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Block 2, Floor 6,  
Civic Offices,  
Dublin 8.

16<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

**To Each Member of the  
Climate Action, Energy and Environment Strategic Policy Committee**

**Re: Public Consultation Report on the Litter Management Plan 2020 – 2022**

This report provides an update on the progress of the development of the Dublin City Draft Litter Management Plan 2020 – 2022.

The plan had been brought before the Strategic Policy Committee for approval for presentation to the City Council to allow for the commencement of a period of statutory public consultation.

The outcomes of that statutory consultation period and further consultation are set out below along with a synopsis of the issues raised and the proposed amendments to the draft plan.

**Consultation Overview**

The statutory public consultation period for the litter management plan was initially provided for a 6 week period between February and April 2020 concluding on the 6<sup>th</sup> April.

Given the unprecedented situation that occurred in and around the same period with the implementation of various restrictions in respect of the emergence of Covid 19 in Ireland the consultation period was extended for a further period until the 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

During the consultation period 67 submissions were received from the public, business representative groups, community and environmental groups and elected representatives. 2 submissions were received in the week of the 22<sup>nd</sup> June and these were also considered in the following report.

**Submissions Overview**

The submissions contained a large number of comments, observations, queries and recommendations in relation to the plan.

The areas covered in the submissions were wide ranging and demonstrated an engagement with the plan and interest in ensuring that the plan provides appropriate measures to address issues relating

to litter in Dublin City. Many of the suggestions are useful, interesting, innovative and are extremely worthy of consideration and development in the implementation of the plan.

Each of the submissions has been addressed in relation to the various points raised. The submissions are provided in full in the documents accompanying this report and a subsequent document addresses the responses to each of the points made in the submissions and any recommendations for amendments to the plan.

The following points suggest how the submissions and the various suggestions made are to be addressed in the context of ensuring the plan is in line with the provisions and scope of its statutory basis and that it remains a relevant strategy and plan for the management of litter in the city.

1. In addressing the submissions many suggestions have been noted as having relevance to specific internal departments or external stakeholders. It is suggested that these will be compiled for referral to be considered appropriately by the appropriate department, division, operational area or body.

These include:

- Issues specific to local areas.
- Issues specific to the management of local parks and green areas
- Issue specific to the activities of other internal departments
- Issues relevant to external stakeholders such as waterways bodies or An Taisce

2. There are a large number of suggestions, queries and recommendations that can be addressed through the aims and objectives that are set out in the plan and it is recommended that these be progressed in this way in the implementation of the plan and reported on in the annual progress report of the plan to this committee.

These include:

- Suggestions on the range and type of open data made available.
- Suggestions on how to progress engagement with communities and schools.
- Suggestions on how to improve communications and access to information.
- Suggestions on reporting on progress of the plan.

3. There are also a large number of suggestions and recommendations that go beyond the scope of the plan in respect of its legislative provision and basis. While these suggestions may have merit they cannot be incorporated into the plan.

These include:

- Structure and regulation of the waste market and industry.
- Provision of waste infrastructure.
- Implementation of initiatives and programmes that require amendments to primary legislation that is not the Litter Pollution Act.

## Proposed Amendments to the Plan

A number of submissions made valuable and relevant points regarding the content, aims and objectives of the plan that could not be addressed within the existing content and objectives of the draft plan. These suggestions did fall within the legislative scope of the plan and were not relevant for referral for consideration to other departments or stakeholders. These suggestions are addressed by way of proposed amendments to the plan.

These proposed amendments are listed below in tabular form for ease of reference.

1.

Recommendation: <b>Amend Plan at Pg 24.</b>
Amendment: amend heading to: <b>Management of Domestic and Commercial Waste</b>  Insert Additional Bullet Point <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dublin City Council will seek to trial and implement alternative solutions to waste presentation in plastic refuse bags</b></li></ul>

2.

Recommendation: <b>Amend Plan to include Baseline Metric indicators to be included for all objectives of the implementation Plan where appropriate</b>
Amendment: <b>Insertion of Baseline metrics to objectives where applicable on pages 25 – 29.</b>

3.

Recommendation: **Amend Plan to include**

- 1. Additional appendix – Final report on Litter Management Plan 2016 – 2018**
- 2. Amend plan at pg 2 to reference the Dublin City Climate Action Plan, Eastern Midland Regional Waste Plan and UN Sustainable Development Goals.**

Amendment:

- 1. Include Appendix – Report on Litter Management Plan 2016 – 2018**
- 2. Pg 2. Insert text: The Litter Management Plan 2020 – 2022 is formulated having regard to the shared goals of the Dublin City Climate Action Plan, the Eastern Midland Regional Waste Management Plan and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The plan contains actions and objectives that can contribute to positive climate outcomes, waste reduction and increases in recycling and reuse.**

4.

Recommendation: **Amendment to plan at pg 24 and pg 29**

Amendment:

**Pg 24.**

**Insert Additional Bullet Point:**

- Dublin City Council will consider whether it is possible to create and maintain up to date records based on information such as eircodes on the domestic and commercial waste collections and civic amenity site use for the purposes of ensuring compliance with requirement to use authorised waste collectors.**

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**Insert New Objective**

- Carry out review and update of Litter Prevention and Control Bye Laws.**

5.

Recommendation: **Amend plan at pg1 and pg 30and also at implementation plan**

Amendment: **Insert paragraph at pg 1 – definition of litter and responsibilities**

**Pg 30 Promotion of the plan will be undertaken**

**Implementation plan include additional objective:**

- **Develop liaison with primary and secondary schools on litter education including providing an updated and distribute Litter Education Packs to schools**

6.

Recommendation: **Amend plan at pg.19**

Amendment: **insert new bullet point under heading – Recycling Infrastructure**

- **Dublin City Council will examine how it can engage with initiatives such as Terracycle to promote recycling of additional waste streams.**

7.

Recommendation: **Amend plan throughout to address any formatting on syntax errors**

Amendment: **Various amendments to formatting and syntax to ensure consistency throughout the plan**

8.

Recommendation: **Amend plan at pg 22**

Amendment: **Insert sentence under heading Blue Spaces**

**Dublin City Council will consider the issue of provision of litterbins in proximity to waterways.**

9.

Recommendation: **Amend plan at pg 23**

Amendment: **Insert new Header and sentence**

**Accessibility**

**Dublin City Council will carry out an accessibility audit on its litter, waste and recycling infrastructure to identify and address issues.**

I recommend the approval by this Strategic Policy Committee of the Dublin City Litter Management Plan as amended for recommendation to the City Council for adoption.

This report is submitted for the consideration and debate of the committee.

**CÉLINE REILLY**

**EXECUTIVE MANAGER**