

Somerset Waste Partnership reference – 2018-19 - 164  
Enquiries relating to Appliance recycling – FOI query  
Date of response: 13.12.2018

Dear XXX

### **FOI – Quiller Consultations FOI letter**

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.

I confirm we hold the information you request. In response to your questions: -

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Environmental Information Regulations Act 2004.

- How much waste is exported from your UK local authority and to where in years 2016-2017?

*Please see our end use register available on our website at <https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/end-use-register/>*

What was the received revenue from waste export in years 2016-2017?

The contracts for both the collection and treatment of recyclable waste in Somerset places 100% risk with the respective contractors and as such any income derived through the sale of such commodity is retained by said contractors. The SWP does not hold detail of this contractor revenue stream.

- How much has your local authority spent on overall waste management and collecting recyclables in the last 5 years?

SWP has spent a total of £207,104,000 on waste management, which includes collecting recyclables in the last five financial years.

- What is the collection method for paper and card in your council?

We have a kerbside sort system with paper in one box and cardboard in a separate box. Please see our website - <https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycling-collections/>

Alternatively, residents can take paper and cardboard to their local recycling site for disposal – Please see our website -

<https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycling/centres/>

- How much waste did incinerate in 2017?

SWP does not dispose of general waste via incineration.

Clinical waste – is sent for incineration. The weight for clinical incineration for 2017-18 was 2.015 tonnes.

Our contractor sends low grade wood collected at recycling sites to wood reprocessors, who chip and sell as biomass for energy generation. The weight for 2017-18 was 4,763.39 tonnes.

No other material streams collected by SWP are incinerated.

I would like the above information to be provided to me as an electronic copy. If this request is too wide or unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me as I understand that under the Act, you are required to advise and assist requesters. If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs if necessary.

If the release of any of this information is prohibited on the grounds of breach of confidence, I ask that you supply me with copies of the confidentiality agreement and remind you that information should not be treated as confidential if such an agreement has not been signed.

I understand that you are required to respond to my request within the 20 working days after you receive this letter. I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request. 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](mailto: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