



**Derry City & Strabane**  
District Council  
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**Derry Cittie & Stràbane**  
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Ref: EIR / 955

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Ms  
Recycling Projects Officer  
Horsham District Council

Email: @horsham.gov.uk

Dear Ms

**Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) Request Alternate Weekly Collections Information**

I refer to your FOI request as above. Please note that Derry City and Strabane District Council was formed under the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 effective 1 April 2015 following a Review of Public Administration and replaces the former councils of Derry City Council and Strabane District Council. Requests made to the legacy councils since 1 April 2015 are being handled by Derry City and Strabane District Council and duplicate requests made to the legacy councils are being treated as one request.

EI Regulation 9(1) states "A public authority shall provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect the authority to do so, to applicants and prospective applicants." As outlined above, Council notes that you are seeking access to records for 2 legal entities which no longer exist however we are able to respond to some of your questions on the information readily available as below.

Q1: Does your council operate a service for Alternate Weekly Collections (AWC)? Specifically refuse collected one week and recycling the next. If no please respond without answering the following questions.

**Response: Yes**

**Derry**  
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Q2: When did your council change to AWC?

**Response: 2004**

Q3: Did you provide an additional service (i.e. food waste) at the same time as moving to AWC?

**Response: No**

If no, please move on to question 4.

Q3A: If yes, please describe the service you provided.

**N/A**

Q4: Please provide the amount of larger or additional refuse bins provided after the move to AWC and what litre capacity they were (if available).

**Response: Nil**

**Please note however that all householders issued with a 240 litre blue bin for recyclable materials, approximately 55,000 to facilitate the separation of recyclable and residual wastes.**

Q5: Please provide the amount of larger or additional recycling bins (or bags/boxes) provided after the move to AWC and what litre capacity they were (if available).

**Response: See above**

Q6: Please provide the tonnage increase/decrease in refuse collected for the year following the move to AWC compared with the previous year.

**Response: Data not held – As outlined above, Local Government Reform in NI saw the merger of District Councils in 2015. In consideration of this Council does not hold data sets for the periods requested.**

Q7: Please provide the tonnage increase/decrease in dry recycling collected for the year following the move to AWC compared with the previous year.

**Response: Data not held as above**

Q8: If you did offer additional capacity for recycling, did you charge for the bin or container? If so, how much?

**N/A**

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  
Derry BT48 7NN  
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)

Yours sincerely

**Head of Environment**