

Response to Request for Information

Reference EIR 000147
Date 19 June 2017

Recyclable Materials

Request:

Through the FOI / EOI act, (whatever you deem this specific request to be appropriate to), please could I ask for a few moments of your time to complete the table below with regard to the following recyclable material streams collected by yourselves as the Local Authority:

[In response to your above question, please see your table completed on page 2.](#)

Collected Recyclable Material	Annual Tonnage 2016	Current Contractor Name	Current Contract End Date	Current Price per Tonne	Contract Manager Name & Contact details
				(£ +ve or -ve)	
Wood	3,977.04	Amey	2020		Steve Wightman - Account Director Wolverhampton Solihull Gloucester Environmental Services Amey e: steve.wightman@amey.co.uk Hickman Depot, Hickman Avenue, Wolverhampton WV1 2BY Eastern Avenue Depot, Eastern Avenue, Gloucester GL4 6PG Moat Lane Depot, Moat Lane, Solihull B91 2LW
Rubble/Inert	2,852.82	Amey	2020		
Street Sweepings	1,535.08	Amey	2020		Steve Woodward Head of Environmental Services City of Wolverhampton Council E: steve.woodward@wolverhampton.gov.uk
Mix Paper	18,132.14	Amey	2020		Steve Wightman - Account Director Wolverhampton Solihull Gloucester Environmental Services Amey e: steve.wightman@amey.co.uk Hickman Depot, Hickman Avenue, Wolverhampton WV1 2BY Eastern Avenue Depot, Eastern Avenue, Gloucester GL4 6PG Moat Lane Depot, Moat Lane, Solihull B91 2LW
Cardboard					
Glass					
Hard Mix Plastics	211.22	Amey	2020		

With reference to the column headed 'Current Price Per Tonne' the Council has considered the provisions of the exceptions contained at Regulation 12(5)(e) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 relating to confidentiality of commercial or industrial information.

This requires the Council to conduct a public interest test to balance the factors for and against disclosure of the requested information.

Disclosure under the Act's provisions should also be considered as being made to the wider world and not to a particular individual for a particular purpose.

When applying the public interest test in respect of commercially sensitive information, the Council has considered:

Prejudice or detrimental effect of disclosure

- Specific circumstances of the case
- Effect of disclosure on the wider world/public

In such cases the public interest factors for disclosure include:

- Demonstrating accountability of public money being spent
- Protection of the public from unsafe practices or rogue traders
- Circumstances in which the information was received
- Competition issues

Further consideration also needs to be given to:

- Whose interests will be prejudiced?
- How will those interests be prejudiced?
- Usefulness of information/detail
- Degree of similarity
- Effect on competition
- Effect on the market
- Timing of the request and response

- Can sensitive information be redacted?
- Where is the public interest?
- Is the information commercial in nature? (For this element the information needs to relate to a commercial activity, either of the Council or the Contractor.)
- Is the information subject to confidentiality provided by law?
- Is the confidentiality provided to protect a legitimate economic interest? (This condition is satisfied if disclosure would adversely affect a legitimate economic interest of either the Council or Contractor the confidentiality is designed to protect and harm would be caused to a legitimate economic interest, not just a potential risk that harm might occur.)

In this case the contents of the tender bid, submitted in confidence, are commercially sensitive and it would be potentially damaging to the business of the successful tenderer to share their pricing and service delivery methodology with third parties and would likely prejudice the commercial interests of the parties concerned.