

Motion to the Housing SPC from the Special Committee on Waste Regulations,
in the names of Cllrs:

Mannix Flynn, Eilis Ryan, Claire Byrne, Ray McAdam, Criona NiDhalaigh, Mary Freehill, Gaye Fagan, Paul McAuliffe; Tina MacVeigh.

In light of the fact that in Dublin City Council flat complexes:

- residents report that the waste services provided do not allow for waste segregation;
- open receptacles attract vermin and that receptacles are often used by non-residents to illegally dump waste;
- we as a Local Authority are not compliant with regulations that provide for waste segregation;
- the Council is currently reviewing tenders for waste collection providers in the flat complexes;

This Housing SPC calls on our Housing Department to conduct a residents survey of waste segregation and collection requirements in the flat complexes with a view to including the outcome of these surveys in the ongoing review of waste collection tenders and contracts awarded

Waste Collection

Of the 195 separate bin locations in flat complexes in the city, 84 have facilities to segregate waste (dry recyclables only). Most of these are senior Citizen complexes, however plans are being progressed to provide the Green Bin Collection system at all locations on a citywide basis. A recent pilot took place in a number of city centre complexes (St Michan's House, Pearse House, White Friars, etc) with varying degrees of success. It is intended to incrementally roll out the Recycling Bins over the coming months to other complexes in conjunction with the Residents and Area Offices. It is also proposed to examine the Brown bin option next year. Brown Bins have also been located at a number of locations where there is kitchen facilities.

Dublin City Council provides a waste collection service in Dublin City Council's Flat Complexes and Senior Citizen Complexes. An estimated 200 tonnes per week of waste is collected at DCC's flatted housing units, which comprises 195 flat and senior citizen complexes. Based on an average occupancy rate of 2.5 – 3 this represents a population of approximately 27,000 – 30,000.

It is also intended to carry out a sample survey of the existing bins to assess their condition and reparability (especially with regards to replacement lids) and their ability, in terms of the new legislation that requires all bins to be capable of weighting each lift.

At present Dublin City Council Housing Section has in place a contract with Greyhound Recycling for the collection of waste from its various flat complexes. This contract will remain in place until the award of a new contract. A new tender document is currently been prepared by our Housing Department in consultation with Dublin City Council's Procurement Section for the provision of this waste collection service and it is expected that this tender contract will be completed and advertised early in the first quarter of 2017.

There will be a requirement of the successful tender to embark on an Education and Awareness Programme for the tenants which will include leaflet drops, newspaper advertisement, customer helpline and procedures for dealing with rejected or contaminated materials to assist with recycling.

An essential component of this entire programme will be consultation, by the staff in the area offices, with tenants and tenant groups in each individual flat complex, so that their views on how best to proceed can direct and influence the programme, as it is rolled out.