

*Renew Commitment
to
EU Covenant of Mayors
for Climate and Energy*

Kilkenny County Council
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- Voluntary initiative of local governments
- Commit to implement EU climate and energy objectives
- Secure better future for their citizens
- Global Covenant of Mayors
- 17 LA's in Ireland (12,000 signatories)

Pillars

1. **Reduce GHG emissions**
2. **Strengthen resilience**
3. **Alleviate energy poverty**



Comhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh
Kilkenny County Council





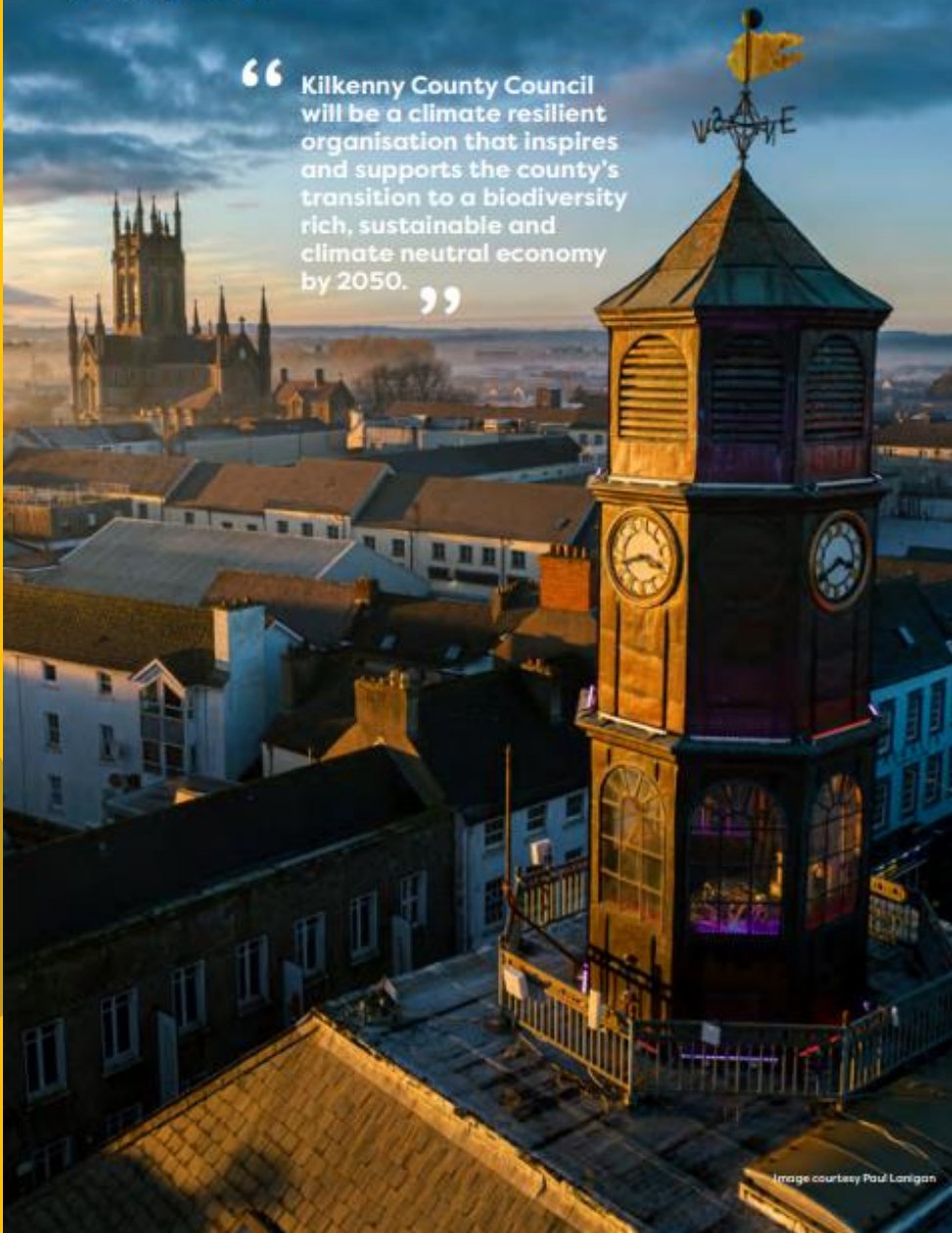
Covenant of Mayors
for Climate & Energy

***“Towards a fairer,
climate-neutral
Europe for all”***

1. **COMMIT** to setting targets, consistent with the EU objectives, at least as ambitious as national targets, & achieve climate neutrality by 2050
2. **ENGAGE** our citizens, businesses and governments
3. **ACT** now and together, to get on track and accelerate the necessary transition
4. **NETWORK** with fellow Mayors and local leaders, in Europe and beyond

Our Vision

“Kilkenny County Council will be a climate resilient organisation that inspires and supports the county’s transition to a biodiversity rich, sustainable and climate neutral economy by 2050.”



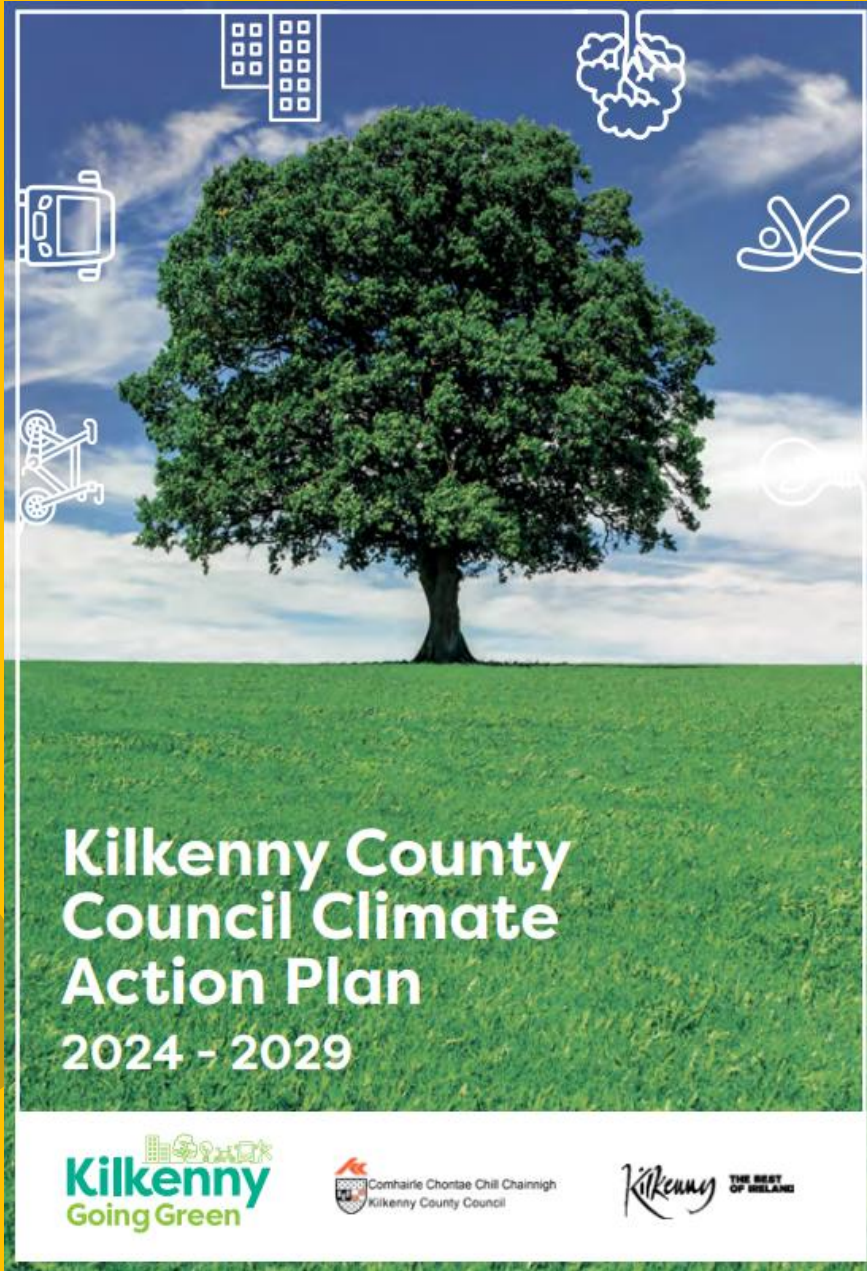
Aligns w/ Climate Action Plan & existing targets

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2030

- 51% reduction in Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- 50% improvement in energy efficiency

KCC Climate Action Plan, adopted Feb 2024



Why Renew Membership Now?

- 2015: KCC joined
- 2021: Covenant updated
- 2024: Kilkenny County Climate Action Plan
- 2024: Election of the new Council & SPC

Stages to now

- ✓ Aug '24: Management Team
- ✓ Dec '24: SPC 4 (Environment Protection, Climate Action & Energy)
 - Recommended Council to renew

If agreed

- Submit signed Covenant
- Report to EU Covenant of Mayors Office
 1. Implementation (2 years)
 2. Emissions (4 years)



1. Agree to renew membership (propose and second)
2. Signed by Cathaoirleach

Thanks

