



9 July, 2018

**TO: AN CATHAOIRLEACH
& EACH MEMBER OF KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL**

RE: REPORT TO COUNCIL ON ALL-IRELAND POLLINATOR PLAN 2015-2020

Following the meeting of the Planning & Development, Heritage, Community, Arts and Culture Strategic Policy Committee (SPC3) held on July 5th 2018 it is recommended that Kilkenny County Council formally adopt the National Pollinator Plan and the associated "Councils: Actions to Help Pollinators" document.

It is further recommended that Kilkenny County Council formally adopt an action plan to implement measures annually that will deliver clear outcomes in the achievement of the objectives of these national plans.

The 2018/2019 Kilkenny County Council Pollinator Action Plan is attached for your consideration and recommended by SPC 3 for adoption and implementation.

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Director of Services,
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Kilkenny County Council Pollinator Action Plan 2018-2019

Introduction:

Irish pollinators are in serious decline. The problem requires immediate attention to ensure the sustainability of our food production, avoid additional economic impact on the agricultural sector, and to protect the health of the environment.

In adopting the National Pollinator Plan and associated "Councils: Actions to Help Pollinators" document Kilkenny County Council is committed to actively assisting in the creation of Pollinator friendly spaces in our county to promote an increase in pollinator numbers through the following action plan.

Action Plan 2018 - 2019 :

- i. Kilkenny County Council endorses the All Ireland Pollinator Plan 2015-2020, and its objective of "Creating an Ireland where pollinators can survive and thrive"
- ii. Kilkenny County Council will seek to implement the Pollinator Plan guidelines for Councils ("*Councils: actions to help pollinators. Guidelines 4. National Biodiversity Data Centre*"), in 2018-2019, and will review annually, including the following actions in the period 2018-2019:
 - a. Identify, and map, areas and actions currently being managed, with the support of Kilkenny County Council, in a pollinator friendly regime.
 - b. Commit to the adoption of pollinator friendly grass cutting and maintenance regimes, at agreed locations around the county.
 - c. Commit to the adoption of pollinator friendly planting at agreed publicly maintained locations.
 - d. Commit to providing and managing nesting habitats for pollinators
 - e. Commit to the adoption of a pollinator friendly pesticide code
 - f. Prepare an annual pollinator awareness programme
 - g. Track progress on implementation of actions