

Somerset Waste Partnership reference – 2018-19 - 181  
Enquiries relating to – wheelie bin fines  
Date of response: 21.03.2019

Dear XXX

FOI Wheelie Bin Fines

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 (SWP) 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: -

Please could you provide me with the total number of fixed penalty wheelie bin fines issued for all residential property types in 2018, as per your local authority.

If possible could you please break down the number of fines per the reasons as cited on the Gov.uk website:

- causes an obstruction to neighbours, such as forcing people using wheelchairs or buggies to walk on the road
- restricts access to the pavement or street, for example leaving waste receptacles (bins or bags) out for several days
- is likely to attract vermin like foxes and rats, such as leaving bags or open receptacles out days before a waste collection
- is unsightly (torn bags or overturned receptacles are left out)

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.

Somerset Waste Partnership did not issue any fixed penalty wheelie bin fines during 2018.

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:

Lucy Wilkins  
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