

FOI Response re Council expenditure on waste management – RFI-1576-20

- 1) How much your council spends on the collection, disposal and minimisation of recyclable waste per year?

Expenditure on the collection, disposal and minimisation of recyclable waste in 2019/20 was £9,727,195.

- a. What portion of your budget is this expenditure?

This is 61.05% of Clean and Green's budget (not the whole council budget).

- 2) How much your council spends on the collection, disposal and minimisation of non-recyclable waste – through landfill, incineration or other – per year?

Expenditure on the collection, disposal and minimisation of non-recyclable waste, through landfill, incineration or other, in 2019/20 was £5,770,052.

- a. What portion of your annual budget is this expenditure?

This is 36.22% of Clean and Green's budget (not the whole council budget).

- 3) How much your council spends on recycling waste per year?

The council spent £1,648,596 recycling waste in 2019/20.

- a. What portion of your annual budget is this expenditure?

This is 10.35% of Clean and Green's budget (not the whole council budget).

- 4) What are your council's annual climate change objectives?

Following the notice of motion on 16th September 2019, which declared a climate change emergency in Walsall, the Council is committed to becoming a net zero carbon authority by 2050. To inform this work, the Council will develop a clear strategy to achieve efficiencies, adapt effectively and take advantage of the opportunities this agenda may bring for the people, communities, and businesses of Walsall.

The notice of motion recognised that:

- Climate change is having a marked impact on the lives of the people of Walsall and of the world.
- The impact of climate change is a real threat to the world's future and there is a responsibility on all of us to reduce the negative impact from activities upon the environment.
- As a Local Authority the Council have a negative impact on the environment through the use of fossil fuels, energy wastage, inefficiencies in insulation of Council buildings, the reliance on diesel fuelled vehicles and machinery etc.

a. Is your waste management practice linked to these objectives?

No

b. Could you briefly outline how?

N/A

5) Do you use a private operator for the collection, disposal and minimisation of waste (recyclable or non-recyclable)?

No

a. What is the name of the operator?

N/A

b. What portion of the recyclable or non-recyclable waste do they collect, dispose of or minimise?

N/A