

Notice of Motion
Full Council Meeting 12th March, 2018.

Cllr. Marcia D'Alton

"That Cork County Council would initiate a paint reuse scheme in each of its 11 Civic Amenity Sites. The aim of the scheme would be to offer good quality reusable paint to community groups, charities and others while reducing the volume and cost of waste for disposal."

Report:

Cork County Council would be supportive of the reuse of paint accepted at Civic Amenity sites.

Some research on paint reuse schemes show that various types of schemes operate. All the schemes I have found were run by groups not the Council, including one in Britain where a commercial company, Newlife Paints Ltd in the UK, was setup to utilise these paints. The Council facilitated the groups in sourcing the paint at their recycling centres.

The commercial company accepted only water based paints to create new paint for sale which include a minimum of 50% old paint.

Community schemes varied in the types of paint accepted, some water based only, some water and latex based and some both oil and water based. Some schemes only accepted cans with a minimum volume of paint. Some did not accept paint more than a certain age.

One of the main issues arising in schemes like this was having someone with the skills to assess the paint to determine if was suitable for reuse, the Council would not have such a person on the Civic Amenity sites. The types of issues needing to be assessed would be:-

- Does the colour match that on the tin?
- Is the paint quality suitable for use?
- Is the paint as it says on the tin, i.e. not contaminated (e.g. weed killers or hazardous materials added)?

The Council would be supportive of paint reuse schemes and would work with any group operating such a scheme.

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