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To: The Mayor and Each Member of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

Re: Report on the Public Consultation in relation to the Draft City and County of Limerick (Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye-laws, 2018.

I attach herewith the Public Consultation Report in relation to the Draft City and County of Limerick (Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye-Laws, 2018.

The purpose of these Draft Bye-Laws is to ensure that waste is properly presented for disposal, thereby reducing instances of illegal dumping of household waste. There is a pressing nationwide need to address non-participation in the disposal of household waste in an approved manner. The Draft Bye-Laws will enhance the Council's ability to respond to instances of illegal dumping by enabling enforcement officers to seek clarification from householders as to how they are disposing of their household waste.

Currently, 65% of households in Limerick City and County participate in a contracted private kerbside waste collection service. Accordingly, there are about 25,000 households in Limerick City and County that have no kerbside waste collection service. These households may comply with their obligations by participating in a bin-sharing arrangement or by disposing of their waste at an authorised facility. These methods of compliance will continue to be permitted under the Draft Bye-Laws. However, the Draft Bye-Laws provide authorised officers with better enforcement mechanisms to verify compliance.

The Draft Bye-Laws also aim to reduce contamination in recyclable waste by ensuring that waste fractions are properly segregated before presentation. In this way, the Draft Bye-Laws seek to implement Objective C 2.1 of the Southern Region Waste Management Plan 2015-2021. Accordingly, the Draft Bye-Laws are intended to improve the quality of segregated recyclable waste and this could make the treatment of recyclable waste more economical thereby reducing the national reliance on the exportation of recyclable waste.

The Council undertook a public consultation in relation to the Draft Bye-Laws in August-September 2018. The attached report updates the Members of the Metropolitan and Municipal Districts regarding the public consultation process that was undertaken by the Council in relation to the Draft City and County of Limerick (Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye-Laws 2018. I can confirm that no submissions were received during the consultation period.

The Report is being presented to the Members of the Metropolitan and Municipal Districts for noting in advance of the presentation of the Draft Bye-Laws to the Full Council for consideration and adoption at its bi-monthly Meeting in January 2019.



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