Consultation on the Legal Deposit of published digital material in the 21st century in the context of Copyright legislation.

This is a submission made on behalf of HKM Media which owns the print magazine titles: Totally Dublin, Totally Cork, Totally Galway and Dublin Tourist Guide and the online website www.totallydublin.ie, to the Consultation on the Legal Deposit of published digital material in the 21st century in the context of Copyright legislation.

The totallydublin website contains a wealth of editorial content, some of which is not in the print edition and is regularly updated and refreshed. It would thus be important in the context of copyright, digital archiving and curation that copies of this website would be stored for posterity in a copyright library and made available to the public and researchers.

The fact that it is currently not possible to deposit the magazine and the website digitally has caused many issues for HKM media. HKM media has consistently requested that such a format should be open to them as then it would be open to them to send copies of the magazine digitally to copyright libraries. The current situation makes it extremely difficult for a small publishing company to comply with the legislation and deposit copies of the magazine in the various libraries that request them. The company is hampered in this endeavour by not having enough staff and the costs of sending copies of the magazine by post.

The benefits of extending the policy to include digital legal deposit would be manifold, it would mean that a small magazine publishing company, such as HKM Media, would be able to comply with the legislation and have copies of their various magazines deposited in copyright libraries, and thus the magazines and website content would be then stored and be made available for users and researchers. Additionally, the cost of storing myriad print copies of the magazine could then be obviated for the library that stores them.

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