

**To the Chairperson and Members
Of the Central Area Committee**

14th September 2021

Waste Management Report for Central Area

Please find below response to specific questions/concerns as referred from Central Area office:

- General increase in illegal dumping:
Central Area has seen a level but high amount of illegal dumping complaints:
Q4 2020: 936,
Q1 2021: 844,
Q2 2021: 904,
All CRM's for illegal dumping are responded to within 24 hours, through our depot crews and local waste management teams reporting to area office.
- It appears that public litter bins are not being emptied at weekends at the following locations: East Wall Road, Amiens Street and North Circular Road:
Litter bins on Amiens Street and North Circular Road are serviced daily, seven days a week. All bins are serviced on overtime shifts at weekends at 6am and additional service to all bins is provided by Public Domain crews up to 6pm. We are reviewing weekend service levels to East Wall Road and surrounds and plan to introduce an additional side-loader on weekend overtime to ensure litter bins are serviced.
- Clarification was sought on Waste Management Depots, if they are again working at normal capacity with regard to manpower/shifts:
All waste management depots are open and operating at normal staffing levels. The safety of our staff is always our number one priority and throughout this pandemic, all teams are operating on a POD system which has reduced operational hours due to the need for staggered start and finish times for each POD. The POD system ensures we have reduced numbers in the depot at all times and provides continuity of service as any potential outbreak is confined to a POD and not the entire team.
- Removal of public litter bins where dumping occurs alongside them, rather than removing bins, more public litter bins along with dog fouling bins are needed:
Removal of litter bins is a last resort and any permanent removals are notified to stakeholders. Additional bins do not solve the issue of illegal dumping beside a bin.
- The number of additional public litter bins installed over the last 12 months within the Central Area and the number that have been removed in that period:

At the end of June 2020 Central Area had 466 bins. At the end of June 2021 Central Area has 477 bins. This means that from June 20 to June 21 and additional 11 bins have been installed in Central Area. We do not have statistics of how many were removed permanently, removal is a last resort and all stakeholders are notified prior to any permanent removal of bins.
- Dog Poo machine coverage area should include Cabra:
A dog fouling machine was successfully trialled in Aldborough Parade, was fully funded by the Central Area Office and in operation each day subject to staffing

levels. Waste Management are open to discussing the possibility of introducing another machine on the same arrangements with the Area Office.

- St Joseph's Parade Dumping increase:
13 reports of illegal dumping have been MADE IN the last 12 months, 4 of which were in 2021.

Other points to note:

- Central Area Office have a dedicated waste management crew to compliment traditional Waste Management activity, 4 vehicles with a power washing van. This increases resources in the area to deal with CRM complaints, illegal dumping and hotspot areas.
- Litter warden structure is currently being reviewed and a Litter Warden Manager has been recruited, Area Office has 2 permanent wardens currently and can avail of additional support.
- This year Waste Management Services will be trialling an innovative solution to improve the presentation of waste in designated bag areas. The Bagbin which is a collapsible container for the storage of bagged waste will be trialled on Drury St. in October-December 2021.
- Our Beta team is also in the progress of trialling [SharedBinsBETA](#) to understand other potential solutions
- Waste management are availing of grants from DECC:
 - Litter Infrastructure Support: 80 larger capacity bins and 15 Big Belly bins ordered and awaiting delivery, locations awaiting signoff. Central area will be included in provision at litter generator locations.
 - Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti Awareness Scheme: invested in Dublin Community Clean up materials 11-19th September, Leave no Trace campaign, Dog fouling campaigns, Picker Pals for schools
 - Anti-dumping Initiative 2021: 6 projects approved by WERLA and in progress across Dublin, managed by area offices. Central project proposed and ongoing is Altona laneway accessibility and waste prevention.

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