

Proposed changes to Parking Enforcement Policy – Residential Pay & Display Ballots

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Introduction

One of the functions of the Parking Enforcement is to oversee the administration of the residential Permit Parking Schemes. Our current processes for carrying out this function has been reviewed with respect to how residents can apply for a scheme, apply for changes to a scheme, and how Dublin City Council conducts the ballots for such schemes.

Last year at the November meeting some changes to the administration of Residential Ballots were proposed and accepted by members, after some discussion and revision, in 2022.

While we had agreed to use the electoral register to conduct the ballots the Franchise Dept. of Dublin City Council who administer the ROE have raised concerns about issuing the ROE due to GDPR. They have offered to issue a redacted version, but this will not serve any purpose for running parking scheme Ballots.

Having discussed the GDPR issue with the Law Dept. in Dublin City Council and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Co. Council the Parking Enforcement Dept. are proposing the following as the most efficient way to conduct the ballots going forward.

Proposed changes

1. Residents must submit a petition where 35% of the houses on a particular road or street are in favour of being considered to have a scheme proposed, or would like changes made to operational times of an existing scheme.
2. Once the petition is validated, the Area Engineer will design a scheme in accordance with the best practice design guidelines including taking into account Health & Safety considerations.
3. On completion of the design, Parking Enforcement will issue **1 ballot** paper per property on the road / street for which the scheme is proposed. This will permit a **“one house, one vote”** system to operate. Once the ballot has closed, the votes are verified and counted and the majority will decide the outcome. *Having a “one house, one vote” system allows for greater transparency. It ensures that each house is included in the ballot, and also eliminates the need for pro rata in the count. It will also improve the time to decision on ballots.*
4. If the vote is a majority yes, the scheme moves into the installation phase, and residents will be contacted to advise on how they can apply for permits.

Dated day of 2022

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