

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Residents Recycling**

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

**You asked:**

**I would like to know About the Council's scheme of selling residents recycling to make money.**

**I would like to know the following:**

- 1. How much money have you made in the past year (June 2010 - present day) by selling the recycling your residents have left out? (not just outside homes)**
- 2. How much money did you make in the previous year (June 2009 - June 2010) by selling the recycling your residents left out? (not just outside homes) If this number has increased between the years, why? What exactly have you been selling to generate this money?**
- 3. Where do you collect the recycling from to sell?**
- 4. What is the money you are making from the recycling being spent on?**
- 5. How much money have you spent on collecting and sorting the recycling over the past year (June 2010 - present day)?**
- 6. How much money did you spent on collecting and sorting the recycling in the previous year (June 2009 - June 2010)?**
- 7. How much would it cost to send all of the rubbish to a landfill site instead of recycle it?**
- 8. What materials make you the most money?**
- 9. What materials make you the least amount of money?**
- 10. Are their any materials you don't bother selling?**

### **Answer:**

The City Council does not get involved in the selling of recyclable materials collected from residents as part of its domestic refuse collection service. The Council has a PFI contract with Biffa Waste Services for the collection, treatment and disposal of household waste, which is operational from 2003 to 2028. For this service, the Council pays an all inclusive annual unitary payment to cover the collection of kerbside recyclables, residual waste contained in wheeled bins, civic amenity sites, bring sites, the mechanical biological treatment of residual waste and final landfill disposal of residues. The market for recyclable waste and associated costs/income is the responsibility and risk of Biffa Waste Services.

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Yours sincerely

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