

To: **Each Member, Waterford City and County Council**

Re: Draft Prevention and Control of Litter Bye-laws

The Council is proposing to introduce bye-laws aimed at building on the provisions of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 and providing the Council with some additional tools to address particular litter control and prevention issues.

These draft bye-laws have been considered and are recommended by the Environment, Climate Action and Biodiversity SPC.

It is proposed to commence a public consultation process on these shortly.

A summary of the main provisions of the draft bye-laws is as follows –

- A requirement on certain types of business premises including those that sell food, drink, cigarettes etc to have an adequate number of litter and cigarette disposal receptacles within the public domain of the premises
- A requirement that certain business premises would monitor and maintain / clean the public domain area of their premises free of litter from products that are supplied by that premises
- A requirement that shops providing shopping trolleys would put measures in place to secure and prevent the unauthorized taking of trolleys off the premises
- A prohibition and restriction on the feeding of wildlife in scheduled areas
- The regulation of the distribution of advertising material in public places
- A requirement on persons engaged in aquaculture to maintain their operational licence areas (beaches and foreshore primarily) clear of operational litter, debris and redundant materials

Following the conclusion of the public consultation process, all submissions and observations will be considered prior to the presentation of a report to Council later in the Autumn where the Council can consider the matter and may resolve to adopt the byelaws with agreed alterations or otherwise.

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