

**Question submitted from Ms. Michelle Hayes**

Could the Council provide an update in relation to changes in recycling in Mungret. I understand some recycling is now transferred to a Dublin based company, **Panda**, which has been awarded the contract and involves transport to Dublin.

A. (i) What are the reasons for the change in contract.

(ii) Has there been any analysis of Carbon Footprint arising from this change.

B. In relation to consumables such as printer toner cartridges, would the Council consider a facility to recycle these having regard to the reuse, repair, recycle aspirations of the Circular Economy.

**REPLY:**

The contract for the operation of the Recycling Centres in Limerick ceased at the end of 2018, resulting in the Council having to retender for a new contract. The new contract was awarded to Panda who are responsible for operating the Civic Amenity Sites in Mungret, Newcastle West and Kilmallock. The Mungret CAS had been providing a service whereby the public were encouraged to avail of compost recycled from green waste that was being collected adjacent to the Civic Amenity Site. This service had been temporarily suspended due to the breakdown of equipment for shredding the green waste. The Council is arranging for a temporary replacement of a shredder for the end of October, which is the period when the public will be able to bring green waste to Mungret. Panda had assisted with the disposal of the green waste in the interim, which was considered necessary for safety reasons due to the accumulation of green waste at the site.

In relation to printer toner cartridges, the Council do not consider it necessary to provide a recycling facility for same as the manufacturers will accept used toner cartridges.

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