees; suppliers; and members of the public who may engage in communications with our staff. In addition, staff may be required, from time to time, to collect**,** process and use certain types of personal data to comply with regulatory or legislative requirements or to carry out functions in the public interest.

 **Why do we have a Privacy Statement?**This privacy statement has been created to demonstrate the Council’s commitment to you that personal data which you may be required to supply to us is;

* Obtained lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner,
* Obtained for only specified, identified and legitimate purposes,
* Processed for purposes which we have identified or purposes compatible with the purposes that we have identified,
* Adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary for the purpose for which it was obtained,
* Is collected and processed accurately and kept up-to-date (where necessary),
* Kept only for as long as is necessary for the purposes for which it was obtained.
* Processed in a manner that ensures the appropriate security of the personal data including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing.

More detail is available in our Data Protection Policy Statement at <http://kildare.ie/CountyCouncil/DataProtection/>or you can request a hard copy at 045 980 200.

**What is the activity referred to in this Privacy Statement?**
**Management of submissions made during public consultation processes in the making of the Kildare County Council’s C**limate Action Plan 2024-2029

**What is the basis for making the processing of this personal data lawful?**Processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in Kildare County Council in accordance with Article 6(1) (c) of the General Data Protection Regulation, 2016. Specifically, the lawful basis for this process is [Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021](https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/984d2-climate-action-and-low-carbon-development-amendment-bill-2020/)

**What types of personal data is required in this process?**Name, address and, where relevant, the name of body or organisation represented in the submission made.

**Including third party personal data in submissions:
In cases where a person decides to submit the personal information of another person in their submission, they must:**

* **Notify that person that they are providing their personal information to the Council and obtain their permission; OR**
* **Provide that person with a copy of this Privacy Statement;**

**In addition, they must**

* **Promptly notify that person of any changes to this Privacy Statement that they are aware of.**
* **Ensure that, to the best of their knowledge, that the person’s personal information is accurate and up to date, and promptly notify the Council when aware that it is incorrect.**

**Persons making a submission/observation should be aware that comments involving allegations of any kind against a named or otherwise identifiable person or organisation may be viewed as defamatory by the subject of the comments. Persons may be sued directly for any defamatory allegations in any submission/observation and should avoid making such allegations.
In the event of any potentially defamatory allegation giving rise to legal action against it, Kildare County Council will seek indemnity from the person making the allegation.**

**What happens to my submission?
Submissions for this process may be made either online at the Council’s Consultation website** [Kildare County Council Climate Action Plan | Kildare County Council (kildarecoco.ie)](https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/consultation/kildare-county-council-climate-action-plan) **or in writing to Climate action Coordinator, Climate Action Office, Kildare County Council, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co Kildare. W91 X77F**

**Persons making submissions should be aware of the Council’s Moderation Policy:** <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/content/moderation-policy> **and the** [Privacy Policy](https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/content/privacy-statement) **related to the use of the Consultation Website.**

**Any submission made will be assigned a reference number and stored in the Council’s consultation system to effectively manage the submission process.**

**The making of the Climate Action Plan and consideration of submissions in relation to such Climate Action Plan are functions carried out by the Council. To facilitate this decision- making process a report on any submissions or observations received is prepared for consideration by the elected members. The report contains a list of the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations, a summary of the issues arising from the submissions, and the response of the Council to those issues, where relevant.**

**Is personal data submitted as part of this activity shared with other organisations?**The Council may, to fulfil statutory or regulatory obligations or in the public interest, from time to time, have to share submissions with other organisations. Where this is required the Council shall have regard to your rights, to the security and integrity of the data and will minimise the data shared.

**How long is my data kept for?**The Local Authority sector operates under a detailed record retention policy which outlines time periods for which your personal data will be retained and what will happen to it after the required retention period has expired. The National Record Retention Policy for Local Authority Records is available: <http://kildare.ie/CountyCouncil/DataProtection/>

**Do you need to update your records?**

Kildare County Council must take reasonable steps to ensure that personal data we have about our customers is correct and up to date.

In addition, if the data held by us is found to be inaccurate you have the right to rectify/correct this.
If you find that personal data that we have about you is inaccurate or needs to be updated (for instance, you may have changed your name, address, contact details etc.) then please contact us so that we can correct it. You can do this by:

 **Writing to us at**: Kildare County Council, Corporate Services, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co Kildare. W91 X77F

**Emailing us at** customerservices@kildarecoco.ie

When making a request to update your records please provide evidence to support this - for example a copy of a document containing your new address – utility (Gas, Electricity, Phone) bill etc. and proof of your identity

Users of the Consultation Website who have registered will be able to maintain their own Profile and contact information.

**Your rights:**

You have certain rights in relation to your personal information that is processed by us. These rights are listed below. These rights are not absolute and apply subject to certain conditions. Your rights include:

* the right to access personal data held by us about you;
* the right to require us to rectify any inaccurate personal data held by us about you;
* in certain circumstances, the right to require us to erase personal data held by us about you;
* in certain circumstances, the right to restrict our processing of personal data held by us about you;
* in certain circumstances, a right to receive personal data which you have provided to us in a structured, commonly used and machine readable format. You may also have the right to require us to transfer this personal data to another organisation, at your request;
* the right to object to our processing of personal data held by us about you (including for the purposes of sending marketing materials to you); and
* the right to withdraw your consent, where we are relying on it to use your personal data

Please note that to help protect your privacy, we take steps to verify your identity before granting access to personal data.

To exercise these rights logon to [**http://kildare.ie/CountyCouncil/DataProtection/**](http://kildare.ie/CountyCouncil/DataProtection/) , use one of the forms at our Counters or contact us. Completed applications should be returned to:

**Kildare County Council – Data Protection Officer**

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| **Phone** | 045 980 200 |   |
| **E-mail** | dataprotection@kildarecoco.ie or customerservice@kildarecoco.ie |  |
| **Postal Address** | Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co Kildare. W91 X77F. |  |

**Right of Complaint to the Data Protection Commission**
If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the response received by the Council you are entitled to make a complaint to the Data Protection Commission who may investigate the matter for you.  The Data Protection Commission website is [**www.dataprotection.ie**](http://www.dataprotection.ie/)or you can contact their Office at:

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| **Lo Call Number** | 076 110 4800 / 057 868 4800 |   |
| **E-mail** | <https://forms.dataprotection.ie/contact>  |  |
| **Postal Address** |  21 Fitzwilliam Square South Dublin 2 D02 RD28 Ireland |  |

 **Changes to Privacy Statement:** We may make changes to this Statement. If we make changes they will be posted below.

**LAST UPDATED ON:** 26th August 2021