



17th February 2020

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PH: [Redacted]

Email: [Redacted]

Re: AIE Request Response [IE_AIE_016]

Dear [Redacted],

I refer to your request dated 07th January 2020 which was received by this office on that date, which you have made under the EC (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2014.

Request –

- copies of all records held referring or relating to Irish Rail policy on the use of reusable cups on its services. This request to cover the period 1 December 2019 to date of receipt of the request.

Response -

We have no written policy currently; we also have no correspondence in relation to the use of reusable cups on our services. Our environmental department is working with our Catering contractors to put a policy in place for the future. I have attached a copy of the minutes of the first meeting between Iarnród Éireann and our catering contractor.

Should you wish to discuss the above, please contact me by telephone at 01-7032561.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynette O'Toole'.

Lynette O'Toole

Freedom of Information Executive

IE WASTE MANAGEMENT MEETING

DATE: 22ND JANUARY 2020

Attendees List		
Name	Company	Title
[REDACTED]	IE	Waste Manager
[REDACTED]	IE	RU Environmental Officer
[REDACTED]	Panda-Greenstar	Environmental Officer
[REDACTED]	IE	CCE Environmental Executive
[REDACTED]	Panda-Greenstar	Contracts Manager

WMP Plan Objective		Comments	Actions	Resp.
1.	Reducing Paper Waste	Volunteer Champion Programme needed	Discuss with DM's and Depot Managers – judge interest	[REDACTED]
2.	Reducing Single Use Plastics	Discussion need with ISS and [REDACTED] and Rail Gourmet – set up next meeting	Set up next meeting	[REDACTED]
3.	Increasing train recycling	Discussion need with ISS and [REDACTED] and Rail Gourmet – set up next meeting	Set up next meeting	[REDACTED]
4.	Increase recycling figures in largest producers / auditing by Panda	League table shows Heuston, Connolly and Inchicore to be highest volumes. (Kent Station is a close 4 th).	Organise a review of these locations. (Heuston Supermac's, Inchicore paper recycling/DMR, and Connolly retails units)	[REDACTED]
		CCE side would be low, with Portlaoise Sleeper Depot having highest volume, but well managed.	No action for now.	n/a
5.	Alternative bin liners	Recyclable carbon negative bin liners – not recyclable in Panda's processes, but carbon negative would be good imagine for the company.	Need pricing from Thorn Environmental thru ISS.	[REDACTED]
			Further research the bio bags and their suitability	[REDACTED]
		Compostable liners – we need to ensure these are being used by large food retail units.	Part of review in 4 above.	(above)

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6.	Ballast Reuse	<p>Panda have an EPA licence to process CND waste. This would be a good alternative for CCE track ballast (uncontaminated).</p> <p>Contaminated ballast – less so goes to IMS or other for storage; heavily contaminated goes to Enva for treatment.</p>	<p>██████ to send ██████ the new EPA waste licence.</p> <p>██████ to send waste codes to ██████ on type of stone. Info only</p>	<p>██████</p> <p>██████</p>
Other Topics				
7.	Reusable cups	<p>This needs further discussion with ISS, Rail Gourmet, Corporate Communications and ██████</p>	Set up next meeting	██████
	CIE Sustainability Waste Figures	<p>Request for breakdown of Waste to Energy, wood waste, etc.</p> <p>██████ stated that Bus Eireann waste at stations is combined into our reported waste figures.</p>	<p>██████ to send ██████ full waste reports with breakdowns for years 2017, 2018, 2019</p> <p>██████ to note this on the CIE report.</p>	<p>██████</p> <p>██████</p>
	Tour of Panda's Facilities	Ballycoolin and Ballymount Facilities	██████ to propose a date for a tour of both facilities	██████
	WEEE Waste	<p>Anything with a plug – Panda provides cages as part of contract</p> <p>Household batteries and lamp batteries – WEEE Ireland will collect for free.</p> <p>Industrial Batteries – KMK will need a contract to collection (charged)</p> <p>Fluorescent tubes – included in Enva's contract</p>	<p>██████ to remind depots of this information.</p> <p>██████ will need to ask CCE for WEEE bring centres in their main compounds, if required.</p>	<p>██████</p> <p>██████</p>
	Confidential Shredding	This is now included in Panda's contract	██████ to circulate this info to depots only.	██████

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	Cardboard recycling	Collection is free by Panda, no market in it so no cost benefit to purchase bailer in locations that don't currently bail.	Info only	n/a
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DATE: 5th FEBRUARY 2020

Attendees List		
Name	Company	Title
[REDACTED]	IE	Waste Manager
[REDACTED]	IE	RU Environmental Officer
[REDACTED]	Panda-Greenstar	Environmental Officer
[REDACTED]	Panda-Greenstar	Contracts Manager
[REDACTED]	IE	Contracts Manager
[REDACTED]	Rail Gourmet	Contracts Manager
[REDACTED]	ISS	Contracts Manager

Rail Gourmet Topics				
Topic		Comments	Actions	Resp.
1.	Reducing Single Use Plastics	<p>Plastic bottles – alternative?</p> <p>Beverage plastic cups (wine/water, beer) – alternative?</p> <p>Plastic spoons – very little use, but perhaps look into wooden spoons?</p>	<p>Research alternative</p> <p>Research alternative</p> <p>Research wooden spoon alternative</p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
2.	Increasing train recycling	<p>Litter pick for recyclable items only by Rail Gourmet staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RG staff remove recycling bag and place in caged trailer - Alternative colour bag will be needed (still transparent) <p>Other waste (wet waste, food waste, still be consumed) will be collected by ISS staff during deep clean at end of service.</p> <p>Benefits: Visibility of recycling in front of passengers, less waste to collect during deep clean, cleaner recycling materials, should increase overall recycling percentage.</p>	<p>Investigate feasibility</p> <p>Trial with staff in Heuston?</p> <p>Need to purchase transparent green or labelled “recyclables” bags.</p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] (check pricing and options with [REDACTED])</p>
3.	Reusable cups on trains	<p>The group discussed this issue – there is a particular size (not more than 10 oz, and has to fit in holding ring) that can be allowed to fill with hot water.</p>	<p>Specification on exact measurements needed.</p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p>

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		Enterprise provides a reusable cup that meets this specification.	Sample to be brought to next meeting.	██████████
		The average volume of cups used now are needed as a baseline for comparison after improvements are implemented.	Collect average figure of volume of cups used currently.	██████████
		Group proposed that Irish Rail introduce a branded reusable cup (similar to Enterprise). Possibly a handout promotion, or a promotion as part of Rail Gourmet food special. Discount to be offered for reusing the reusable cup!	Discuss with Corporation Communications, invite them to next meeting.	██████████

ISS Topics				
Topic		Comments	Actions	Resp.
1.	Alternative Bin Liners	Bio bags discussed – Panda researched feasibility of recycling them, not possible in their facility, however the liners are carbon negative (less carbon to produce them than is captured by the sugar cane plants). Need a price on them.	Query costs for Bio bags or other alternative.	██████████ (check pricing and options with ██████████)
2.	Chemical Use Reduction	Chemical tablets to replace bottles of detergent. Benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Less waste - Less handling - Less risk of overuse (ratio to water already worked out) - Less storage space requirements. - Eliminated risk of spillage in storage 	Email copy of presentation on chemical tablets to ██████████ and ██████████.	██████████
3.	Segregation on trains	ISS staff on trains collecting and segregation waste during service – decided not a runner due to cost, and litter pick by Rail Gourmet may be enough	Info only	n/a

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Waste Walks				
Location	Area	Comments	Actions	Resp.
Heuston Station	Rail Gourmet	3 types of cups noted – only 1 is recyclable.	Discuss with [REDACTED] alternatives	[REDACTED]
Heuston Station	Supermac's	Food waste is segregated (no bin liners used), collected by Panda staff working in Heuston and taken to central waste compound. No issue. Recyclable bins are used for general waste (tray waste). No segregation system for recyclables from tray waste.	None Added to compactor – need general waste skips?? Discuss with Supermac Headquarters on options for providing self-segregation from trays (plastic bottles at least).	[REDACTED] to decide. [REDACTED] to contact
Heuston Station	Galway Hooker	Very little food waste. One small bag put into green plastic bag (not compostable), collected by Panda staff in Heuston and taken to central compound. Combined into wheelie bins for collection.	Contact [REDACTED] (manager) to ask that they use compostable bags for compost)	[REDACTED]
Heuston Station	Central waste compound	Bins are segregated well. Need labels for compost bins.	Compost bin labels.	[REDACTED]
Inchicore Works	Office waste	Reviewed waste segregation in Engineering Building – looks good. However collection skips in carpark showed that waste has been combined from paper and desk bins and put into general waste. Lots of cardboard found in general waste bin (needs to go into recycling cage). Cardboard was packaging from Central Stores.	Contact ISS and do a review with staff on proper collection of bins. Email Central Stores Manager.	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Connolly Station	Central Waste Compound	One 1 compactor for all waste. Food segregated into wheelie bins. Retail units bring out their	Info only	

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		own waste. IE staff manage compound. Compactor noted to have lots of cardboard. Separate recycling skip might be considered.	Audit 3 collections from compactor and determine the waste profile and report back to Derek and Heidi on plan of action.	
Connolly Station	Amien St carpark	2 recycling waste skips. [REDACTED] has requested that these skips be taken away and that the waste from the office headquarters be brought by cleaners to Connolly central waste compound in back carpark.	Organise skip to be collected for permanent removal. Consider putting another skip in back carpark?	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Other Actions from Last Meeting				
WMP Plan Objective		Comments	Actions	Resp.
1.	Reducing Paper Waste	Volunteer Champion Programme needed	Need to organise a competition – discuss with Corporate Communication to advert on IE Connects	[REDACTED]
2.	Increase recycling figures in largest producers / auditing by Panda	League table shows Heuston, Connolly and Inchicore to be highest volumes. (Kent Station is a close 4 th).	Organise a review of these locations. (Heuston Supermac's, Inchicore paper recycling/DMR, and Connolly retails units)	COMPLETE
3.	Tour of Panda's Facilities	Ballycoolin and Ballymount Facilities	Date set for 12 th Feb.	Panda and IE
4.	Confidential Shredding	This is now included in Panda's contract	Heidi to circulate this info to depots only.	COMPLETE

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