



Comhairle Chontae Liatroma Leitrim County Council

PRIVACY STATEMENT

ESTABLISHMENT & SUPPORT OF TOWN TEAMS IN COUNTY LEITRIM AND THE PREPARATION OF TOWN CENTRE FIRST PLANS

Who are we?

Leitrim County Council (the Council) is the democratically elected unit of Local Government in County Leitrim and is responsible for providing a range of services to meet the economic, social and cultural needs of the people of our County. In order to provide the most effective and targeted services to meet the needs of the citizens, communities and businesses of County Leitrim we will be required to collect, process and use certain types of information about people and organisations. Depending on the service being offered, information sought may include 'personal data' as defined by the Data Protection Acts and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and may relate to current, past and future service users; past; current and prospective employees; suppliers; and members of the public who may engage in communications with our staff. In addition, staff may be required, from time to time, to collect process and use certain types of personal data to comply with regulatory or legislative requirements or to carry out functions in the public interest.

Why do we have a Privacy Statement?

This privacy statement has been created to demonstrate the Council's commitment to you that personal data which you may be required to supply to us, to enable us to provide services, is;

- Obtained lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner
- Obtained for only specified, identified and legitimate purposes
- Processed for purposes which we have identified or purposes compatible with the purposes that we have identified.
- Adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary for the purpose for which it was obtained
- Is collected and processed accurately and kept up to date (where necessary)
- Kept only for as long as is necessary for the purposes for which it was obtained.
- Processed in a manner that ensures the appropriate security of the personal data including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing.

More detail is available in our Data Protection Policy at http://leitrimcoco.ie/eng/Your-Council/Data_Protection_FOI/Privacy/Leitrim-County-Council-Privacy-Policy.html

You can request a hard copy at 071 9620005.

What is the activity referred to in this Privacy Statement?

The activity referred to in this privacy statement is the establishment and support of Town Teams in County Leitrim and the preparation of Town Centre First Plans

1. Establishment of town teams where they are already not established and support capacity-building activities for town teams that are established/at an early stage of



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development (for example via targeted training/ mentoring, communication and consultation/community engagement initiatives); and

2. Data collation and research to identify the key priorities for the Town Teams towns to assessing the vitality, resilience and performance of town centres to develop high quality project applications for available funding schemes.
3. Public consultation, workshops, interviews, surveys, training events and social media campaigns will be carried out with local residents, businesspeople, community representatives and other stakeholders as part of the process to gain the views of the community and all stakeholders.

What is the basis for making the processing of this personal data lawful?

Processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in Leitrim County Council in accordance with Article 6(1)(a) & 6(1)(e) of the General Data Protection Regulation, 2016.

It is also necessary in accordance with Section 66(3) and Section 67 of the Local Government Act 2001 as an additional legal basis for carrying out the project.

What categories of personal data is held by Leitrim County Council

- Name,
- Address,
- Eircode,
- Phone number,
- Email address,
- Community Group that you are involved in.

You may provide this personal data to us whilst expressing an interest in, or making submissions/observations on, the establishment/support of a Town Team and the preparation of Town Centre First Plans.

Any personal data provided will be taken as freely given, specific, informed and an unambiguous indication of your consent to the processing of your personal data.

Data minimisation techniques will be always applied by the Project Team.

Photographs/audio/video footage may be recorded at public meetings & events and used for printed and online publicity, including social media. You will be advised at any events where photographs/audio/video footage are being taken/recorded.

Is personal data submitted as part of this activity shared with other organisations?

The Council may, to fulfil statutory or regulatory obligations or in the public interest, from time to time, have to share personal data with other organisations or entities (in Ireland or abroad). Where this is required, the Council shall have regard to your rights, to the security and integrity of the data and will minimise the data shared.



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All projects and works completed may be used for promotion purposes by the Department of Rural & Community Development.

Where Leitrim County Council engages a data processor to process data on our behalf a Data Processing Agreement will be put in place.

How long is my data kept for?

Full and accurate documentation of all projects should be maintained by the LA in the project file and be accessible for audit purposes, for a period of six years from the date of completion.

The Council has a detailed record retention policy which outlines time periods for which your personal data will be retained and what will happen to it after the required retention period has expired. A copy of Record Retention Policy can be accessed via the following link:

http://www.leitrimcoco.ie/eng/your-council/data_protection_foi/privacy/records-retention-schedules.html

Do you need to update your records?

Leitrim County Council must take reasonable steps to ensure that personal data we have about our customers is correct and up to date.

In addition, if the data held by us is found to be inaccurate you have the right to rectify/correct this.

If you find that personal data we have about you is inaccurate or needs to be updated (for instance, you may have changed your name, address, contact details etc.) then please contact us so that we can correct it. You can do this by:

Writing to us at: Leitrim County Council, Áras an Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim. N41PF67
Emailing us at customerservices@leitrimcoco.ie

When making a request to update your record please provide evidence to support this - for example a copy of a document containing your new address – utility (Gas, Electricity, Phone) bill etc.

Your rights:

You have the right to obtain confirmation as to whether data concerning you exists, to request access to personal data held about you, to be informed of the content and source of data and check its accuracy.

If the data held by us is found to be inaccurate you have the right to rectify/correct this – see above on how to update your records.

You also, subject to certain conditions being met, have the right to object to or seek restriction of the processing of personal data and to request the erasure of personal data held by the Council. You also have the right to data portability where technically feasible.



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Please note that to help protect your privacy, we take steps to verify your identity before granting access to personal data. To exercise these rights please contact us.

Leitrim County Council – Data Protection Officer

Phone	071 9620005
E-mail	dpo@Leitrimcoco.ie
Postal Address	Áras an Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim. N41 PF67.

Right of Complaint to the Data Protection Commissioner

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the response received by the Council you are entitled to make a complaint to the Data Protection Commissioner who may investigate the matter for you. The Data Protection Commissioner's website is www.dataprotection.ie or you can contact their Office at:

Phone Number	01 7650100 / 1800437 737
E-mail	info@dataprotection.ie
Postal Address	Data Protection Commissioner, 21 Fitzwilliam Square South, Dublin2. D02 RD28

Changes to Privacy Statement

We may make changes to this Statement. If we make any changes they will be posted on this page, and we will change the "Last Updated" date below.

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