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To Each Member of the  
Environment Strategic Policy Committee

### Household Waste Regulations

At the June meeting of the Environment Strategic Policy Committee a verbal report was delivered in relation to new Regulations (S.I 197 of 2015 - Waste Management Collection Permit Amendment Regulations 2015) governing the Collection of Household Waste. It was agreed that a briefing document would issue to members of the committee outlining proposed changes to current collections arrangements.

A report issued to Members of the Committee on 5<sup>th</sup> August advising that the Regulations provided for the following changes to existing Household Waste Collection arrangements.

- Household Customers of a waste operator must be provided with a recyclable collection every two weeks.
- The collector must weigh all receptacles collected separately and they must be in reusable containers.
- The collectors must report the weights in writing to householder at a minimum once per month.
- Collectors must use an approved weighing system and only use vehicles that have been fitted with this weighing system
- Collectors must prepare a customer charter and publish on website.
- There is a minimum list of recyclables that a waste operator must collect.
- Phasing out bags – Household waste collections using bags will not be permissible beyond 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 apart from very specific areas designated by Local Authorities.

The City Council has commenced a data gathering exercise to determine if those areas of the City currently in receipt of a bag collection service are suitable for wheeled bin collections. At this stage in excess of 800 streets have been identified as having a bag collection services and / or a mix of bags and wheeled bins. In order to ascertain the suitability of areas it is necessary to carry out a physical inspection of each street and this process is ongoing.

It is likely to be mid October before this exercise is complete and I will report further at the November meeting of the Committee.

A bagged waste service is provided at our Civic Amenity sites. A new tender is currently being drafted for both sites and will include provisions to comply with the new regulations.

Discussions are ongoing with waste operators in relation to the phasing out of bag collections and there will be further input from the DECLG in relation to the criteria for determining the designation of bag collection areas.

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