

Report from the SPC Remunicipalisation Sub Group

The main focus of the sub group's work has been agreeing on how to draft a report on the remunicipalisation of the domestic waste collection.

Following a discussion it was agreed to engage with the Institute of Public Administration (IPA) to carry out research in to remunicipalisation of domestic waste collection in Dublin City.

Terms of reference for the research were drafted, circulated and agreed by the sub group. Full ToR contained below.

The agreed terms of reference were sent to the IPA and they were invited to make presentation to the sub group meeting in September. The sub group agreed to proceed with the research.

The report is set to be complete by June this year with a mid term report begin presented to the sub group in February.

The sub group would like to take the opportunity to thank the ongoing support and from the SPC chair Cllr. Michael Pidgeon, Liam Bergin and his staff. Their input has been invaluable to the work of the sub group.

Terms of Reference

Following the adoption of a composite motion on the 'Re-municipalisation of Waste Management Services' by Dublin City Council in July 2019. The following terms of reference for the prospective research proposal are designed to give effect to the intent of the motion. That a body of research be conducted which would investigate the following issues:

1. Comparative Analysis

That a comparative analysis be conducted which compares Dublin City Council's method of domestic waste collection, namely the operation of an out-sourced, 'side-by-side' competitive model within the local authority area, with the typical single provider method of collection in operation in similar sized European cities. The following performance criteria shall be utilised:

- Coverage (number of households who avail of a domestic waste collection service)
- Carbon Emissions (quantify the number of trucks required to provide the service in Dublin because of side-side competition in comparison with a similar size European city with a single provider)
- Compare traffic congestion with a single provider vs current multiple provider system
- Compare the cost of service at point of delivery to the customer
- Compare quality of service to the Customer
- Compare the quality of the Labour Contract for workers in the Delivery of the Service

- Compare levels of illegal dumping/environmental degradation and examine any causal relationship between the structure of domestic waste collection regimes
- Examine the pre and post remunicipalisation experience of domestic waste collection service in a city which has adopted such an approach across established performance criteria such as: cost, public satisfaction, recycling etc.

2. Legal Analysis

- Outline the Legal and Regulatory context in which domestic waste collection operates within the state
- Outline what practical steps Dublin City Council could take to begin to re-enter domestic waste collection and to de-commodify the collection of domestic waste.
- What legislative changes would have to take place in order to provide for the re-municipalisation of domestic waste.
- Outline the process in a similar state whereby the domestic waste collection service was successfully re-municipalised

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