

Ref: EIR / 6381

02nd June 2026

Environmental Information Regulations Request - Commercial Waste Recycling & Contamination

I refer to your EIR request and respond as follows:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding commercial waste collection, bin standardisation, and contamination rates within your council.

Please provide the following data, if held, for the following calendar years:

- **1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025**
- **1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026**

1. The current standard bin colours used by the council for commercial and business waste collections for general waste, dry mixed recycling, paper and cardboard, glass, food waste.

- 1100 steel bins or 240 litre black wheeled bins for general waste.
- 240 litre blue wheeled bins for mixed dry recycling.
- 120 litre brown wheeled bins for food waste.

2. The total tonnage of commercial/business recycling collected.

Council does not hold the information requested as commercial and domestic waste is collected in mixed rounds.

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3. The total tonnage of commercial/business recycling that was rejected or sent to landfill/EfW (Energy from Waste) due to contamination.

Council does not hold the information requested as commercial and domestic waste is collected in mixed rounds and processed on a similar basis at treatment facilities.

4. The number of commercial/business waste collections refused (i.e. the bin was not emptied) by the collection crew due to bin contamination.

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5. The number of formal warnings, fines, or Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) issued to businesses for failing to correctly separate waste or for bin contamination.

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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

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

Information Commissioner

Wycliffe House

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Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: casework@ico.org.uk

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

Yours sincerely

Conor Canning

Head of Environment & Building Control