

Somerset Waste Partnership reference; 2017-116
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) Do you issue fixed penalty notices to households in connection with recycling?

No.

2) Do you issue fixed penalty notices to businesses in connection with recycling? No.

3) Please list all circumstances when people can be fined or issued fixed penalty notices 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) If applicable how much money have you made from fixed penalty notices in connection with recycling?

a) Please provide data for the last 2 full years. None.

5) Do you issue fixed penalty notices to households for putting waste in the wrong container? No.

6) If applicable how much money have you made specifically from fixed penalty notices in connection with households putting the wrong item in the recycling or the wrong product in the wrong bin?

a) Please provide data for the last 2 full 2 years. None.

7) Do you issue fixed penalty notices to households who do not recycle? See answer to Q3.

8) If applicable, how much money have you made from issuing fixed penalty notices to households who do not recycle?

a) Please provide data for the last 2 full 2 years. 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