



24th April, 2019

To: The Chairman and Each Member of the Environment, Recreation & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee

Re: Item no. 3 on SPC meeting to be held on 1st May, 2019 – Climate Change Local Adaptation Strategy Update

Dear Member,

Galway City Council's Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024 (the Adaptation Strategy) will set out our strategic priorities, measures and responses for adaptation for Galway City Council over the next five years; as required by the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015.

The Draft Adaptation Strategy is in the process of being prepared and there is a requirement for the Strategy to be adopted by the Council by the end of September 2019, with a public consultation on the draft Strategy in June 2019.

A preliminary draft of the Strategy will be presented at the SPC.

The approach to the development of the Adaptation Strategy follows a five-step process provided for within the Local Authority Adaptation Strategy Development Guidelines (DCCAE, 2018). The format of the document is based on a template document developed by the North Atlantic Seaboard Climate Action Regional Office.

Step 1. ESTABLISH ADAPTATION TEAM

- GCC established an Adaptation Team in December 2018

Step 2. USE RECENT WEATHER EXTREMES AND PERIODS OF CLIMATE VARIABILITY TO ESTABLISH A BASELINE

- GCC held two workshops (Dec 18 & Jan 19)
- Baseline presents 97 nr impacts experienced during past extreme climate events.

Step 3. IDENTIFY FUTURE CLIMATE RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES

- Risk and Opportunity Statements completed and matched with adaptation actions.
- 75 nr Risk and Opportunity Statements have been compiled.

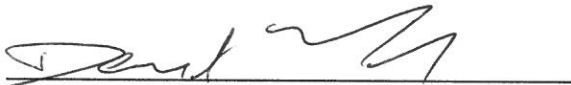
Step 4. IDENTIFY ADAPTATION ACTIONS TO GUARD AGAINST IDENTIFIED RISKS AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES

- A Preliminary Draft List of 67 nr Adaptation Actions have been identified.

Step 5. PREPARE A DRAFT STRATEGY INCORPORATING BASELINE, RISKS AND ACTIONS

- PRESENT TO SPC – ENVIRONMENT – May 2019
- PRESENT TO ELECTED MEMBERS – May 2019
- CARRY OUT SCREENING FOR APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT & GRAPHIC DESIGN
- PUBLIC CONSULTATION – June 2019
- PRESENT TO SPC – ENVIRONMENT – September 2019
- PRESENT TO ELECTED MEMBERS FOR ADOPTION
- SUBMIT TO GOVERNMENT FOR APPROVAL - 30TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Yours sincerely,



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