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Sent: Monday 30 July 2018 13:12

To: Colm Murphy <cmurphy@SDUBLINCOCO.ie>

Subject: Re: Local authority waste collection

Ref: EF-2018 151

Dear Mr. Murphy,

Thank you for your letter of 19 June regarding local authority waste collection.

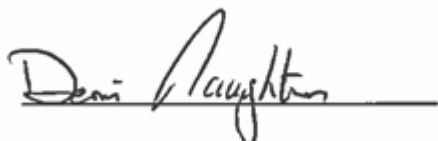
The obligations on local authorities in relation to collecting household waste are set out in section 33 of the Waste Management Act 1996, as amended and, in summary, provide that:

- Each local authority shall collect, or arrange for the collection of, household waste within its functional area.
- The obligation to collect or arrange for the collection of household waste shall not apply if:
 - an adequate waste collection service is available in the local authority's functional area,
 - the estimated costs of the collection of the waste would, in the opinion of the local authority, be unreasonably high, or
 - the local authority is satisfied that adequate arrangements for the disposal of the waste concerned can reasonably be made by the holder of the waste.

There are no proposals currently to alter the structure of the household waste market. *A Resource Opportunity – Waste Management Policy In Ireland (2012)* commits to retaining the current market structure while strengthening the regulatory regime applied to household waste collection. However, it is always open to each local authority to re-enter the market on a commercial basis as they see fit and in line with legislation.

I hope this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Denis Naughten', written over a horizontal line.

Denis Naughten, T.D.

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