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# Leitrim County Council Climate Action

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# Presentation Overview

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- Leitrim Climate Action: What? Why? Who? Where?
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# Leitrim Climate Action: What? Why? Who? Where?

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# What is Climate Action?

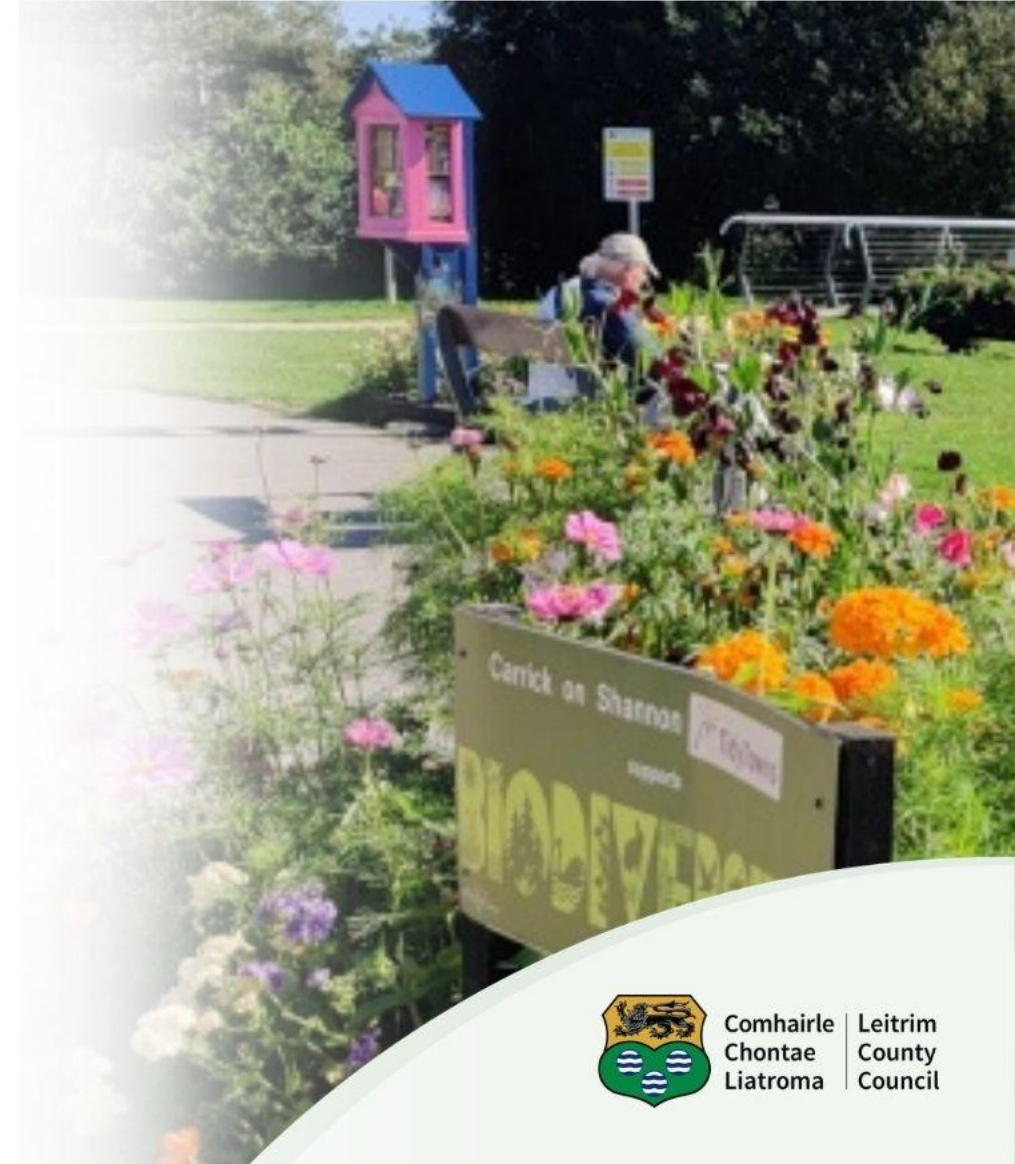
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Climate action means taking action to combat climate change.

This action can fall under two categories called **mitigation** and **adaptation**.

- **Mitigation:** Mitigation actions involve reducing or removing the amount of GHG emissions entering, or already in, the atmosphere.
- **Adaptation:** Adaptation actions involve putting in place measures that reduce risk and vulnerability to the negative impacts of climate change.

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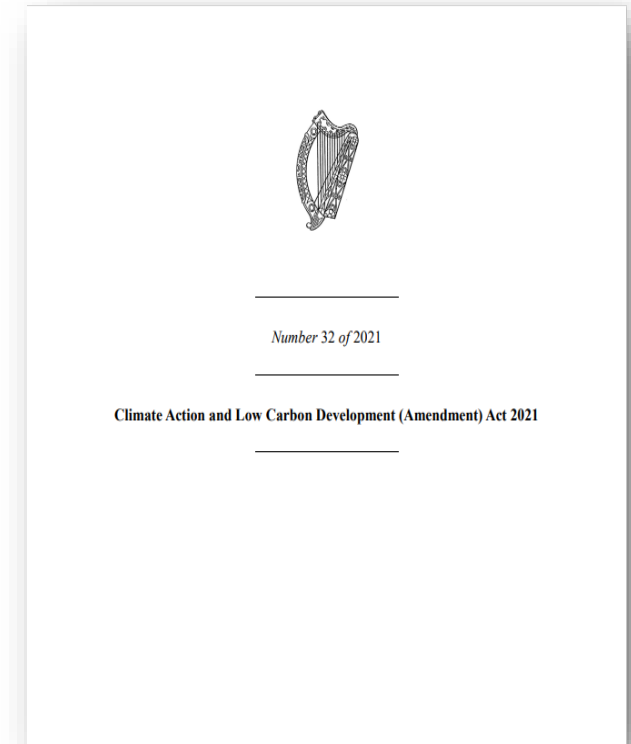
# Why have a Climate Action Section?

Main Driver:

The Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act, 2021  
(principle Act 2015)

- 'National Climate Objective', to pursue and achieve no later than 2050, the transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity-rich, environmentally-sustainable and climate-neutral economy
- A series of economy-wide five-year carbon budgets, including sectoral targets
- A National Long Term Climate Action Strategy will be prepared every five years
- **Requirement for each Local Authority to prepare a Climate Action Plan**

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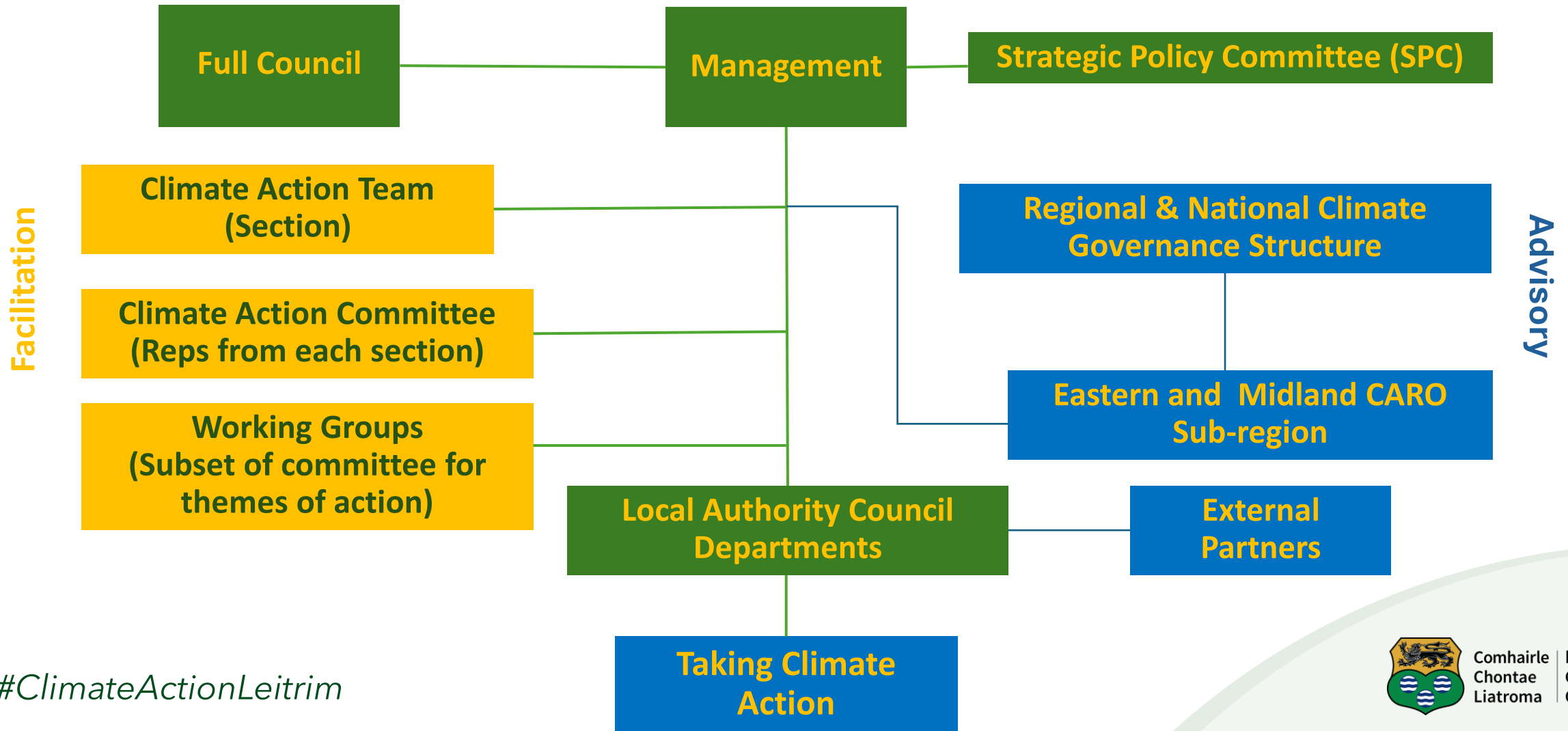
# Leitrim County Council Climate Action Plan

- Climate Action Team in place since 2023 to facilitate implementation of climate action plan
- Plan was prepared over 2023 including building the evidence base and consultation with stakeholders
- Adopted in February 2024
- Mitigation, adaptation, biodiversity enhancement actions over a 5-year period (2024 – 2029)
- Requirement to reduce emissions within Local Authority activities by 51% by 2030 from baseline year (2018) and setting a trajectory to achieve climate neutrality by 2050
- 206 actions in total, available online, [www.leitrimclimateaction.ie](http://www.leitrimclimateaction.ie)

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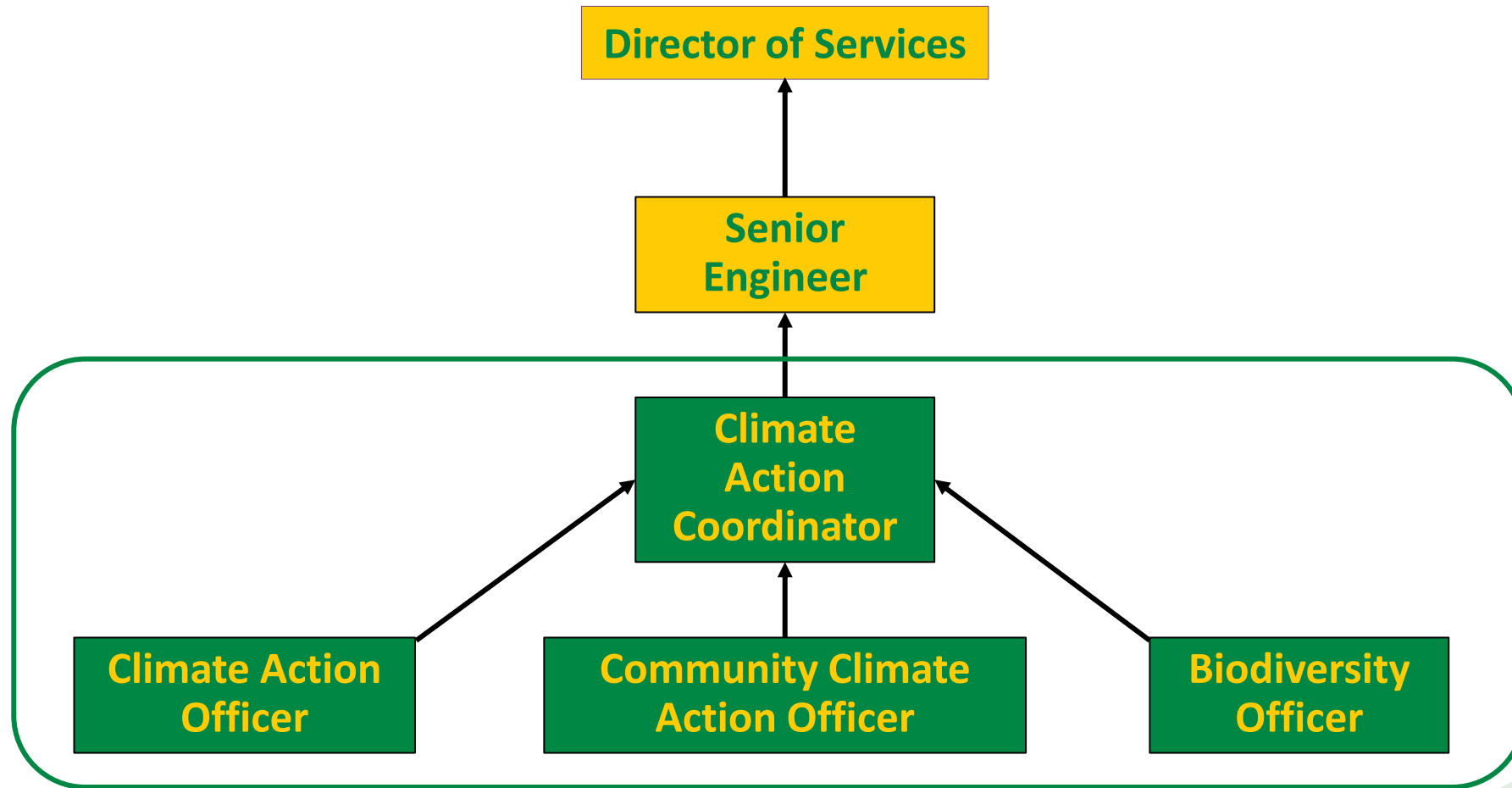
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# Leitrim Climate Action Section

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# Key Roles of the Climate Action Section

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- **Developing & Implementing Local Authority Climate Action Plans:** Creating and delivering 5-year plans
- **Decarbonising Zones:** Identifying specific areas for low-carbon initiatives and implementing tailored solutions to achieve net-zero targets.
- **Community Engagement & Support:** Promoting local engagement, providing advice, and administering Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP) funding schemes.
- **Internal Energy & Emission Reductions:** Improving energy efficiency in council buildings, fleet, and services.
- **Reporting & Monitoring:** Tracking progress on climate actions, reporting results to national bodies, and updating strategies to meet new climate targets.
- **Providing Expertise:** Advising other council departments to ensure new projects and policies are climate-proofed.

# The aim of CCAP & LEADER Theme 3

The aim of CCAP & LEADER Theme 3 is almost Identical

## CCAP

- ☑ Aims to support small and large, rural and urban communities to take climate action
- ☑ The Climate Action Fund supports innovative projects that help Ireland achieve its climate targets and transition to a low-carbon economy.
- ☑ Leitrim's allocation Year 1 €900K (Strand 1a & Strand 1), Year 2 €300K (Strand 1)
- ☑ Applications for CCAP Strand 1 Phase 2 was four times over-subscribed

## LEADER Theme 3

- ☑ Aims to leverage local natural resources for sustainable development while enhancing environmental protection, biodiversity, and climate action capacity in rural communities
- ☑ Biodiversity, Environment, Water Resources Funding – available for community organisations, clubs & groups for capital, analysis & development costs and training.
- ☑ Total budget under this closed call €530,000

**Good opportunity for collaboration between LA Climate Action & LDCOs.**

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# Case Study 1: Wetlands LEADER in Action for Leitrim Climate Action

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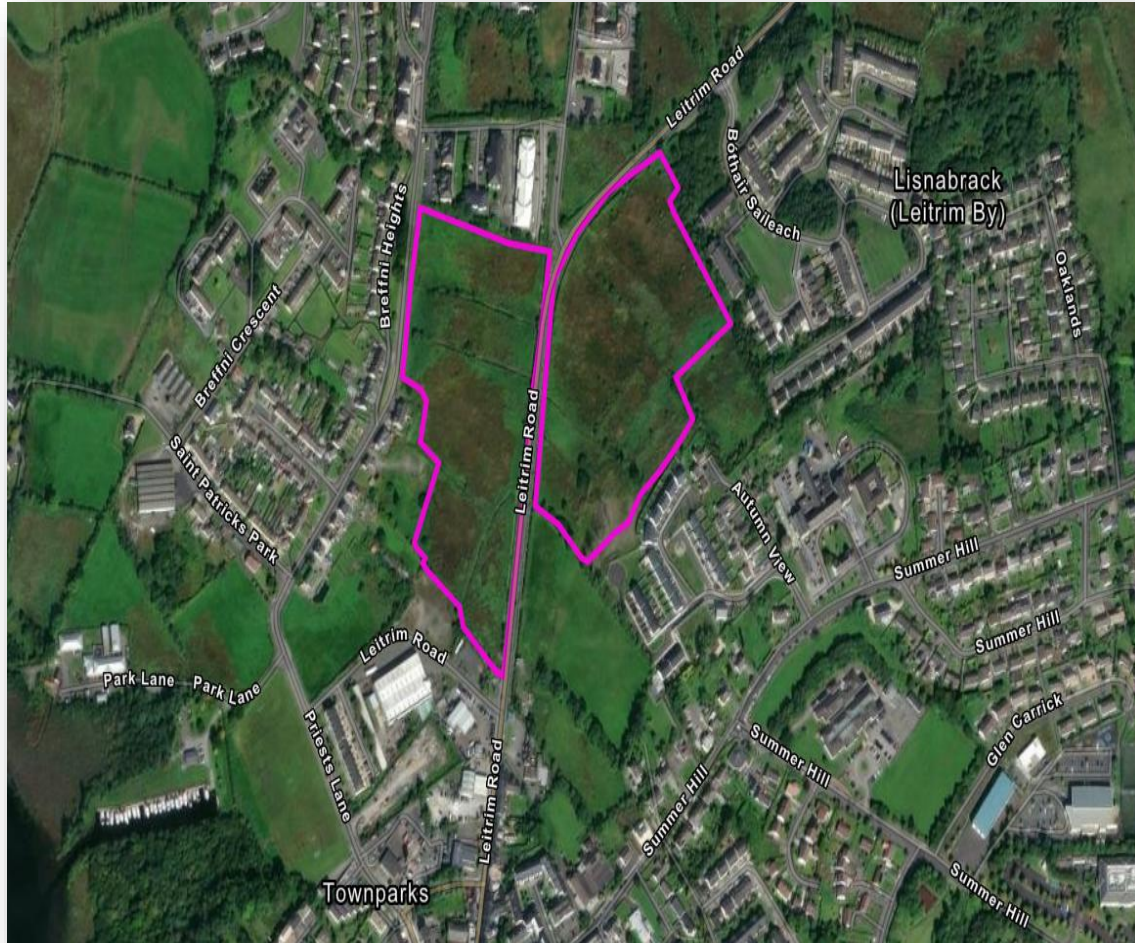
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- An objective in the Town Centre First Plan for Carrick on Shannon, and the Climate Action Plan.
- Leitrim County Council supported Carrick on Shannon Tidy Towns in securing LEADER funding for a feasibility study on creation of wetland ecology park.
- The Climate Action Section and the Town Centre First Team will work in partnership with Carrick Tidy Towns to support the delivery of the feasibility study.

# Wetlands Ecology Park, Carrick on Shannon



- Study currently being undertaken by McCloy Consulting.
- Provide an outline design concept for the wetlands ecology park.
- Will support the management of flood risk and the improvement of water quality.
- Aims to enhance tourism and deliver a sustainable community resource, incorporating opportunities for education and community space provision.

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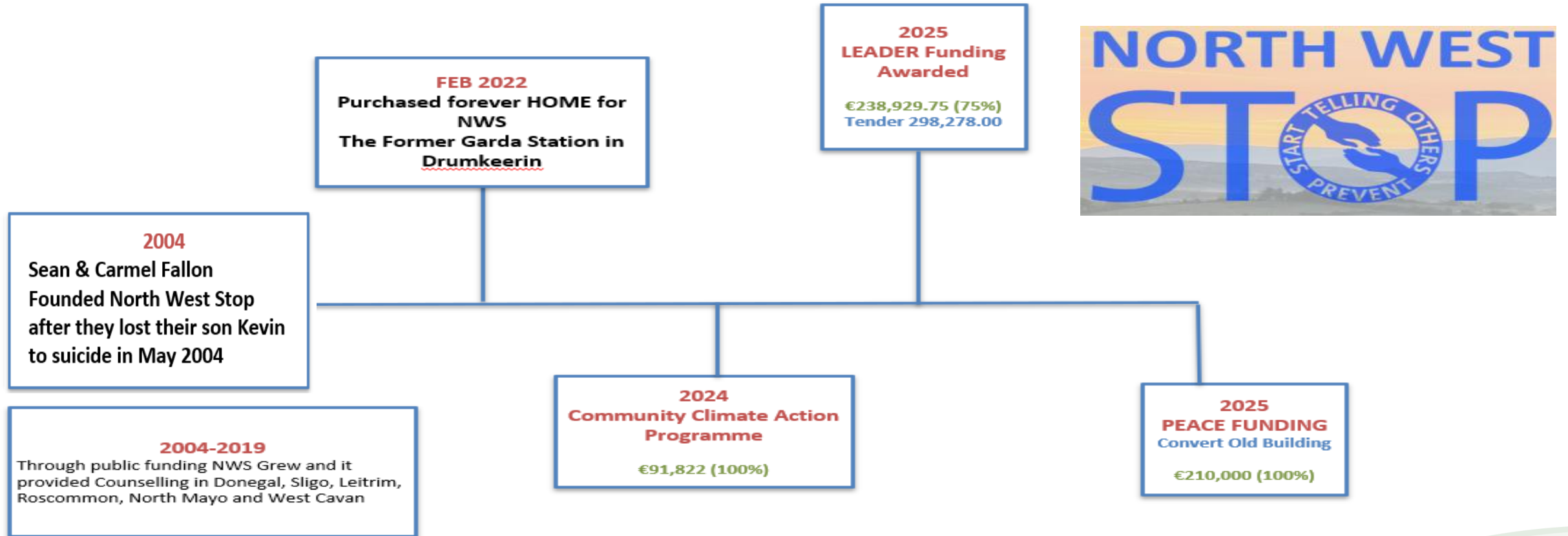
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# Case Study 2: North West Stop Leveraging Multiple Funding Streams

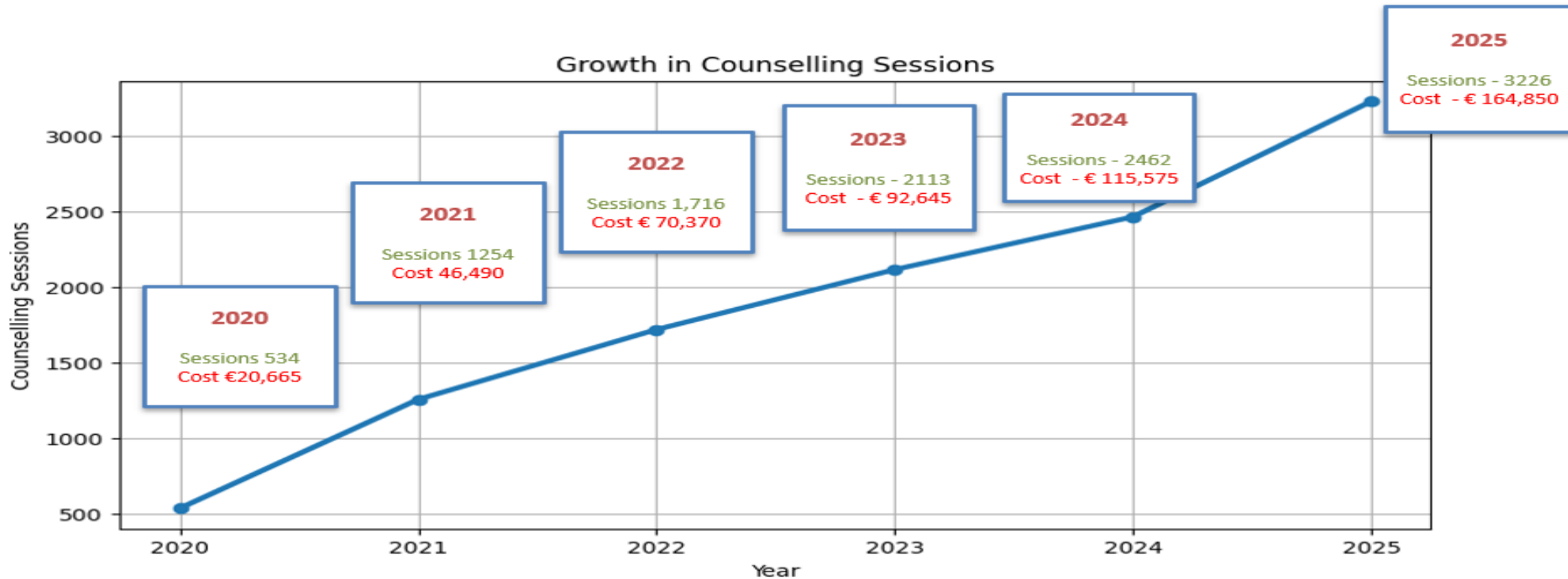
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# North West STOP, Drumkeeran



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Statistics on Counselling  
based on Financial Year End  
31st of August Annually

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# North West STOP, Drumkeeran

## Community Climate Action Programme Strand 1 Phase 1 - €91,000

- External Windows & Doors
- Cavity Wall Insulation
- Attic Insulation
- Air to Water Heating System
- PV Solar Panels & Battery Storage



# North West STOP, Drumkeeran

## LEADER Funding - €238,929.75

- New Roof
- Joining the two buildings
- Removal of chimney internally to create space
- Replastering
- Internal Refurb & kitchen
- Painting
- External Paths



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# North West STOP, Drumkeerin

## Leitrim PEACEPLUS Action Plan - €223,000

- Convert building to rear of main building to Play & Art therapy facility.
- Will double as a meeting room for local groups



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# North West STOP, Drumkeeran

Before



After



Total Capital of €553K across multiple grant schemes.

In 2026, they secured designation as a Family Resource Centre, providing North West STOP with annual core funding of €180,000.

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# Thank You

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