

Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Committee on Waste Regulations held on 12th July 2016.

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2016

Order: Agreed

2. Review of designated street lists

- The Chair expressed her gratitude for the effort made to date in compiling the designated streets.
- Updated lists reviewed. Committee was advised that the lists were still open to further review but it was likely that the vast majority of streets have been captured at this stage. Councillors gave additional streets for consideration and were advised that when the list is finalised a new order will be made to include the additional streets and all would be notified.

Order: Circulate final updated lists to Councillors, Waste Operators and the National Waste Collection Permit Office and upload to DCC website when order is made/

3. Illegal Dumping

A discussion was held in relation to illegal dumping and associated issues where the following points were raised by members of the committee.

- Businesses / individuals using the open bins in Council flat complexes to dispose of general and food waste.
- Possibility of expanding CCTV monitoring for illegal dumping which was successful in the north inner city area.
- Possibility of targeting hotspots
- Issue of commercial waste remaining uncollected.
- Issue of Seagulls – Destroying bags presented for collection and causing a serious litter / health problem.
- Anonymity of those reporting litter / illegal dumping offences.

Helen McNamara & Simon Brock responded

- Some areas are specifically suitable for CCTV, for example, where the illegal dumping is being perpetrated from vehicles rather than individuals
- It is possible that commercial waste is being presented correctly within the permitted collection times. Litter Wardens can be asked to call to commercial premises to discuss collection arrangements if required.

Order: DCC to examine possibility of targeting hot spot areas and extending CCTV monitoring in appropriate locations

4. Greyhound Recycling / Waste Operators.

Members raised the following concerns

- Operators are difficult to contact
- If customers do not opt out of the pay by weight they are automatically placed on the PBW charging structure.
- Operators not responding to requests to have bins removed from designated streets.
- Issue of alternative receptacles for bag collection areas.

Helen McNamara responded.

- Will contact waste operators in relation to bins being issued in designated bag areas to ensure they are removed immediately.
- Irrespective of whether customers opt in / out of PBW, prices, as agreed with Minister are frozen for a period of 12 months from 1st July 2016.
- A draft letter to be sent to the NWCPO was circulated requesting an amendment to Waste Collection Permits to ensure that waste operators do not discriminate against householders that have been designated for a bag collection. The letter was agreed and the Chair signed same for issue.
- The issue of receptacle design should be industry driven and was within the scope of the waste industry to offer alternative solutions for their customers.

Order: Waste Collectors to be contacted regarding the removal of bins on designated streets. Letter to NWCPO to be issued.

5. A.O.B.

Councillor Eilis Ryan suggested that any future amendments to the regulations should “fit” DCC’s requirements and suggested that a letter from this Committee should issue to the Minister outlining concerns and suggested solutions. An “issues” paper for the Minister to be discussed at the September meeting.

September meeting to be arranged at a time not to conflict with other Council meetings.

6. Other Actions agreed.

- Motion from the Committee to be agreed and forwarded to the Housing SPC in relation to the current use of open bins and the lack of appropriate receptacles for the segregation of waste in Council flat complexes. This issue to be addressed in the tender documentation for the provision of waste services to council complexes.
- Begin discussion with the Waste industry on alternative waste receptacles in bag areas.
- The control of seagulls to be referred to the Environment SPC

Date for next meeting to be confirmed

In attendance

Members

Councillor Tina MacVeigh
Councillor Gaye Fagan
Councillor Mannix Flynn
Councillor Ray McAdam
Councillor Eilis Ryan
Councillor Mary Frehill

Officials

Helen McNamama, Senior Executive Officer
Simon Brock, Administrative Officer
Ciaran McGoldrick, Staff Officer

Councillor Tina MacVeigh
Chairperson, 13th July 2016