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Dear [Name Redacted]

Environmental Information Regulations – Request for Information

With regards to your recent enquiry for information held by the Authority under the provisions of the Environmental Information Regulations. Please find the information you requested below with reference to your original enquiry for clarity where multiple answers are required.

Details of Request

I seek information under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) (2004) regarding plastic and recycling. Please note I would like my request to be handled under the EIRs rather than the Freedom of Information Act because my request relates to subjects included under section 2(1)(b) of the EIR.

1. a. Are you the local authority that is responsible for the collection of household waste for recycling/reuse/compost [henceforth referred to collectively as recycling] in your area?
1. b. If yes, please specify the percentage and weight of all waste collected in your area that was collected for recycling in the years
 1. b. i. 2014/15 and
 1. b. ii. 2015/16?
1. c. of the household waste that was collected for recycling, please specify, if known, the percentage and weight that was plastic in
 1. c. i. 2014/15
 1. c. ii. 2015/16
1. d. If no to 1.a., please specify the local authority that is/was responsible for collection in your area.

2. a. Did you record how much of the waste sent for recycling was actually recycled in
 - a. i. 2014/15 and
 - a. ii. 2015/16
2. b. If yes, please specify the percentage and weight of the waste sent for recycling that actually ended up being recycled in
 2. b. i. 2014/15 and
 2. b. ii. 2015/16
2. c. If known, please specify the percentage and weight of plastic sent for recycling that actually ended up being recycled
 2. c. i. 2014/15 and
 2. c. ii. 2015/16
2. c. If known, please specify the percentage and weight of waste collected for recycling that was sent to landfill/incineration in
 2. c. i. 2014/15 and
 2. c. ii. 2015/16
2. d. If no to 2.a., please explain why you do not monitor or enforce the reporting of your waste sent for recycling that is actually recycled.

3. a. Was any of the material you collected for recycling sent abroad for processing in the following years and if so what percentage and weight in
 3. a. i. 2014/15 and
 3. a. ii. 2015/16?
3. b. if known, please specify the percentage and weight of the waste sent abroad that was plastic
 3. b. i. 2014/15 and
 3. b. ii. 2015/16?
3. c. i. if known, please specify the percentage and weight of recycling material that was sent abroad was actually recycled in the years
 3. d. i. 2014/15
 3. d. ii. 2015/16

4. Please specify the names of all subcontractors you paid to manage your recycling in any form and the value of those contracts in
 4. a. 2014/15 and
 4. b. 2015/16

5. Do you, the local authority, accept that your declared recycling rates in the years 2014/15 and 2015/16 could be an overestimate as they do not account for the material rejected by the recycling companies and/or materials recovery facility?

Response

1. A. Yes

1. B.

1. B. i. 15319.69t 51.78%

1. B. ii. 13944. 48.9%

1. C.

1. C. i. Collected comingled

1. C. ii. Collected comingled

1. D. N/A

2. A.

A. i. yes

B. ii. Yes

2. B.

2. B. i. 13810.64t 90%

2. B. ii. 12853.1 92%

2. C.

2. C. i. Collected comingled

2. C. ii. Collected comingled

2. C.

2. c. i. 473.23t 3%

2. c. ii. 1090.9t 7%

2. d. N/A.

3. A.

3. A. i. Determined by MRF (Biffa Aldridge) unable to confirm exact figures

3. a. ii. Determined by MRF (Biffa Aldridge) unable to confirm exact figures

3. B.

3. B. i. Determined by MRF (Biffa Aldridge) unable to confirm exact figures

3. B. ii. Determined by MRF (Biffa Aldridge) unable to confirm exact figures

3. C. i.

3. D. i. Determined by MRF (Biffa Aldridge) unable to confirm exact figures

3. D. ii. Determined by MRF (Biffa Aldridge) unable to confirm exact figures

4.

4. A. Biffa Aldridge - £20 k income

4. B. Biffa Aldridge – Projected expenditure £270k after share of income

5. Yes

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Yours Sincerely

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