



Response to Request for Information

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Waste Collection

Request and response in 'blue':

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), or if you think more appropriate under the Environmental Information Regulations (2004).

1. Is residual waste collection for your authority carried out by in house resources or is it outsourced to a third party? **Outsourced**
2. Is recycling collection carried out by in house resources or is it outsourced to a third party? (Please advise if there are separate contracts for dry recycling and organic recycling). **Outsourced**
3. If waste collection is managed in house, what is the approximate expenditure per annum? Please provide gross expenditure (before any income). Please include expenditure on collection only (i.e. no disposal costs). **N/A**
4. If it is outsourced:
 - a. Which outsourcing firm(s) are used? **Amey**
 - b. When did the contract(s) start? **April 2006**
 - c. When is the contract(s) due to terminate? **2021**
 - d. Can the contract(s) be extended, and if so by how many months? **Possible 7 year extension**
 - e. What is the total annual value of the contract(s)? **We can confirm that the department holds information that you have asked for in relation to the above. However, the information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it on our website via the following links:**

<http://data.wolverhampton.gov.uk/View/finance>

Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act exempts disclosure of information that is reasonably accessible by other means, and the terms of the exemption mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.

You can find out more about Section 21 by reading the extract from the Act, available at:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

- f. Where spend is part of a broader multi-service contract, please provide an estimate of spend on waste services only. **N/A**
 - g. Does your current refuse collection contract contain targets for the diversion of waste from landfill? If so, please specify the target for each year of the contract, **No**
 - h. Does the contract(s) cover just your authority or any neighbouring authorities? **Just this Local Authority**
 - i. Who was responsible for waste collection before the start of the current contract(s)? If previously outsourced, please specify which outsourcing firm and the annual value of the previous contract – **in house**
5. Which of the following services do you offer customers?
- a. Waste services
 - i. Collection - **Yes**
 - ii. Disposal of general refuse - **Yes**
 - iii. Disposal of recyclates - **Yes**
 - b. Type of waste collected
 - i. Residual waste - **Yes**
 - ii. Food waste - **Yes**
 - iii. Co-mingled recycling - **Yes**
 - iv. Kerbside sort recycling - **No**
 - v. Garden waste - **Yes**
 - vi. Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment recycling (WEEE) **at hwrc sites**
 - vii. Other (please specify)
 - viii. If you outsource your waste collection, are any non-waste services included in the contract? E.g. Grounds maintenance, Street cleaning, etc. **No**
6. Over the latest available period, what proportion of total collections were 'missed'? (please state the period provided). **April 2014 to March 2015 (inclusive) = 2326 collections (includes domestic bin, recycling bin, garden waste bin and food caddy)**
- a. A 'missed' collection is any collection which is known by the authority not to have taken place on the prescribed day due to a failure of the authority or its contractor
7. Does the authority receive rebates from recycling? (A rebate is defined as any payment received by the authority in respect to the disposal of recyclates) **No**
- a. If so, what has been the annual value of all rebates over the last three years? (please specify the years covered). **N/A**
8. Does the authority take the risk of changes in commodity prices for recyclates? **No**

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

- a. Please state the nature of any risk sharing mechanisms that the authority has in place with any provider of waste management. **N/A**
9. If garden waste is collected in your authority, which of the following options apply:
- b. Garden waste collections are free of charge to residents (i.e. the authority cover the full cost of this service). **Yes**
 - c. Garden waste is collected and paid for by residents (i.e. residents cover the full cost of this service). **No**
 - d. Residents pay a contribution to garden waste collection but it is partially subsidised by the authority". **No**