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District Council

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Ref: EIR / 2043

28 September 2018

Mr  
Education Authority  
Facilities Management  
Operations & Estates Dep't

Email: @eani.org.uk

Dear Mr

**Environmental Information Regulations 2004 Request EA Waste information request**

I refer to your EIR request and respond as follows:

**Request:**

1. Does your Council invoice schools – monthly\annually and in advance or arrears?  
**Response:** Council invoice schools on a monthly basis in advance.
2. Who is responsible for the annual bin check of bin sizes\types\frequency to ensure accurate invoicing?  
**Response:** Number of bins are audited on an annual basis through Council's finance section.
3. How does your charging procedure deal with bins that are in a school but may not need lifted at intermittent times in the season?  
**Response:** The schools specify in their contracts their collection frequency
4. Can you provide 2018/19 charges.  
**Response:** Please see attached
5. Can you provide a breakdown of costs by 3 main waste streams – residual, recyclable, food?  
**Response:** Detailed in the price charging lists.

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6. What current “waste\recycling” education activity is carried out by your council in schools in 2018/19 to reduce residual and increase recycling waste figures?

a. Are there any targets - Number of schools visited\children reached?

**Response:** There are no targets for this

b. Content of programme?

**Response:** Derry City and Strabane District Council offers an exciting recycling education programme and workshops to local schools within the district aimed at stimulating awareness of the many issues associated with waste and of the range of solutions available through waste minimisation and recycling activities. A free education programme is offered to all primary and secondary schools in the Derry City and Strabane District Council area.

Our officers visit schools to give short presentations and workshops to Key Stage 1, 2 and 3 pupils on Waste Management topics. The programme aims to educate children about the problems associated with waste and how they can take responsibility for changing habits. All issues within the programme have been designed to target a wide variety of elements within the Northern Ireland Curriculum.

c. Is this a common programme across all Councils?

**Response:** N/A

7. Is this a multi-year programme, if so, when does it finish?

**Response:** This is offered as part of an ongoing programme and has been in place for over 13 years

8. Does your Council still provide an education service to schools that have moved to CPD Contractor?

**Response:** This is offered to all schools in the council area

9. How could EA work with Councils and other stakeholders to create a “Plastics” competition in schools?

**Response:** The EA could sponsor prizes for a competition in schools. Any competition in schools requires a good incentive for them to take part.

10. Is there a Joint Council Waste Working Group that EA could speak with?

**Response:** Based at Council, North West Regional Waste Management Group, contact details: Tel: 028 7137 6531 Email: [info@northwestwaste.org.uk](mailto:info@northwestwaste.org.uk)

11. To whom do Councils report waste to at Central Government Level?

**Response:** Waste information is reported through the Waste Data System through DAERA

12. Do you use a conversion factor to convert bin volume to weight – litres to tonnes? If so, can you provide this to me?

**Response:** No conversion factor used.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie  
Chief Executive  
Derry City and Strabane District Council  
98 Strand Road  
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Tel 028 71253253 or email [john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com](mailto:john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com)

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
CHESHIRE SK9 5AF  
Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

I would advise however, the Information Commissioner has indicated that a review will not be undertaken unless the Council has first had an opportunity to re-consider its decision.

Yours sincerely

**Waste Services Manager**

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