



Galway County Council taking strategic approach to energy efficiency

Galway County Council is taking a proactive approach to energy efficiency by implementing a structured energy management system. The aim in taking this strategic approach is to drive energy efficiency in all local authority activities, develop energy efficient buildings and increase local energy knowledge to a high level across the whole of the organisation. In 2009, training indicatives were implemented including participation in the Energy Management Scheme and interactive training sessions for staff and waste management operators on energy efficiency. An active energy team is in place with a focus on refining an energy action plan for implementation.

The plan includes an energy audit of energy projects including renewable energy, sustainable energy zones, energy performance indicators, electricity supply tenders and energy auditing of facilities and buildings. Currently Galway County Council is aiming to implement a formal certified management system.

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There are many benefits to a Local Authority and to the community of having a Local Energy Agency. Some of the main benefits are as follows:

- 1. Energy awareness and dissemination**
Each Energy Agency can provide information on renewable energy and energy efficient products, local developers, suppliers and installers.
- 2. Energy management and procurement**
Negotiation of energy supply contracts, management of electricity accounts, and energy optimisation of Local Authority sites.
- 3. Energy efficiency and renewable energy projects**
Project management for Local Authorities, community groups and businesses.
- 4. Sustainable energy training**
The Energy Agencies run training courses and workshops for Local Authority staff and the public.
- 5. Energy Policy Development**
Energy Agencies work with their Local Authorities to develop sustainable energy policies in County and Local development plans.

Energy Agencies

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