

## Press Release

### **Fingal County Council confirms sale of its waste collection business**

Fingal County Council today announced that it has reached agreement with Panda, for the sale of its residential and commercial waste collection service. The agreement was reached following a competitive sale process involving a number of waste management companies operating in the private sector.

Confirming this development, David O'Connor, Fingal County Manager said, "In November of this year, Fingal County Council will have had three successive years of cost reductions and falling income levels across our range of services". "The challenge of continuing to deliver core services becomes greater each year", he said. "With this in mind, an independent review on the viability of our waste collection service was carried out earlier this year", the Manager continued, "and it concluded unequivocally, that there was no prospect of this service being delivered by the Council on a cost neutral basis in the current competitive waste services market". "It is with regret therefore", the Manager confirmed, "that the Council has had to withdraw from the waste collection service". "Today's decision will allow Fingal County Council to deploy our staff and resources to other key service areas", he said.

The County Manager extended his sincere appreciation to Council staff involved in Fingal County Council's waste collection service over the years and thanked them for their commitment and loyalty. "I would also like to thank the many thousands of our citizens who availed of our service over the years", he added, "and assure you that you will continue to receive your normal waste collection service during the transition process to your new service provider". "We will be working closely with Panda to ensure that the switchover is as seamless as possible", the Manager said.

Managing Director at Panda Eamon Waters confirming the announcement said "We are delighted to have this opportunity to take care of all of Fingal's household waste and recycling needs". "We strive to deliver the highest standard of service at all times at competitive prices", he added. "Fingal County Council are a very environmentally focused County Council and we will continue this tradition on their behalf for the people of Fingal." he said.

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