

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 send me minutes of any meetings at which the Council discussed current or future recycling and/or waste management services.

ANSWER

For your information this part of the letter constitutes a refusal notice under Section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because an exemption under Section 21 of the Act is being applied, namely the information is accessible by other means.

If you follow the below link onto our website, we believe that this will be helpful:

www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk:8071/uuCoverPage.aspx?bcr=1

2) Please provide details of the kerbside and HWRC recycling service the Council provides including;

- a) Who collects the recyclables;**
- b) How the recyclables are collected;**
- c) What happens to them after collection, including details of any bulking stations, and end reprocessors.**

3) Please provide details of the contracts in place for the recycling services, including;

- a) Start date, termination date, any extensions available;**
- b) Company;**
- c) Revenue.**

Answer to questions (2) and (3)

The Council currently has a 25 year PFI contract with Biffa Waste Services for the collection, treatment and disposal of all household and municipal waste. The contract commenced in May 2003 and the contract is output based on a performance requirement to recycle and compost at least 40% of household waste. The services provided by Biffa includes for the kerbside collection of recyclable waste in orange bags, collection of residual waste in wheeled bins followed by mechanical/biological treatment to produce biogas and compost, management of the Household Waste Recycling Centres and Bring banks. The co-mingled recyclates of paper, cardboard, plastics, metals and glass collected in the orange bags are processed at Biffa's material recovery facility in Aldridge. Responsibility for markets for recyclable materials, together with

end landfill disposal is with Biffa. The Council pays an all inclusive annual Unitary Payment for the service, currently £12.6m per year.

More details of current services can be found at <http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/cl/waste-and-cleansing/>

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

Councillor Sarah Russell has this responsibility and contact information for her can be found at <http://councillor.leicester.gov.uk/home/sarah-russell/> .

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

Steve Weston has this responsibility and can be contacted as follows:

Telephone: 0116 216 1904

E-mail: steve.weston@leicester.gov.uk

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

Information Governance Manager

Information and Support

Leicester City Council

FREEPOST (LE985/33)

New Walk Centre

LEICESTER LE1 6ZG

e-mail: FOIA@leicester.gov.uk

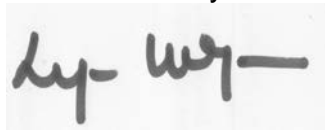
Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

You can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700
www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Please be aware that the Information Commissioner does not normally consider appeals or complaints until the internal appeals and complaints processes of the public authority which is answering the request have been exhausted. You are therefore advised to complain or appeal to the Information Governance Manager before contacting the Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Wyeth', is written on a light-colored rectangular background.

Lynn Wyeth
Information Governance Manager