



Response to Request for Information

Reference EIR 000250
Date 12 October 2018

Waste Management

Request:

I am currently conducting a study into smart technology and how this is impacting towns and city centres around the UK.

Please can you advise on the following points:

1. How many public litter/waste bins do the council own? To make the distinction clear this is public litter/waste bins and not residential bins. **1,510 litter bins.**
2. Are the council responsible for emptying the bins or is this contracted to an external organization? If an external organisation please can the council advise who this is? **The emptying of litter bins is undertaken in house no external contactors used.**
3. Can the council confirm what the schedule for emptying the bins is, is this daily, weekly etc? **Emptying is a combination of daily, weekly, monthly, 6 weekly depending on the location a usage.**
4. Can the council share what the assumed average cost for emptying the litter bins is? **This level of financial information is not held, however the budget envelope for environmental maintenance for the City 2018/2019 budget is £4.3M. The cost of emptying the litter bins is covered from this budget.**
5. Do the council currently have any 'Smart' technology deployed within its litter bins to monitor waste levels and provide alerts when the bins are full? If so can the council confirm which organization is providing this service. **No**
6. If the council do not currently use any technology for this can the council advise the reasoning for this I.E. price, emerging technology etc. **We have not explored the use of this technology therefore a response from the City of Wolverhampton Council cannot be provided.**