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On behalf of Ballincollig Tidy Towns, we feel that any future policy in relation to the Deposit Return Scheme (and indeed waste recycling in general) needs to consider the role of voluntary organisations and the opportunity such a scheme could have in providing additional funding for same.

Annually, our volunteers collect between 3,000 & 4,000 large litter sacks of refuse, the vast majority of which is recycled. The bulk of this recycling is green waste, but we recycle 250/300 large sacks of recyclable waste each year, comprising of glass bottles, aluminium cans and plastic bottles/containers. Were there to be even a 10c return on each of these items, it would probably provide us with at least an additional €2,000 in funding each year.

We already have a scheme in place, whereby local secondary school pupils segregate their plastic drink bottles, and we collect around 70 bags of these from the school annually.

While individual consumers might not consider it worthwhile returning an individual item for a few cents, a scheme where they could be used to support a local community organisation might meet with better results.

We should be obliged if some consideration would be given to this possibility when the policy is being developed.

Thank you for your consideration,

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