

## Response to Request for Information

Reference EIR 000141  
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### ***Commercial Waste and Enforcement***

#### **Request:**

If your organisation does **NOT** collect commercial waste from businesses please skip to question 3. Otherwise please continue to question 1.

- 1: Do you use the EDOC system for commercial waste? ([www.edoconline.co.uk](http://www.edoconline.co.uk))  
[The City of Wolverhampton Council do not collect commercial waste.](#)
  - 1b, If not, are there any specific reasons why it has not been implemented?  
[Please see response to question 1 above.](#)
  
- 2: What commercial waste streams do you collect? [N/A](#)  
Please answer yes or no.  
Refuse:  
Mixed Recycling:  
Paper:  
Cardboard:  
Glass:  
Plastics:  
Food:  
Textiles:  
Other (Please describe):
  
- 3: Do you enforce Section 34 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990? (Duty of Care for businesses)?  
[We do have enforcement powers under section 34 the Environmental Protection Act and would use it as and when required. Officers look at waste when undertaking a routine food hygiene inspection or when dealing with a complaint and they would use the powers available to them if a situation arose that required them.](#)
  - 3.A If yes is this done internally or by an external company?  
[Internally.](#)
  
  - 3.B Is the enforcement facilitated strategically based on intelligence or through random visits?  
[Officers would investigate this at a routine food inspection or when a complaint had been received.](#)

3.C How many enforcement officers do you have?

We do not have a specific numbers of enforcement officers picking up this work, it is carried out by all of the Environmental Health Officers and District Officers as appropriate, and as this is only a small element of the work they do it is not possible to quantify it in terms of numbers of full time equivalent officers.

3.D Do you offer a grace period when discovering a business is in breach of the EPA where they can improve their compliance? Or is the fixed penalty notice issued immediately?

We would use a staged approach and work with the business to get compliance rather than serving an FPN.

3.E How many fixed penalty notices have been issued in 2014, 2015, and 2016 for businesses not having Duty of Care/Transfer of Waste documents.

We have not served any in the above periods.

3.F How many fixed penalty notices have been issued in 2014, 2015, and 2016 for businesses not keeping to the waste hierarchy. Such as keeping waste to a minimum by doing everything they reasonably can to prevent, reuse, recycle or recover waste in that order. As enforced by the Environmental Protection Act.

None.

4: If applicable, what checks are in place to mitigate commercial and trade waste entering household waste sites?

Any large vehicle is subject to the sites permit schemes i.e. it will not be let in unless they have a permit and commercial and trade businesses are not allowed to register on the permit scheme therefore that is one way that they can be stopped.

The only other mitigations are from the staff themselves. The staff monitor visitors onsite and if they believe that a customer may be from a commercial/trade business then they will approach them and ask them some questions. If evidence can be collected then the staff can 'ban' a visitor from site and/or be investigated further. It is often difficult to identify those visitors that may be from a business rather than just using the site for household waste purposes.

4:A If applicable, do you allow businesses to take waste to your household waste sites? If so, what are the charges?

No we do not accept commercial or business waste.