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PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE BULKY HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

INTRODUCTION

It is recognised that households sometimes generate an amount of household waste that is bulky or too large in nature to be accepted by the regular waste collection service. The volume of such waste generally does not warrant the hire of a skip from a waste contractor. Unfortunately, such waste is sometimes collected by unscrupulous operators and subsequently dumped illegally which is only to the detriment of all concerned.

Householders can currently dispose of bulky household waste by bringing the material to one of the City Council's 2 Civic Amenity sites which are located in North Strand and Ringsend. In addition, Dublin City Council has traditionally provided a bulky household waste collection service to all householders across the City. Collection schedules typically operated over a three to five year revolving period. If a street was due for a collection the householder was notified by a leaflet drop 48 hours before the scheduled collection was due to take place. The leaflet stated the date of the collection and also provided details of what type of bulky waste was acceptable.

PROPOSED BULKY HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION

The cost of providing the bulky household waste collection service, to all householders across the City amounts to approximately € 0.5m per annum. The service that Dublin City Council has provided free of charge is a major draw on resources and is no longer sustainable. Only two other local authorities (Galway City Council and Waterford City and County) provide a door to door collection service but in both cases a charge is applied for each item collected by the respective Council.

It is proposed to introduce a new online Bulky Waste Collection Service operated by Dublin City Council. Bookings for a Bulky waste collection will be made via www.dublincity.ie and the cost will be € 40 per house payable in advance. This charge will be limited to 5 bulky items per household. Once payment is made, the local Cleansing Inspector for the Area will

be in contact with the householder and will arrange for a suitable collection time within 3 working days.

The Bulky Household Waste Collection provided by the Waste Management Division will cater for different types of waste as follows:

Material types accepted:-

Household furniture, carpets, bedding, mattresses, kitchen units, worktops, sinks, ironing boards, doors, bathroom & toilet suites, bicycles, ladders, garden furniture including barbeques, oil tanks, radiators, boilers, children's swings & slides, buggies, prams and other larger toy items. All these items can also be brought to the two Civic Amenity sites in the City.

Items not accepted:-

Black, green or brown material suitable for domestic bins, DIY material & builders rubble, gas cylinders, priority waste such as batteries, paints, solvents and asbestos.

It should be noted that Dublin City Council already provides a bulky Household waste removal service to its tenants free of charge through its Housing Maintenance Section and it is intended that this service will continue.

We anticipate that the online Bulky Waste Collection Service will commence in the Spring of 2016 and the benefit of the new service is that the Bulky Waste Collection will be available to each householder on demand all year round. This is a significant enhancement for the householder. The fee will assist the Council in partially offsetting the costs associated with providing this service.

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