

**Ballincollig Carrigaline Municipal District Meeting on
20th April 2018**

Correspondence from Planning Department

To: Chairperson and Each Member of the Municipal District

Following on from Cllr D' Alton's Notice of Motion concerning waste bins the Environment Department has provided the following information.

Members enquired if the Environment Department could provide information in relation to enforcement of the Bye-Laws.

With regard to the enforcement of the Waste Presentation Byelaws, there are a number of avenues available to the enforcement staff. Where it is established that the person no longer resides in the dwelling, contact is made with the service provider to arrange removal of the bins (be they empty or full) at their cost in accordance with the requirements of their waste collection permit. Should a waste collection permit holder refuse to remove the bins, we would normally advise the National Waste Collection Permit Office (who are based at the Council Headquarters of Offaly County Council) who then contact the collector in question and such cases would normally be resolved fairly quickly. In the situation where the householder is residing at the dwelling, we would adopt an approach of compliance assistance initially, i.e. make the householder aware of the byelaws and the requirements placed therein. Should this approach not yield a satisfactory outcome, then consideration would be given to issuing a fixed penalty notice, which is €75 in this instance.

In relation to a separate issue relating to a recently erected auctioneers sign Members enquired if our Wardens actively look for offences of this nature and how the Wardens are assigned geographically.

There are five wardens assigned to the Environment Section. They cover the County geographically on a Zone basis, i.e. Zone 1 – West Cork; Zone 2 – Blarney-Macroon MDC; Bandon – Kinsale MDC and Ballincollig – Carrigaline MDC; Zone 3 – Cobh MDC and East Cork MDC and Zone 4 – Kanturk – Mallow MDC & Fermoy MDC. There is one warden for each zone and the fifth warden covers workload in Zones 2 and 3 as well as supervising the wardens operating in zones 2 & 3. It is worth highlighting also, that , in addition, a number of Municipal Districts have traffic / litter wardens who report directly to the municipal district, for example Ballincollig-Carrigaline MDC and Blarney – Macroon MDC. These staff have a combined role in the enforcement of the traffic and litter legislation.

Wardens patrol their areas each and every day responding to complaints as well as inspecting and investigating matters that they identify whilst travelling in the course of their duties. Offences under the Litter Pollution Acts are actively sought out irrespective of the type and nature of the offence with appropriate enforcement measures implemented.

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