

## Competent authorities for the South Eastern River Basin District



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Background Document for the Shannon International River Basin Management Plan in accordance with Annex 1 of the Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for the Community action in the field of water policy. (Water Framework Directive)

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## Introduction

This document sets out the competent authorities for the South Eastern River Basin District in accordance with Annex 1 of the Water Framework Directive.

The competent authorities in Ireland for the Water Framework Directive are set out in the Water Policy Regulations (S.I. No. 722 of 2003).

## Name and address of the competent authority

The names and addresses of the competent authorities for the South Eastern District are as follows:

Carlow County Council,  
Athy Road,  
Carlow Town.

Wexford County Council,  
County Hall,  
Spawell Road,  
Wexford

Kilkenny County Council,  
County Hall,  
Johns Street,  
Kilkenny.

South Tipperary County Council,  
Main Office  
County Hall,  
Emmet Street,  
Clonmel,  
County Tipperary.

Laois County Council,  
Áras an Chontae,  
Portlaoise,  
County Laois.

North Tipperary County Council  
Civic Offices,  
Limerick Road,  
Nenagh,  
County Tipperary

Kildare County Council,  
Head Office,  
Áras Chill Dara,  
Devoy Park, Naas,  
County Kildare

Offaly County Council,  
Áras an Chontae,  
Charleville Road,  
Tullamore,  
County Offaly.

Wicklow County Council  
Whitegates,  
Wicklow Town

Waterford County Council,  
Civic Offices,  
Dungarvan,  
County Waterford

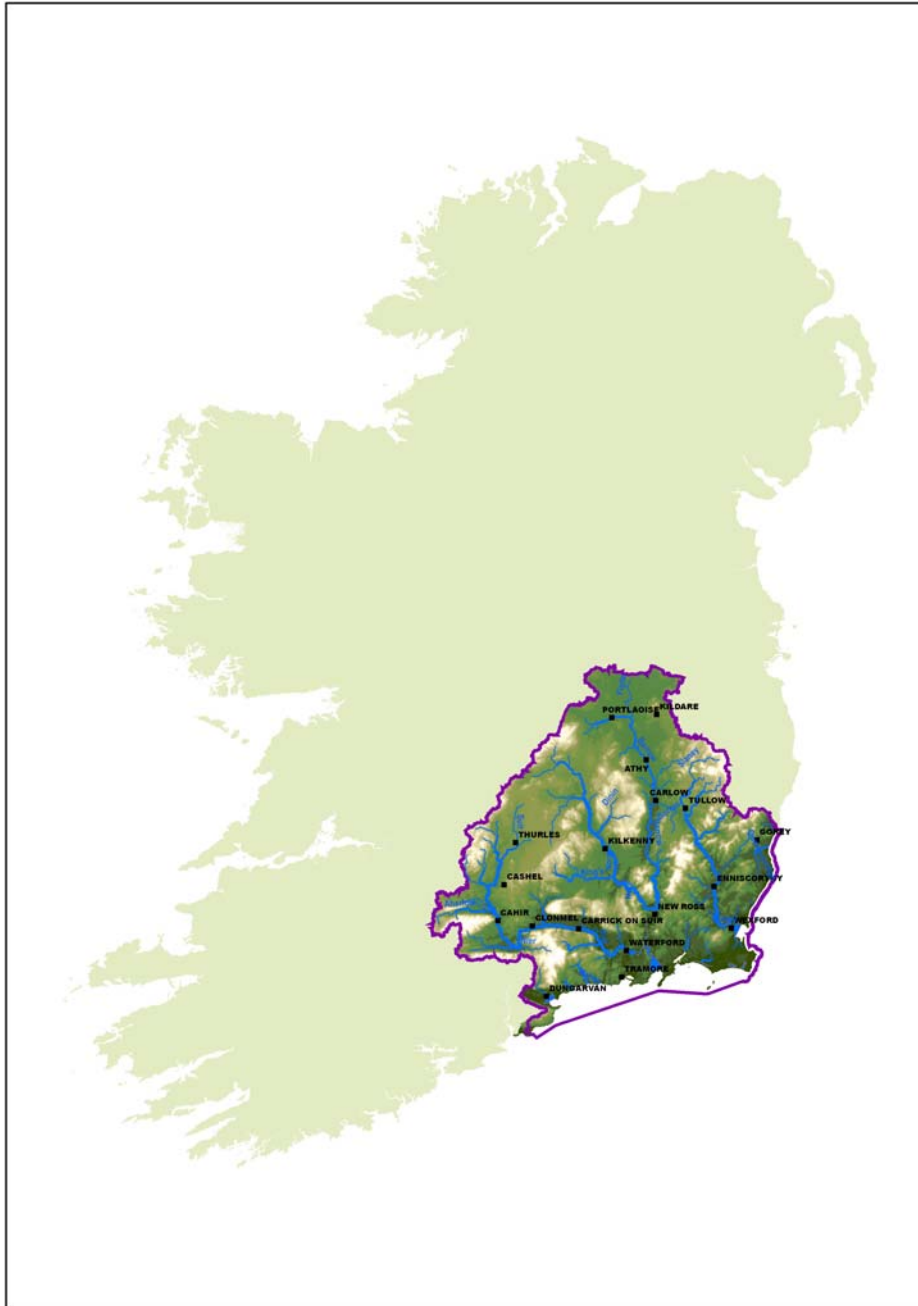
Waterford City Council,  
City Hall,  
The Mall,  
Waterford

Limerick County Council,  
County Hall,  
Dooradoyle,  
Limerick.

Cork County Council Headquarters,  
County Hall,  
Cork.

Environmental Protection Agency,  
PO Box 3000,  
Johnstown Castle Estate,  
County Wexford.

## Geographical coverage of the river basin district



Map 1: Geographical extent of the South Eastern River Basin District

## **Legal status of Competent Authorities**

The competent authorities in Ireland for the Water Framework Directive are set out in the European Communities (Water Policy) Regulations 2003 (S.I. No. 722 of 2003). (<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2003/en/si/0722.html>).

### **The Environmental Protection Agency**

The Environmental Protection Agency is an independent public body established under the Environmental Protection Agency Act, 1992 (which can be found at the following link <http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1992/en/act/pub/0007/index.html> )

### **The Local Authorities**

The Local Authorities were established under the Local Government Acts, 1925 to 2001, (which can be found at the following link: <http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/acts.html> )

## **Responsibilities of competent authorities**

Under the European Communities (Water Policy) Regulations 2003 (S.I. No. 722 of 2003) the relevant local authorities are responsible for the establishment of environmental measures and the making of the river basin management plans.

The European Communities (Water Policy) Regulations 2003 (S.I. No. 722 of 2003) also identifies the Environmental Protection Agency as competent authority for co-ordinating measures by local authorities. Their responsibilities include reporting to Europe and other specified functions (including responsibilities in relation to Environmental Objectives, Characterisation, Abstraction of Drinking Water, Point and Diffuse Sources, Programme of Measures and the making of the River Basin Management Plans). The Environmental Protection Agency also has supervisory responsibilities in relation to the Water Framework Directive monitoring programme.

For more details on the responsibilities of the competent authorities in Ireland please see the European Communities (Water Policy) Regulations 2003 (<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2003/en/si/0722.html>).

## **Membership**

In accordance with the Water Policy Regulations S.I. No. 722 of 2003 Carlow County Council acts as lead local authority in the South Eastern District. Carlow County Council acts as the co-ordinator for all the relevant local authorities unless the Minister has appointed another authority to act as co-ordinating authority.

The other relevant authorities that are co-ordinated by Carlow County Council in the South Eastern District are:

Wexford County Council  
Kilkenny County Council

South Tipperary County Council  
Laois County Council  
North Tipperary County Council  
Kildare County Council  
Offaly County Council,  
Wicklow County Council  
Waterford County Council  
Waterford City Council  
Limerick County Council  
Cork County Council

**International relationship**

Not applicable.

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