855/19 - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION / ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS REQUEST

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request / Response:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I would like to request the following information in relation to collections of public refuse and recycling. By "recycling" I mean items specifically put out to be collected as part of your “recyclable waste” collection service.

1. Please can you provide figures for the year(s) 2016, 2017, 2018 outlining the rates of overall recycling by households in your council area?

Answer:

All latest local authority recycling rates are published via www.wastedataflow.org. Data for 2018/19 is awaiting verification.

2. Please can you also provide figures for the years 2016, 2017, 2018 outlining how much of the items put out to be recycled ended up being sent to a landfill and/or incinerated instead i.e. plastic

Answer:

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Information Provided</th>
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<tr>
<td>2016/17</td>
<td>Rutland County Council does not hold this information</td>
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<td>2017/18</td>
<td>10.30% was classed as residue</td>
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<td>2018/19</td>
<td>9.58% was classed as residue</td>
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Residue is non-recyclable or contaminated material put into recycling bins by residents. This material cannot be recycled and is instead sent for energy recovery.

3. Please can you confirm how often you run the following services:
A. Garden waste collections

Answer: Fortnightly (subject to reduced collections during December, January and February).

B. Recyclable waste collections

Answer: Fortnightly

C. Household waste collections

Answer: Fortnightly

4. Finally, can you please confirm of the three above services listed that you offer to households in your area, whether or not any of these are out sourced to private companies. If yes, please specify which.

Answer:
All Rutland County Council’s waste collection services are outsourced to Biffa Environmental Municipal Services.

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Yours faithfully

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