



Comhairle Contae Chill Dara

Kildare County Council

Data Protection Act 2018 (as amended)

PRIVACY STATEMENT for Annual Ethics Declarations

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 that personal data 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 purpose for which it was obtained
- Personal data collected and processed must be accurate and (where necessary) kept up to-date.
- 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/YourCouncil/GovernanceandCompliance/DataProtection/> or you can request a hard copy at 045 980 200.



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What is the activity referred to in this Privacy Statement?

- Recording and storing data in the form of annual ethics declaration forms statutorily submitted by councillors and relevant employees.
- Maintaining databases of councillors and relevant employees.

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 exercise of official authority vested in Kildare County Council under Part 15 of the Local Government Act 2001, and associated Regulations.

What types of personal data do we need to undertake this activity?

Name; Profession, occupation, etc. relating to dealing in or developing land; Other profession, occupation, etc.; Land (ownership/interest); Company business of dealing in land, etc.; Shares, etc.; Directorships; Gifts, property & services; Local authority contracts; Political or public affairs/lobbyist, etc.; Any other additional interests.

This personal data will be used for the following purpose(s):

Reporting statistical information on the submission of statutory declarations within the statutory timeframe.

What will happen if the personal data is not provided?

The statutory form cannot be recorded if personal data is not completed, and it is an offence under Section 181 of the Act where the councillor or relevant employee fails to comply with the requirements of Section 171.

Am I the only source of this personal data?

The declaration must be signed by you, and the information required on this declaration cannot be found elsewhere by the Council.

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 personal data with other organisations or entities (in Ireland or abroad). 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.

The data is made available to the public on request as required by legislation.

Sharing **MAY APPLY** to this activity, such as with other statutory agencies i.e. The Standards in Public Office Commission or An Garda Síochána.

Data **IS NOT** transferred to another country.



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How long is my data kept for?

Any particulars entered in the register of interests as a result of a declaration or disclosure shall be removed from that register as soon as may be after the expiration of the period of 15 years beginning on the day on which the councillor or relevant employee ceases to be such a councillor or relevant employee.

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 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 customercare@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

Your rights:

You have the right to obtain confirmation as to whether data concerning you exists, to request access to personal data held about you, to be informed of the content and source of data and check its accuracy.

If the data held by us is found to be inaccurate you have the right to rectify/correct this – see above on how to update your records.

You also, subject to certain conditions being met, have the right to object to or seek restriction of the processing of personal data and to request the erasure of personal data held by the Council.

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/YourCouncil/GovernanceandCompliance/DataProtection/> , use one of the forms at our Counters or contact us. Completed applications should be returned to:



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Kildare County Council – Data Protection Officer

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

Right of Complaint to the Data Protection Commissioner

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the response received from the Council you are entitled to make a complaint to the Data Protection Commissioner who may investigate the matter for you. The Data Protection Commissioner's website is www.dataprotection.ie or you can contact their Office at:

Lo Call Number	1890 252 231
E-mail	info@dataprotection.ie
Postal Address	Data Protection Commissioner 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.

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