



**Screening Determination for Strategic Environmental Assessment
under the SEA Directive 2001/42/EC for the Kerry County Council Local Authority
Climate Action Plan 2024-2029,**

as transposed into Irish law under S.I. 435/2004, as amended.

Concerning the proposed Kerry County Council Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024-2029, required under Section 16 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act (Amendment) 2021, Kerry County Council as the Competent Authority for the Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan has undertaken screening for SEA under Directive 2001/42/EC. The screening assessment was carried out using the criteria for determining the likely significance of effects as set out in Schedule 1 of S.I. 435/2004, as amended.

Following assessment of the criteria and having regard to the nature and scope of the Climate Action Plan and the potential for likely significant environmental effects from implementation of the plan, Kerry County Council has determined that the plan could give rise to likely significant effects on the environment and that a SEA is required.

This determination has been made following consideration of the information contained in the SEA Screening Report (dated June 2023), the criteria set out in Schedule 1 to S.I. 435/2004 as amended, and consultation feedback from statutory Environmental Authorities for SEA, as required.

The principal reasons the Climate Action Plan does require an SEA are as follows:

- Further to the nature of the Climate Action Plan, the plan falls within the scope of the SEA Directive,
- Further to an assessment against criteria laid out in Schedule 1 of S.I.435/2004, as amended, for determining likely significant effects, potential likely significant effects were identified, and
- Consultation with Statutory Consultees as required.

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