

Somerset Waste Partnership reference: 2017-115
Enquiries regarding recycling
Date of response: 02.02.2017

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) Is recycling compulsory in your council? No.
- 2) Do you issue fines connected with recycling? No.
- 3) Please list all circumstances when people can be fined in connection with recycling. We do not believe there is legislation which would allow a fine or fixed penalty to be issued specifically related to the activity of recycling.
- 4) Do you fine people for putting the wrong item in the recycling, or the wrong product in the wrong bin? No.
- 5) If applicable how much money have you made from fines connected with recycling?
 - a) Please provide data for the last 2 full 12 months. None.
- 6) If applicable how much money have you made specifically from people putting the wrong item in the recycling or the wrong product in the wrong bin?
 - a) Please provide data for the last 2 full 12 months. None.
- 7) If applicable, how much money have you made from fining people who do not recycle?
 - a) Please provide data for the last 2 full 12 months. None.

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