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**To: The Chairman and Each Member of the Environment, Recreation & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee**

Dear Member,

With reference to the recent public display of the draft Galway City Council's (Street Performance & Busking) Bye-Laws, I attach herewith a report summarising the 403 submissions received before the deadline of 4.00pm on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017. As you will see, this reflects a significant level of interest in the issues concerned. As can be seen from the report, an overwhelming majority of the submissions (385 of 403) are against the introduction of the Bye-Laws, for a variety of reasons.

This report is for consideration by the Environment, Recreation and Amenity SPC at its special meeting to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> April.

Following consideration of all the submissions, it is recommended that the draft Bye-Laws are not progressed in light of a number of issues. These include the overwhelming opposition to their introduction by over 90% of those people who made submissions and the difficulty of enforcing any bye-laws relating to busking outside of normal Council business hours.

It is recommended that an amended voluntary code of conduct is piloted during the summer months of 2018. A voluntary code of conduct would be advertised on the streets, Galway City Council's website and in the media. A review of the effectiveness of the operation of the voluntary code of conduct would be then carried out by Environment, Recreation & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee in Q4 2018.

Yours sincerely,

  
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