



Dublin City Council to Privatise Bin Service

PROTEST 6PM CITY HALL

MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER

Refuse collection and waste management was established in Dublin in late 1800's to stop the spread of diseases like cholera. Since then it has been a publicly run service. But now Dublin City Council are withdrawing from this service on December 5th.

Under Section 4 of the Waste Management Act 2001, the city manager can over-rule elected councillors on matters to do with waste.

He has decided to invoke these powers and withdraw a public bin services from the people of Dublin. His aim is to hand it over to private contractors who will eventually bring in even higher charges.

In South Dublin, County Council, two private contractors Thorntons and Greyhound are already charging people €50 and €60 annual fee and also charging by weight on each lift. This increases the overall cost of the service and waivers will be entirely removed from next April.

Once the system is privatised, the waiver system is gone. Waivers only exist in three councils in the country at the moment – and one of them is Dublin City Council.

On three occasions, Dublin City councillors have voted to reject the manager's decision to privatise the service and three times they have been told

by the manager that his decision stands regardless.

In late September management wrote to the 150 approx bin collection workers and informed them that their jobs in Waste Management would be gone after December 5th. They were given an option to choose to redeploy to other departments but not given an option of redundancy or to do other work in Waste Management.

Many of these workers have given a life time of labour in collecting our rubbish and are now treated in this demeaning way. They are furious, are offended and feel powerless.

On Monday Nov 7th that the Dublin City Council meeting the People Before Profit Alliance will propose a motion to repeal the anti democratic legislation brought in by the Fianna Fail Government in 2001.

But we need to show the political establishment that we are opposed to privatization of services and want to keep our bin collection service in public hands.

Support the bin workers and defend our public services - make your voice heard against this undemocratic system and against the disgraceful disregard of the bin collection workers.

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