

Taskforce Name	Objectives	Progress
National Energy Affordability Taskforce	To facilitate collaboration among Government Departments to identify, assess and implement measures that will enhance energy affordability for households and businesses, operating within the broader policy context set by the Programme for Government and Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021.	• The National Energy Affordability Taskforce was established in June 2025 to identify, assess and implement measures that will enhance energy affordability for households and businesses. • Several meetings of the Taskforce have taken place during 2025. • The first report of the taskforce was published in November last year. This report analysed recent trends in energy costs and related matters, including arrears, and set out a range of options for consideration as part of the Budget 2026 process. • The Affordability Taskforce is now preparing for an engagement and consultation process to inform the development of an Action Plan.
Offshore Wind Delivery Taskforce	To drive delivery of offshore wind targets in the Climate Action Plan, and to mobilise the Irish economy towards realising associated economic and societal opportunities through effective cross-Government collaboration.	• The taskforce was established in 2022 and has continued delivery of its objectives, with progress as follows: ○ Entering into planning consent process of five 'Phase One' offshore wind development projects which between them will deliver 3.8 GW electricity generation capacity. ○ Successful auctions for offshore wind development sites in 2023 (ORESS 1) and 2025 (Tonn Nua). ○ Shift to plan based system for offshore ORE evidenced by publication of South Coast Designated Maritime Area Plan (DMAP) for Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) in 2024 and National DMAP for ORE Proposal and Public Participation Statement in 2025. ○ Establishment of Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) and subsequent issuing of Maritime Area Consents to Phase One offshore wind developers.

Accelerating Renewable Electricity Taskforce	To identify, coordinate, and prioritise the required policies needed to achieve the onshore renewable electricity, and related, targets and to ensure that barriers to the implementation of such policies are removed or minimised to the greatest extent possible.	• The taskforce was established in 2024 and has continued delivery of its objectives, with progress as follows: ○ Progress made on key policies, such as the onshore Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (RESS). ○ Inclusion of Regional Renewable Electricity Capacities in the National Planning Framework ○ Identification of key grid infrastructure projects.
Heat and Built Environment Taskforce	To ensure a coordinated approach to the speedy implementation of climate actions designed to deliver energy-efficient buildings heated through renewable sources.	• The taskforce was established in 2023 and has continued delivery of objectives to progress decarbonisation of Ireland's buildings, across six key areas: Industrial Heat Decarbonisation, Commercial Built Environment, Public Sector Heat and Built Environment, Residential Retrofit, Anaerobic Digestion (AD)/Biomethane and District Heating. • The taskforce has published the Roadmap for the Decarbonisation of Industrial Heat, a shared plan for Government and manufacturers in Ireland to address emissions from heat use in manufacturing. • The National Biomethane Strategy was published in May 2024. • The draft Heads of the Heat (Networks and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill was approved by government in October 2024 to support the development of district heating in Ireland.
National Hydrogen Programme Taskforce	To enhance knowledge, explore opportunities and provide further clarity on the role that hydrogen is likely to play in a future decarbonised integrated net zero energy system.	• The taskforce was established in September 2025. • Progress made on several actions, including the legislative gap analysis on geological hydrogen storage and hydrogen export study.

Adaptation Taskforce	To provide enhanced accountability for and ownership of sectoral risks through new structures, which will increase the DCEE role in monitoring and evaluating the cumulative impact of Sectoral Adaptation Plan (SAP) implementation and enable escalation where barriers or delays in SAPs are identified.	•The taskforce was established in late 2025, with an inaugural meeting having taken place in January 2026, to commence progress on key objectives of the taskforce.
Food Waste Prevention Taskforce	To monitoring the progress and delivery of the actions set out in the National Food Waste Prevention Roadmap 2023-2025.	•The taskforce was established in 2023 and seven meetings of the task force took place during the period 2023-2025 to progress key objectives of the taskforce.
Green Public Procurement Action Plan Task Force	To monitor the progress of the implementation of the actions set out in Buying Greener: Green Public Procurement Strategy and Action Plan 204-2027 and to facilitate discussion of GPP related issues and make recommendations for future updates of GPP policy.	• The first meeting of the taskforce took place in November 2025, with further meetings intended every six months to progress key actions of the taskforce.