

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

1. Please provide details of the kerbside and HWRC recycling service the Council provides including;

Answer: The City Council has a 25 year PFI contract with Biffa Waste Services for the collection, treatment and disposal of household waste and the contract includes for the management and operation of the two HWRC sites within the city.

a. Who collects and/or owns the recyclables;

Biffa Waste Services

b. How the recyclables are collected (including the type of the container they are collected in);

They are co-mingled in orange plastic bags.

c. What happens to them after collection, including details of any bulking stations, and end re-processors;

The co-mingled bags go to an MRF owned by Biffa at Aldridge, Birmingham for recycling.

d. How many households are using the current scheme;

127,820 estimated.

e. How often is collection (both residual and dry scheme);

Weekly

2. Please provided details of the contracts in place for the recycling services, including;

a. Start date, termination date, any extensions available;

Started May 2003 and ends May 2028. There are no extensions within the contract end termination clause.

b. Company;

Biffa Waste Services

c. Revenue.

No revenues received

3. If the Council operates a Material Recovery Facility, please provide;

a. Input material details

b. Capacity

c. Current capacity utilisation

The Council does not operate a Material Recovery Facility.

4. Does the Council require the materials collected for recycling to be recycled in the UK?

No

5. Does the Council have any plans to change the current collection system or materials collected?

No

6. Please provide contact details of the Councillor whose portfolio includes waste management and recycling.

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7. Please provide contact details of the Council employee responsible for managing the waste management and recycling contracts.

Steve Weston

Head of Waste Management

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8. Please send minutes of any meetings at which the Council discussed current or future recycling and/or waste management services within the last 12 months. If this is not possible then a link to the minutes is sufficient.

Please click on the links below for minutes of meetings, at which matters relating to current or future waste management services were considered:

1. Neighbourhood Services and Community Involvement Scrutiny Commission – 4 July 2013 – ‘Item 23 - New Household Waste Recycling Scheme’.

[http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk/\(S\(t1fziw45wvh0zr45gujmstei\)\)/documents/g5878/Printed%20minutes%20Thursday%2004-Jul-2013%2017.30%20Neighbourhood%20Services%20and%20Community%20Involvement%20Scrut.pdf?T=1](http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk/(S(t1fziw45wvh0zr45gujmstei))/documents/g5878/Printed%20minutes%20Thursday%2004-Jul-2013%2017.30%20Neighbourhood%20Services%20and%20Community%20Involvement%20Scrut.pdf?T=1)

2. Public Executive Meeting – 3 October 2013 – ‘Item 8 - New Household Waste Recycling Centre’

<http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=60024>

3. Public Executive Meeting – 28 November 2013 – ‘Item 20 - New Optional Garden Waste Collection Scheme’.

<http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=60861>

4. Neighbourhood Services and Community Involvement Scrutiny Commission – 4 December 2013 – ‘Item 71 - New Optional Garden Waste Recycling Scheme’.

<http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk/documents/g5881/Printed%20minutes%20Wednesday%2004-Dec-2013%2017.30%20Neighbourhood%20Services%20and%20Community%20Involvement%20Scru.pdf?T=1>

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