

Somerset Waste Partnership reference: 2016-93

Enquiries regarding recycling queries regarding services to the public and schools and litter prevention

Date of response: 22.07.2016

Dear XXX

Information Request – recycling queries

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: -

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for details relating to how your organisation deals with recycling of materials collected from households and businesses. Including what particular types of materials are recycled and which are not.

Could you please also provide information about your recycling strategy and policy, and how the recycling scheme is communicated to the public (along with details of any associated communications plan/strategy), and education regarding recycling provided to schools/public.

If possible could you also include any further information as to what is done to aid litter prevention/litterpicking initiatives.

I would be grateful if you would supply this information in the form of download or via e-mail.

In relation to what particular types of materials are recycled and which are not, please see our End Use Register listing materials collected both at the recycling sites and via our kerbside service. <http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/about/end-use/>

In relation to our recycling strategy and policy, please see our current business plan, which is available at <http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/about/board/plan/>

In relation to public communications. Our main method of communicating the services of Somerset Waste Partnership is via our website. The address is www.somersetwaste.gov.uk, from here residents can sign-up to subscribe to receive our monthly Sorted e-newsletter and we have a [Facebook](#) page and [Twitter](#) feed.

We produce a service guide, which can be downloaded from our [website](#), or can be picked up free of charge from all recycling sites, Somerset libraries and council information points. We regularly have insertions and articles in [Your Somerset](#),

Somerset County Council's quarterly resident newsletter and provide features and editorials for newspapers and magazines which cover the county of Somerset.

We work with Carymoor Environmental Trust to run a [Compost Champion scheme](#), which attends events and community events promoting the benefits of home composting and we developing a Food Champion scheme in support of the national Love Food Hate Waste campaign, which will attend community events educating the public on food waste issues.

Waste education in Somerset is provided by [Carymoor Environmental Trust](#).

Litter prevention and litter-picking remains a district function and does not fall within the remit of Somerset Waste Partnership.

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
Information Governance Team
Somerset County Council
County Hall
Taunton
TA1 4DY or email informationgovernance@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 (<https://ico.org.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