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**Meeting of the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee to be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2025**

**Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan**

I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that a cost price municipal refuse collection scheme be piloted in illegal dumping hot-spots in the city including St. Mary's Park, Ballinacurra Weston, Lenihan Avenue, Coonagh/Clondrinagh, Johnsgate and Kilmallock Road.

**Response**

In October 2024, under the Anti-Dumping Initiative a free Bulky Waste collection was offered to all residents in St Mary's Park, Ballinacurra Weston and the Hyde road area. It is intended to repeat this initiative in 2025.

In November 2024, the Minister for Environment, Climate Action and Communications asked the Department to commission a comprehensive study to explore the feasibility and benefits of transitioning Ireland's municipal waste collection market from its current model of side-by-side market competition to a franchise tendering system for local authority areas or regions.

Study will include –

- Comparative analysis with other jurisdictions
- Legislative & policy changes required
- Cost implications for both consumers and industry
- Potential environmental impacts

Consultants are to be appointed in coming weeks and I recommend awaiting an outcome of this report in advance of taking actions at local level that may be superseded by the recommendations of the feasibility study.

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