

Somerset Waste Partnership reference – 2022-23-293

Enquiries relating to – Garden Waste Service

Date of response: 27.10.2022

Dear XXX

Garden Waste Service

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: -

I am from Plymouth City Council and we are currently researching paid for garden waste services. I wonder if anyone can help me to find out:

a) How long the service has been running – The garden waste service has been in operation since the formation of SWP during 2007. The constituent councils prior to this date operated GW services for approximately 15 to 20 years.

b) The participation rate (as % of total households) - The participation of Somerset Councils to the Garden Waste Service within Somerset is 23%.

Any advice/information would be very much appreciated.

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