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### **CLOSURE OF WESTERN BEACH**

Following the spell of heavy rain in the early evening of Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September and because of predictions from various sources of further inclement weather today, the Western Beach Management Protocol was implemented late yesterday evening. Western Beach is therefore closed to the public, until further notice, as a precaution.

As has happened previously following significant rainfall, there is a possibility of deterioration of the bathing water quality as a result of discharges from the Spanish Storm Drain. It should be stressed that this decision to close Western Beach has been taken as a precaution and that no abnormal levels have thus far been registered.

Western Beach will remain closed to the public until Government is satisfied that the analysis of the bathing water confirms that there are no abnormal bacterial levels in the bathing waters. With immediate effect the Environmental Agency is carrying out daily sampling of the bathing water at Western Beach.

Any further information received, will be promulgated via the local media.