

Somerset Waste Partnership reference: 2015-73  
Enquiries regarding XXXX  
Date of response: 09.09.2015

Dear XXX

I am writing regarding your recent request for information from Somerset Waste Partnership, which has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Somerset Waste Partnership is a partnership of Mendip, Sedgemoor, South Somerset and West Somerset District Councils, Taunton Deane Borough Council and Somerset County Council. This response covers all those partner authorities.

In response to your questions: -

1. Name of Council: Somerset Waste Partnership – We are a joint officer team managing waste and recycling services for Mendip, Sedgemoor, South Somerset and West Somerset Districts Councils, Taunton Deane Borough Council and Somerset County Council
2. Name of Waste Officer at your council: Managing Director – Steve Read, David Mansell – Development and Monitoring Manager
3. Type of Council: Unitary \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ This response is sent on behalf of all our partners, who are the five districts and county councils within Somerset.
4. Are you part of a Waste Partnership? Yes \_Y\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, which one: Somerset Waste Partnership
5. What is your total amount of household waste collected (tonnes) in 2013/14?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Districts total: 182,261.98 tonnes

County (Recycling Centres) total: 63,068.26 tonnes

6. What is your total amount of household waste landfilled (tonnes) in 2013/14?  
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116,941.36 tonnes

7. What is your total amount of household waste recovered (tonnes) in 2013/14?  
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Recycled: 122,977.09 tonnes

Energy Recovery: 5,407.15 tonnes

8. What is your total recycling and recovery rate (percentage) in 2013/14? \_\_\_\_\_

Districts rate: 43.89%

County (Recycling Centres) rate: 68.15%

SWP (Districts and county) rate: 50.13%

9. Other than Refuse-derived fuel (RDF), please list how you dispose of residual household waste and proportion of waste disposed using that method:
- a) Method a (please give title and tonnage): **Landfill - 116,941.36 tonnes**
  - b) Method b (please give title and tonnage): **INCINERATION of Clinical Waste (Without Energy Recovery) - 4.64 tonnes**
  - c) Method c (please give title and tonnage): \_\_\_\_\_
10. Has your Council ever considered using RDF to dispose of residual waste and save money on landfill tax charges? (Mark an X in option that applies)
- a) Yes – we use this method: \_\_\_\_  
If so, please tell us your contractor: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) Yes – it was considered but we decided against: \_\_\_\_  
If so, please tell us the reason why: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) No – we have never investigated it, but would do so if business case stacked up: \_\_\_\_
  - d) No – unlikely that we ever will: \_\_\_\_
  - e) Other: **Yes, this is under consideration, along with other options, at current time**
  - f) \_\_\_\_\_

11. What information sources do you use to keep up to date with waste management issues? (Mark an X next to all that apply):

Materials Recycling World: X  
 Local Authority and Waste Recycling Magazine: X  
 Recycling & Waste World: X  
 LetsRecycle: X  
 Environment Times:  
 Waste Management World:  
 LinkedIn:  
 Twitter:  
 Facebook:  
 Trade shows:

If you feel your request has not been answered in sufficient detail or if you wish to clarify the information given please contact me and I will be happy to address the issues you raise.

If you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, or the information you have received, you can ask for an internal review of our decision.

Please send your request to:

Peter Grogan  
Corporate Information Governance Manager  
Information Governance Team  
Resources Directorate  
County Hall  
Taunton  
TA1 4DY or email [PTGrogan@Somerset.gov.uk](mailto:PTGrogan@Somerset.gov.uk)

An internal review will then be carried out and we will write to you with the results of our investigation. If you are not content with the outcome of our review, you may then apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office ([www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)) for an appeal: The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF      Tel: 0303 – 123 1113

Please quote the reference numbers at the top of this e-mail in any future correspondence with Somerset Waste Partnership.

Yours sincerely