

Somerset Waste Partnership reference – 2019-20 - 182
Enquiries relating to – Green Garden Waste Bins
Date of response: 11.04.2019

Dear XXX

FOI request – Green Garden Waste Bins

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, Somerset West and Taunton, and South Somerset District Councils, and Somerset County Council. This response covers all those partner authorities.

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

Could you please confirm how many green garden waste bins are replaced annually - over the last 5 years and the reasons?

I.e. Wheels need replacing, Lost, Broken etc Could you please confirm what happens to bins when the wheels need replacing?

Also - could you please provide me with the name of the original supplying company and the present cost of a new bin to SWP. Thank you

The table below shows the number of garden waste bins replaced annually over the last five years. Please note that in Mendip District Council area, garden waste bins are brown but in the other districts, garden waste bins are green.

Year	Mendip District Council	Sedgemoor District Council	South Somerset District Council	Taunton Deane Borough Council*	West Somerset Council*
2014-15	851	902	1701	1058	287
2015-16	911	833	1663	992	261
2016-17	954	894	1999	1208	273
2017-18	834	823	1936	1080	268
2018-19	819	840	1951	1278	313
Total	4369	4292	9250	5616	1402

*From 1 April 2019 now known as Somerset West and Taunton Council

SWP does not record the reason for the issuing of the garden waste bin, so the bins issued above will include replacements for damaged bins, replacements for lost bins, along with additional capacity and new subscriber requests.

Under our contract, our kerbside contractor does undertake repairs and where possible we do repair a bin before scrapping, including replacing wheels. However, we do not hold the number of repairs as these costs are contained within the overall contract price.

It is a requirement within the contract for the contractor to purchase the bins and they have used several suppliers over the years and are not tied to one provider. However, the original supplying company was Otto. The cost our contractor pays to its provider for bin prices is commercially sensitive and is therefore exempt under section 43 (2) of the FOI Act.

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:

Lucy Wilkins
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 correspondence in any future correspondence with Somerset Waste Partnership.

Yours sincerely