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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 91/18

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request:

I am requesting a breakdown of my council tax please that includes how it spends council tax per line item e.g. For my property.

individual costs for:
Black bin
Grey bin
Green bin
Salaries
Supplies
Social care
Police
Roads
Etc........

I also want to know as a percentage and nominal fee what was the actual costs incurred for the council for the green bin recycle in the Tax Year 2016 - 2017 and the contractual costs for this year 2018 - 2019 please. The information on your website is not clear.

Response:

The Council is unable to provide you with a breakdown of how council tax is spent for your property in the way in which you have described. However, I can refer you to publically available information which may help your query. To assist you, I would make the following comments:

•	Council tax is only one source of income for the Council. There are others including government funding and business rates.

•	The Council does publish how much it spends (from all income sources) across all of its service areas. This information can be found in the link below.

•	There are 17,190 properties in Rutland so the average spend per property can be worked out if this is what you require.

• We do not, and no Council does or is required to produce an itemised bill for individual properties that sets out how much the Council has spent on services "consumed" by that household.

Attached are some links you may find useful:

Range of information the Council publishes on spending:

https://www.rutland.gov.uk/my-council/contacts-facts-and-figures/council-spending/

Councils budget for 18-19 (pages 61 – 84 detail services provided by the Council by Department and the amount spent on each service. This information is presented in two ways: Appendices 3.1, 4.1 and 5.1 show total spend compared to prior year and Appendices 3.2, 4.2 and 5.2 show spend by service by category – employee costs, supplies etc). The link to the report can be found here:

https://www.rutland.gov.uk/my-council/have-your-say/public-consultations/draft-budget-2018-19/

In relation to the second part of your question, the cost of green waste collection is part of a bigger contract with Biffa worth around £1.09m. Historically, the contract cost is not itemised by different elements of the service. For 18/19 we have done some modelling and estimate the cost of collection as c£209k. The costs of disposal are separate and are estimated at £1.386m for all waste (the green waste disposal element is included in this figure but not separately known).

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Yours faithfully

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