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## Transformative change and measurable climate action

**Caibidil:** Volume 1 - Written Statement» 5. Climate Change and Environment

**Ábhair:** A climate resilient city, Climate adaptation, Climate action

The city council's determination to reduce emissions and promote adaptation are laudable. It shows the council embracing the LGMA's description of the mission of local government to 'deliver transformative change and measureable climate action across our cities and counties.' I support Objectives 5.6 Climate Change Projects and 5.8 Decarbonising Zone and urge the City Council to support, resource, and promote climate change projects and decarbonising zones with a real sense of urgency (unfortunately it seems that the council has missed the April 2021 deadline for identifying a decarbonising zone). Regarding Objective 5.22 Electric Vehicles I would ask the counsel to consider that despite national government support of electric vehicles, electric vehicles are not zero emission vehicles. When driving they emit particulate matter from brakes, tyres, and road abrasions. In addition, it requires tremendous energy and material resources to produce electric vehicles and the power for their batteries needs to come from somewhere. I would urge the council to add another objective or perhaps modify objective 5.24 Green and Blue Infrastructure so that it expresses strong support for walking and cycling infrastructure, transport according for 40% of Ireland's carbon emissions. Following the LGMA's mission for local governments to introduce *measurable* climate action, measuring modal share and kilometres of enhanced walking and cycling infrastructure would be good measurable initiatives. Cycle counters would be particularly helpful and relatively inexpensive to acquire.

**Eochairfhocail:** Cycling  
Climate Action, electric vehicles, walking infrastructure, infrastructure

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**Documents Attached:** Níl