

Environment and Transportation Department,
Block 2, Floor 6,
Dublin 8.

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

Proposed amendment to Waste Management (Storage, Presentation and Segregation of Household AND Commercial Waste) Bye-Laws.

Dublin City Council Waste Management (Storage, Presentation and Segregation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye-Laws were introduced in 2019 as part of a national review and updating of local authority Waste Bye Laws designed to provide a consistent national approach to the regulations relating to the storage, segregation and presentation of waste.

It is noted however that certain differences remain in relation to waste presentation between different areas of the country. One such difference is the significant reliance on the use of plastic bags for the presentation of waste within the Dublin City Council functional area.

The proposed amendment to the Bye Laws is considered necessary in order for Dublin City Council to investigate the potential of alternative waste container solutions (through trialling, testing and implementation) in order to address the issues relating to the widespread use of plastic bags to present waste both within the central commercial district and in the wider functional area of Dublin City Council.

The use of plastic bags as waste containers causes significant issues in respect of the creation of litter through the failure of such bags through mishandling or interference from vermin and animals.

The appearance of waste bags presented for collection also detracts from the streetscape and visual amenity of the city generally.

The opportunity to seek alternatives that provide for more secure and reliable forms of waste containers where the use of wheeled bins is not possible due to the physical characteristics of the city or property will lead to improvements in the management of waste within Dublin City.

It is proposed to amend the Dublin City Council Waste Management Bye Laws by inserting the following provision after Bye Law 2.4 (B)

2.4(C) In specified areas within the functional area of Dublin City Council, Dublin City Council may designate that only waste containers suitable for re-use may be used for the presentation of household and/or commercial waste for collection. Waste containers suitable for reuse include appropriate waste

containers and any such other waste containers that may be designated by Dublin City Council from time to time as suitable for reuse.

A schedule of specified areas where there presentation of household and/or commercial waste may only be presented in waste containers suitable for reuse will be maintained by Dublin City Council. A schedule of waste containers designated as suitable for reuse will also be maintained by Dublin City Council.

Approval is sought from the members of the committee for the proposed amendment to proceed to the City Council for approval to initiate public consultation on the proposed amendment.

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