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South Dublin
County Council

Draft Casual Trading Byelaws 2026

Meeting of South Dublin County Council 8th December 2025

Casual Trading Byelaws

A review of the SDCC Casual Trading Byelaws 2016 made under the Casual Trading Act, 1995 (the Act) is currently underway.

Section 6(1) of the Act provides a statutory requirement for each local authority to make byelaws in relation to the control, regulation, supervision, and administration of casual trading.

Section 6(9) of the Act provides that the making of Casual Trading Byelaws is a reserved function of the Council.

The procedure for making Casual Trading Byelaws is prescribed in Section 6 of the Act and includes a public consultation process.

The European Union (Casual Trading Act, 1995) Regulations 2018 provide for amendments to the Act in the following areas which will be considered as part of the proposed review:

1. **Selection procedures** used by local authorities in issuing licences
2. The issue of **charges and fees**
3. The **duration** of casual trading licences



Timeline for Review

- July 2025 - Casual Trading Byelaws reviewed internally by relevant staff
- July 2025 – Councillors contacted by email and provided with information regarding the proposed review of the Casual Trading Byelaws. Informal feedback sought from Councillors
- September 2025 – Review of the Casual Trading Byelaws brought to September Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change SPC
- September to October 2025 – Public Consultation open from 5th September to the 3rd of October
- November 2025 – Presentation to November Environment, Public Realm, and Climate Change SPC
- December 2025 – Chief Executive’s Report on public consultation at December Council and revised Casual Trading Byelaws to Councillors for approval

- Public Consultation process was active from 5th of September to 3rd October. Members emailed on 5th September to advise of same.
- The review of the SDCC Casual Trading Byelaws was advertised by radio, through notice in The Echo, and extensively promoted through SDCC social media channels.
- Councillors and the public were encouraged to make a formal submission.

7 Submissions received during the period of Public Consultation. 5 via Consultation Portal, 2 written submissions.

Within the seven submissions received there were many observations made under a number of different themes. These are as follows:

Theme	Number of Observations
Locations	12
Type of Goods	2
Trading Times	2
Appropriate Fees	3
Preferred Licenses	2
Insurance	1
Health and Safety	1

Proposed changes to Casual Trading Byelaws through Public Consultation

- Proposed addition of Casual Trading location at Dodder Valley Park, Firhouse Road
- Proposed addition of tea/coffee offering at Killakee Viewing Point
- Proposed modification of existing Casual Trading locations at Griffeen Valley Park

Proposed changes to Casual Trading Byelaws – Internal Review

- Proposed removal of tea/coffee offering at existing Casual Trading locations at Tymon Park (Wellington entrance) and Corkagh Park (St John's entrance)
- Insurance requirements updated following consultation with IPB (public liability figure)
- Enhanced Waste Management requirements
- Revised specifications for height requirements of vehicles / stalls
- Provision for SDCC to trial new Casual Trading locations

Next Steps

- Once Byelaws approved, they will be enacted from January 2026
- SDCC to notify all current Casual Trading Licence holders of the revised Casual Trading Byelaws
- All new and available Casual Trading locations to be advertised
- Suitable applicants for new and vacant locations will be awarded a Casual Trading licence on a lottery basis as per section 29 of the Casual Trading Byelaws
- SDCC will consider new and suggested locations for suitability and eligibility on a 6-month trial period

Resolution

Having considered the CE Report this Council may:

- Approve the Casual Trading Byelaws either in accordance with the draft Byelaws as presented
- Approve the Casual Trading Byelaws subject to such changes as the Elected Members may make at its discretion
- Not approve the Casual Trading Byelaws