

**Minutes of the Meeting Special Committee on Waste Regulations,  
held on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016.**

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**AGENDA**

1. Introduction (Declan Wallace)

Declan Wallace, Director of Traffic gave a background to the formation of the committee and made the following points in relation to the new regulations.

- All domestic waste must be presented in bins unless derogation is granted.
- Only in exceptional circumstances will bagged waste be collected.
- It is anticipated that a substantial number of householders will remain on bagged collections.
- A street survey is currently underway to identify those areas currently in receipt of a bagged service that are suitable for bins. This will be completed in the near future.

2. Election of Chairperson

Councillor Tina McVeigh was elected Chairperson

3. Overview of Regulations / Legislation

An information pack containing the below was circulated to members present

- List of streets in Dublin City Council's administrative area currently in receipt of a bag collection service.
- Report from the Director of Traffic to the City Council outlining the current position on the introduction of the new regulations.  
Copies of: Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government circulars on the introduction of new household waste legislation and copies of Regulations on Waste Management (Collection Permit) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 & European Union (Household Food Waste and Bio Waste) Regulations 2015
- Representations received in relation to the proposed changes

4. Current Situation

Members of the Committee raised the following points / concerns.

- Waste operators will not collect bags unless it is profitable to do so.
- Anecdotal evidence that operators are forcing householders on to bins even though the area is not suitable, Rialto Court was given as an example.
- Cannot see the industry weighing bags.
- What happens if householders deemed suitable to remain on bags cannot get a service?

- Can Councillors influence the derogations?
- Can operators be compelled to collect bagged waste
- Householders who cannot manage bins (elderly)
- There must be a plan in place if streets are left without a waste collection service.

Mr. Wallace & Ms. McNamara responded.

- It is not envisaged that bags will not be collected
- The current regulations do not provide for the weighing of bags and therefore pay by weight will not apply to bag collections – this should be rectified in the regulations so that there is a level playing pitch for all household waste being collected, whether in bins or bags.
- A schedule of streets outlining where bags can be collected will be attached to an operators waste collection permit.
- Any derogation will be building and not person specific.
- DCC will not be re-entering the waste collection service

5. AOB  
None

### **Actions**

- (i) Helen McNamara's / Martina Campbell's contact details to be forwarded to the group.
- (ii) Draft Statement to raise public awareness to be developed for the next meeting.
- (iii) Invite greyhound to meet group.
- (iv) Results of street survey to be forwarded to group when finalised
- (v) Sample Waste Collection Permit to be available at the next meeting.

## **Next meeting Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2.00 pm**

### **In attendance**

#### **Councillors**

Councillor Tina McVeigh (Chairperson)  
Councillor Claire Byrne  
Councillor Gaye Fagan  
Councillor Mannix Flynn  
Councillor Mary Freehill  
Councillor Éilis Ryan  
Lord Mayor Criona Ni Dhalaigh

#### **Officials**

Declan Wallace, Director of Traffic  
Helen McNamara, Senior Executive officer  
Ciarán McGoldrick, Staff Officer

#### **Absent**

Councillor Ray McAdam  
Fianna Fáil nomination

### **Councillor Tina McVeigh**

**Chairperson**