



8th March, 2022.

**TO: AN CATHAOIRLEACH
& EACH MEMBER OF KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL**

RE: Fire and Emergency Operations Plan 2022 - 2026

Dear Councillor,

Kilkenny County Council has a statutory obligation as a Fire Authority to prepare a Fire and Emergency Operations Plan as outlined in Section 26 of the Fire Services Acts 1981 and 2003. Each Fire Authority which maintains a Fire Brigade shall prepare plans for fire and emergency operations showing the provision made by it in respect of the following;

- Organisational Structure
- Fire Stations
- Fire Appliances
- Equipment
- Water Supplies and Extinguishing Agents
- Training
- Operational Procedures

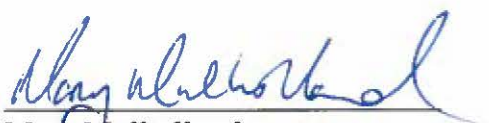
The making of the Fire and Emergency Operations Plan is a reserved function of the members of Kilkenny County Council under Section 26(3) of the Fire Services Acts 1981 and 2003.

In the preparation of this plan all stakeholders were consulted. Each fire station was visited and comments made by staff within the Fire Service have been taken on board. To increase engagement in relation to the services provided by the Fire Authority for the people of Kilkenny the draft Fire and Emergency Operations Plan was placed on Consult.Kilkenny.ie from January 27th to February 15th 2022, a media campaign including radio interviews with the Chief Fire Officer, John Collins promoted the opportunity to view the proposed Plan and to comment on its content. As part of the media campaign many have engaged with the process including 415 reads, 1200 Facebook views, 460 You Tube views and 250 Twitter views.

The Chief Fire Officer presented the Draft Fire and Emergency Operations Plan to SPC5 at its February meeting and the meeting recommended the Plan for approval at the March Plenary meeting of Kilkenny County Council.

This is a comprehensive Plan outlining how Fire and Emergency Services will be delivered in Kilkenny during the period 2022- 2026 and includes ambitious plans for the development of a new Fire Station in Kilkenny City. A summary of the content of the Plan is attached for your attention and the full document can be reviewed at Consult.Kilkenny.ie

It is essential that we adopt a Fire and Emergency Operational Plan to meet our statutory obligations under the Fire Services Acts and I am satisfied that the proposed plan is a comprehensive and ambitious one to ensure the continued delivery of high quality Fire and Emergency Services by Kilkenny County Council over the next five years and I am happy to recommend it that the Fire and Emergency Operations Plan 2022-2026 be adopted by Kilkenny County Council.



**Mary Mulholland,
Director of Services,
Kilkenny County Council.**

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