Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request/Response:

Collecting garden waste:

1. Do you charge for collection of garden / green waste?
   Answer: No

2. If you do charge, how much do you charge for this in the financial year 17/18?
   Answer: Not Applicable.

3. What service do they get for this charge? e.g. are there restrictions such as the number of bags?
   Answer: Not Applicable.

4. If you charge for garden waste collection, what year did you start to do this?
   Answer: Not Applicable.

5. What months do you offer a garden waste collection?
   Answer: Garden Waste is collected in every month of the year, although the collection frequency is reduced in December, January and February.

6. How often is garden waste collected?
   Answer: Fortnightly.

7. What is the total number of households, and percentage of households, where garden waste is collected?
   Answer: Approx. 16,000 households, which is approx. 95% of the total households in the County, receive a Garden Waste collection.
8. Are there any additional garden waste charges (e.g. Christmas trees disposal)?
   Answer: No

Composting:
9. Do you compost the collected garden waste?
   Answer: Yes.

10. If so, what percentage do you sell this back to the public, and at what price?
    Answer: None / Not Applicable

    Please include details of the weight of the compost for this price.
    Answer: Not Applicable.

11. If so, what percentage do you use for public grounds and gardens? What is the value of this to you in the most recent financial year you have the data for?
    Answer: None of our composted garden waste is used on our public grounds and gardens.

12. Are there any additional sources of income from collected garden waste?
    Answer: No.

13. What is the cost to you each year of collecting and disposing of garden waste?
    Answer:

    | Garden Waste Costs* | Actual 2016/17 (£) | Forecast 2017/18 (£) |
    |---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
    | Collection Costs**  | £200,000           | £200,000              |
    | Disposal Costs      | £115,000           | £115,000              |
    | Total Costs         | £315,000           | £315,000              |

    * Costs have been rounded and approximated due to commercial confidentiality.

    ** Garden Waste collection costs are an estimate as these are embedded along with other collection costs within the financial model for our waste collection contract.

14. How much did you make from any collection charges and sale to the public of composted waste?
    Answer: Nil

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