

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 011631
Date 07 January 2016

Rubbish/Recycling Bin

Request:

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please would you provide me with:

1. The numbers of people who applied to replace a rubbish or recycling bin during the years 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Please break this down by:

- a) date of application (DD/MM/YYYY)
- b) the type of bin
- c) the first half of the resident's postcode (e.g. M4, NE1)

In response to your request, we can confirm the following information in regards to questions 1a) and 1b):

| | Jan-13 | Feb-13 | Mar-13 | Apr-13 | May-13 | Jun-13 | Jul-13 | Aug-13 | Sep-13 | Oct-13 | Nov-13 | Dec-13 |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Domestic | 203 | 170 | 162 | 145 | 145 | 154 | 204 | 161 | 110 | 165 | 124 | 124 |
| Garden | 29 | 47 | 46 | 101 | 191 | 216 | 215 | 127 | 124 | 113 | 97 | 55 |
| Recycling | 159 | 129 | 87 | 119 | 129 | 119 | 136 | 117 | 99 | 125 | 113 | 90 |
| Food Caddy | 164 | 456 | 24 | 36 | 21 | 124 | 153 | 145 | 30 | 26 | 124 | 22 |
| | Jan-14 | Feb-14 | Mar-14 | Apr-14 | May-14 | Jun-14 | Jul-14 | Aug-14 | Sep-14 | Oct-14 | Nov-14 | Dec-14 |
| Domestic | 140 | 159 | 137 | 156 | 150 | 137 | 165 | 133 | 129 | 149 | 126 | 114 |
| Garden | 59 | 46 | 115 | 149 | 183 | 221 | 197 | 113 | 150 | 109 | 70 | 33 |
| Recycling | 124 | 128 | 133 | 121 | 117 | 99 | 126 | 97 | 123 | 151 | 106 | 103 |
| Food Caddy | 23 | 202 | 152 | 117 | 117 | 26 | 117 | 87 | 106 | 151 | 53 | 36 |
| | Jan-15 | Feb-15 | Mar-15 | Apr-15 | May-15 | Jun-15 | Jul-15 | Aug-15 | Sep-15 | Oct-15 | Nov-15 | Dec-15 |
| Domestic | 116 | 113 | 122 | 120 | 168 | 150 | 117 | 157 | 177 | 176 | 166 | 97 |
| Garden | 52 | 36 | 81 | 190 | 184 | 207 | 174 | 131 | 133 | 107 | 68 | 17 |
| Recycling | 193 | 97 | 123 | 119 | 130 | 131 | 132 | 146 | 136 | 142 | 142 | 91 |
| Food Caddy | 140 | 90 | 103 | 130 | 146 | 141 | 143 | 112 | 133 | 95 | 124 | 104 |

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In response to question 1c) in regards to resident's postcode, we can confirm that following careful consideration, the Council regrets to inform you that it has decided not to disclose this information.

Information you have requested has been withheld from disclosure. The exemption engaged is Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

Section 12 of the FOI exempts Public Authorities from providing information where the estimated cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit. Any estimate must be undertaken in accordance with the limits set in fees regulations made under Section 12 (5) of the FOI.

These Fees Regulations (SI 2004/3244 Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations) allow for a refusal where the cost of compliance, for local authorities such as the Council, would exceed £450. As a guide, staff time to identify and extract this information is charged at a rate of £25 per hour.

In summary, we cannot easily gather this information via a report as it is not held centrally. In order to determine the information you have requested, we would need to manually interrogate each service request. This would be a manual exercise and as such we believe the aggregated time it would take to collate the information would be in excess of 18 hours (equivalent to a notional cost of £450).