

East Lothian Council

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General:

1. What frequency are residual waste and recycling collections made in your Authority?

Fortnightly and weekly

i. Are collections for residual waste and recycling made separately or together? (Please advise if separate collections are made for dry and organic recycling)

All collections are separate

2. Is residual waste collection for your authority carried out by in house resources or is it outsourced to a third party?

In house

3. Is recycling collection carried out by in house resources or is it outsourced to a third party? (Please advise if there are separate contracts for dry recycling and organic recycling)

Outsourced

If waste collection is managed in house:

4. What is the approximate expenditure, per annum for:

i. Residual waste - £2,433,886

ii. Dry recycling

iii. Organic recycling – £340,000

Please provide gross expenditure (before any income). Please include expenditure on collection only (i.e. no disposal costs)

If waste collection is outsourced:

5. For each outsourced contract:

i. Which outsourcing firm(s) are used?

Biffa Municipal Ltd

ii. When did the contract(s) start?

March 2018

iii. When is the contract(s) due to terminate?

October 2020

iv. What is the total annual value of the contract(s)?

£1,100,000

Where spend is part of a broader multi-service contract, please provide an estimate of spend on waste services only

6. Which of the following services are specified in the contract(s)?

i. Waste services

a. Collection

ii. Type of waste collected

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b. Food waste

c. Co-mingled recycling

7. Does the contract(s) cover just your authority or any neighbouring authorities?

Just our authority

8. Who was responsible for waste collection before the start of the current contract(s)?

Biffa Municipal Ltd

9. Please specify which outsourcing firm and the annual value of the previous contract

Biffa Municipal Ltd £1,100,000

10. Does your current refuse collection contract contain targets for the diversion of waste from landfill? If so, please specify the target for each year of the contract

n/a

11. Does the authority receive rebates from recycling? (A rebate is defined as any payment received by the authority in respect to the disposal of recyclates)

Yes

12. If so, what has been the annual value of all rebates over the last three years? (please specify the years covered)

2015-2017 c. £150,000/annum

13. Does the authority take the risk of changes in commodity prices for recyclates?

Yes

14. Please state the nature of any risk sharing mechanisms that the authority has in place with any provider of waste management

50:50

Other:

15. Over the latest available period, what proportion of total collections were 'missed'? (please state the period provided)

2017-18 less than 1%

i. A 'missed' collection is any collection which is known by the authority not to have taken place on the prescribed day due to a failure of the authority or its contractor

16. If garden waste is collected in your authority, which of the following options apply:

i. Garden waste collections are free of charge to residents (i.e. the authority cover the full cost of this service)