FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 589/17

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request:

I wish to submit the Freedom of Information below for the environmental team.

If your organisation does NOT collect commercial waste from businesses please skip to question 3. Otherwise please continue to question 1.

1. Do you use the EDOC system for commercial waste? (www.edoconline.co.uk)
   
   Answer: No

2. What commercial waste streams do you collect?

   Please answer yes or no.

   Refuse: Yes
   Mixed Recycling: Yes
   Paper: No
   Cardboard: No
   Glass: No
   Plastics: No
   Food: No
   Textiles: Not Applicable

3. Do you enforce Section 34 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990? (Duty of Care for businesses)?

   Answer: Not routinely. Individual cases would be investigated based on specific intelligence received.
a. If yes is this done internally or by an external company?

Answer: Not Applicable

b. Is the enforcement facilitated strategically based on intelligence or through random visits?

Answer: Not Applicable

c. How many enforcement officers do you have?

Answer: One officer will deal with relevant enforcement issues, although their role covers many other functions.

d. Do you offer a grace period when discovering a business is in breach of the EPA where they can improve their compliance? Or is the fixed penalty notice issued immediately?

Answer: This would be viewed on a case by case basis.

e. How many fixed penalty notices have been issued in 2014, 2015, and 2016 for businesses not having Duty of Care/Transfer of Waste documents?

Answer: Nil

f. How many fixed penalty notices have been issued in 2014, 2015, and 2016 for businesses not keeping to the waste hierarchy. Such as keeping waste to a minimum by doing everything they reasonably can to prevent, reuse, recycle or recover waste in that order. As enforced by the Environmental Protection Act?

Answer: Nil

4. If applicable, what checks are in place to mitigate commercial and trade waste entering household waste sites?

Answer: Our Civic Amenity Sites operate an Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) linked permit system to exclude the deposit of waste by non-Rutland residents. In the event that the system flags excessive visits on any one ‘permit’, the source is investigated to ensure that only Household Waste is being accepted.

a. If applicable, do you allow businesses to take waste to your household waste sites? If so, what are the charges?

Answer: No commercial waste is accepted at our Civic Amenity Sites.

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