

**Mayor & Members,**

I refer to the following Notice of Motion from Cllr Kevin O' Keeffe on the Agenda for the Council meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September:-

“That a report be given to this Council in relation to the current status of the Casual Trading Bye-Laws in the County at large.”

**Report**

As members may be aware the regulation of casual trading is a contentious issue that has been ongoing for a number of years.

Following a recent number of decisions from the courts Cork County Council introduced Casual Trading Bye Laws in Bantry Town which were appealed to the District Court and approved, and are now being implemented successfully within the town.

Following the introduction of the Bantry Bye Laws draft county wide Bye Laws were prepared by the County Solicitors Department. It is envisaged that these Bye Laws would be adopted by the Full Council and apply across the county. Under the Casual Trading Act the Bye Laws cannot go to the Council for adoption before a statutory Public Consultation period has been observed. There is a requirement in the Legislation that the Bye Laws identify “Casual trading Areas” where Casual trading can take place. It is proposed that prior to commencing the Public Consultation Period the Draft Bye Laws would be brought to each Municipal District for (1) their approval of the Bye Laws to go to public consultation and (2) their identification and approval of casual trading areas within their municipal district.

~~It is proposed that the Bye Laws be brought to the Municipal District Meetings in September/October.~~

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