



25 March 2021

257/21 - ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS REQUEST

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request/Response:

1. According to the minutes of the council meeting of 9 November 2020, officers have been considering alternative options for waste collection and disposal for the county. These options have been set out in Appendix A of the public report No: 143/2020 UPDATE ON WASTE CONTRACT EXTENSION NEGOTIATIONS AND PROPOSED GREEN WASTE COLLECTIONS CHARGING FOR 21/22. I understand that this appendix contains some exempt information that is not for publication in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, however please could you provide a redacted version of this appendix removing any commercially sensitive information but retaining the considered waste management options that are in the public interest.

Answer: The published minutes contain no references to alternative options under consideration. The confidential appendix relates only to the extension of existing waste contracts (to maintain the status quo arrangements) and to green waste charges for 21/22.

2. Please could you provide any other documentation relating to the options that are being considered by the council in relation to future waste collection and disposal

Answer: No options are being considered at the present time. (for information a report presented to [Cabinet on 16th February 2021](#) set the indicative timeline for this related options appraisal work)

3. Section 3.4.1.1 of public report No: 33/2021 - Environmental Services Re-procurement Project refers to fieldwork that has been completed and the preparation of a report. Please could you provide all documentation relating to the findings, options and recommendations of this fieldwork, either in draft or final form.

Answer: In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this message acts as a Refusal Notice.

The Council is relying on Section 22 of the Act in this case, which states that a public authority is not obliged to provide information which is intended for publication at a future date.



This exemption applies because this relates to a waste analysis report which contains no options or recommendations.

There is a clear intention to publish this report as part of a structured process in the future and on that basis the Council will not be disclosing at the present time.

4. Section 3.4.2 of public report No: 33/2021 - Environmental Services Re-procurement Project refers to a Waste Infrastructure Review that is currently underway. In relation to this please could you provide:

Any relevant data that has been collated including any analysis that has been conducted, documents relating to conclusions that have been established and any issues or dependencies that have been identified.

Any documents relating to the current status and any current outputs of the Waste Infrastructure Strategy Review.

Minutes and any other outputs from the stakeholder meeting that was held on 14th January 2021.

Answer: In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this message acts as a Refusal Notice.

The Council is relying on Section 22 of the Act in this case, which states that a public authority is not obliged to provide information which is intended for publication at a future date.

This exemption applies because the waste infrastructure review is work in progress and incomplete. The Council has a clear intention to publish a completed report in due course and on that basis will not be disclosing information at the present time.

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