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Waste and Recycling

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Information Request and Response by Lewes District Council

1. *What frequency are residual waste and recycling collections made in your Authority?*
 - i. *Are collections for residual waste and recycling made separately or together? (Please advise if separate collections are made for dry and organic recycling)*

Weekly refuse
Weekly food waste
Fortnightly recycling
Fortnightly garden waste

2. *Is residual waste collection for your authority carried out by in house resources or is it outsourced to a third party? **In-house***
3. *Is recycling collection carried out by in house resources or is it outsourced to a third party? (Please advise if there are separate contracts for dry recycling and organic recycling) **Yes***
If waste collection is managed in house:
4. *What is the approximate expenditure, per annum for:*
 - i. *Residual waste*
 - ii. *Dry recycling*
 - iii. *Organic recycling*

Overall budget is £3.5 million across service

Please provide gross expenditure (before any income). Please include expenditure on collection only (i.e. no disposal costs)

*If waste collection is outsourced: **Not applicable***

5. *For each outsourced contract:*
 - i. *Which outsourcing firm(s) are used?*
 - ii. *When did the contract(s) start?*
 - iii. *When is the contract(s) due to terminate?*
 - iv. *What is the total annual value of the contract(s)?*

Where spend is part of a broader multi-service contract, please provide an estimate of spend on waste services only

6. Which of the following services are specified in the contract(s)?
 - i. Waste services
 - a. Collection – **Not applicable**
 - b. Disposal of general refuse – **Responsibility of East Sussex County Council**
 - c. Disposal of recyclates - **Viridor**
 - ii. Type of waste collected
 - a. Residual waste – **Yes**
 - b. Food waste - **Yes**
 - c. Co-mingled recycling - **Yes**
 - d. Kerbside sort recycling - **NO**
 - e. Garden waste - **Yes**
 - f. Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment recycling (WEEE) - **No**
 - g. Other (please specify)
 - iii. Non-waste services
 - a. Grounds maintenance - **No**
 - b. Street cleaning - **Yes**
 - c. Beach cleaning – **via contract from Seaford Town Council**
 - d. Public convenience cleaning - **No**
 - e. Gullies cleaning – **No**
 - f. Highways maintenance - **No**
 - g. Burial services - **No**
 - h. Operation of Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) - **No**
 - i. Other (please specify)
7. Does the contract(s) cover just your authority or any neighbouring authorities? **Not applicable**
8. Who was responsible for waste collection before the start of the current contract(s)? **Not applicable**
9. Please specify which outsourcing firm and the annual value of the previous contract **Not applicable**
10. Does your current refuse collection contract contain targets for the diversion of waste from landfill? If so, please specify the target for each year of the contract **No**
11. Does the authority receive rebates from recycling? (A rebate is defined as any payment received by the authority in respect to the disposal of recyclates) **No**
12. If so, what has been the annual value of all rebates over the last three years? (please specify the years covered) **Not applicable**
13. Does the authority take the risk of changes in commodity prices for recyclates? – **No**

14. Please state the nature of any risk sharing mechanisms that the authority has in place with any provider of waste management **Not applicable**
15. Over the latest available period, what proportion of total collections were 'missed'? (please state the period provided) **Less than 1%**
- i. A 'missed' collection is any collection which is known by the authority not to have taken place on the prescribed day due to a failure of the authority or its contractor
16. If garden waste is collected in your authority, which of the following options apply:
- i. Garden waste collections are free of charge to residents (i.e. the authority cover the full cost of this service) - **No**
- ii. Garden waste is collected and paid for by residents (i.e. residents cover the full cost of this service) - **Yes**
- iii. Residents pay a contribution to garden waste collection but it is partially subsidised by the authority - **No**
- iv. Residents pay a one-off 'bin fee' for a green bin that will then be collected by the council - **No**