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

Public Consultation Report on the Proposed Amendment of the Dublin City Waste Bye Laws 2018

This report provides an update on the progress of the proposed amendment to the Dublin City Waste Bye Laws 2018.

The proposed amendment provides for the following sub section be inserted into the existing bye law **2.4 Use of Waste Containers on Collection Day** after sub section (B):

(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.

The purpose of the amendment is to allow Dublin City Council to trial, introduce and regulate, the use of alternative containers for the on street storage and presentation of waste in order to address the issues created by the use of plastic bags for the presentation of waste in the city.

The use of plastic bags for the storage and presentation of waste 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.

Consultation Overview

The statutory public consultation period for the litter management plan was initially provided for a 2 month period concluding on the 10th July.

During the consultation period 11 submissions were received from the public and business representative groups.

Submissions Overview

The submissions contained a number of comments, observations, queries and recommendations in relation to the bye laws in general.

The areas covered in the submissions were wide ranging and demonstrated an engagement with the consultation and an interest in ensuring that the bye laws provide for appropriate measures to address issues relating to the regulation of waste in Dublin City.

Many of the suggestions are both useful and interesting. However a number of the submissions do not relate to the purpose of the consultation and do not address directly the proposed amendment, rather they refer to other aspects of the overall waste management system both public and private and the bye laws more generally.

Each of the submissions has been addressed in respect of the relevance to the substantive proposal to amend the bye laws. The submissions are provided in full in the document accompanying this report and also provided the responses to the points made in the submissions and any recommendations for alterations to the proposed amendment to the bye laws.

Recommendation

Given that an overall majority of submissions received, that were specifically relevant to the proposal, were supportive of the introduction of measures that the amendment seeks to support it is recommended that the amendment be recommended City Council for adoption.

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

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