**WBCIR:19891**

**This request relates to district-level waste collection and recycling data, including plastic and aluminium waste, contamination rates and kerbside/non-kerbside collection methods. Within this it also covers how you are preparing for the Deposit Return Scheme starting in 2027.**

**1. Contractors**

**Please can you provide a list of all contractors of facilities you use for collection of waste and recycling including:**

**a) Kerbside collections (e.g. plastic waste dry mixed recycling and aluminium cans**

Veolia – Kerbside Household Waste Collections Contract start and end dates – April 2012 - June 2026 Annual or total contract value - £5.7m

Performance indicators or incentives used including recycling targets, contamination thresholds and any associated bonuses/penalties:

• Missed collections 30 per 100,000

• Assisted collections missed: 1%

• Clinical waste collections missed: 1%

• Replacement containers not delivered within 15 working days: 1%

• Number of complaints relating to containers not being returned to collection point – 5% of

total collections

• Complaints – 10 per month

• Recycling rate of 64%

Where possible can the information be broken down by plastic, aluminium, dry mixed recycling – N/A

FCC - Receipt and management of municipal waste Fee structures – Fixed contract fee

Contract start and end dates; Dec 2006 – Dec 2031 Annual or total contract value - £11m

Fee structures - Fees are fixed for waste treatment. There is some income sharing on sales revenues.

Performance indicators or incentives used including recycling targets, contamination thresholds and any associated bonuses/penalties - the recycling target is for 50% recycling by the end of the contract.

Where possible can the information be broken down by plastic, aluminium, dry mixed recycling - All answers relate to dry mixed recycling

**b) Non-Kerbside collections – e.g. street bins, bins in public buildings, on-the-go waste.**

Shorts Group Ltd – collection and disposal bins in council buildings Contract start and end dates - 01 Aug 2022 – 31 Jul 2027

Annual or total contract value: 131,799.83 (03/10/22 – 31/05/25) Fee structures – Fixed rate for collections

Performance indicators or incentives used including recycling targets, contamination thresholds and any associated bonuses/penalties –

Schools - commercial waste and recycling weight data (kg) Facilities - commercial waste and recycling weight data (kg)

Completed Collections Disposal Rates

Monthly Spend Complaints

Where possible can the information be broken down by plastic, aluminium, dry mixed recycling: N/A

FCC: street cleansing

Contract start and end dates: April 2019 – March 2026

Annual or total contract value: £1m Fee structures – Fixed with additional variables

Performance indicators or incentives used including recycling targets, contamination thresholds and any associated bonuses/penalties: Completion of agreed programme of street sweeping -95% Flytipping works orders completed within 3 working days – 100% Completion of agreed programme of litter bin emptying – 95%

**2. Waste Volumes and Collection Methods**

**Please can you provide the annual tonnages collected (2021/22–2023/2024) of:**

**- Plastic bottles — including an estimate of the percentage or volume of PET plastic, where available;**

**- Other plastics;**

**- Dry mixed recycling;**

**- Aluminium cans.**

Kerbside:

We believe that this request is covered under Exemption 21 as this information is already available, WasteDataFlow is the system used by UK local authorities for municipal waste data reporting. The data entered on this system can be accessed by members of the public via a simple registration process. Registered users can go to the reports section of the WasteDataFlow website and select the Councils and reporting periods that they are interested in. A range of reports are available, but the raw data report for question 10 shows the waste type and quantity of waste collected at the kerbside. This will provide the information requested for 2021/22 – 2023/24.

**If tonnages are estimated rather than measured, please indicate the method of estimation:** N/A

**Can you indicate whether these were collected separately or as part of a co-mingled waste stream. Where possible, can you provide an estimate of the PET plastic content:** Plastics and aluminium are collected as part of a comingled mixed dry recycling stream. We believe that the request on PET content is covered under Exemption 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Waste Data Flow raw data report for question 100 shows the waste type and quantity sent for treatment and disposal. This will provide the information requested. (Material type can be filtered in column W and the tonnages are in column U.)

**Non kerbside**

**Please can you provide the annual tonnages collected (2021/22–2023/2024) of:**

**• Plastic bottles — including an estimate of the percentage or volume of PET plastic, where available;**

**• Other plastics;**

**• Dry mixed recycling;**

**• Aluminium cans.**

**Shorts contract Dry mixed recycling**

**Schools**

2022 – 65,425kg

2023 – 147,179kg

2024 – 135,268kg

**Facilities**

2022 – 9,171kg

2023 – 16,513kg

2024 – 28,565kg

**Shute End**

2022 – 564kg

2023 – 1,086kg

2024 – 2,087kg

**If tonnages are estimated rather than measured, please indicate the method of estimation**: N/A

**Can you indicate whether these were collected separately or as part of a co-mingled waste stream. Where possible, can you provide an estimate of the PET plastic content:** co-mingled

**FCC Contract – street cleansing:** We do not collect any of the items listed separately or co-mingled

**3. Contamination and Waste Treatment Outcomes 2021/22 to 2023/2024**

**Please can you provide annual contamination rates (gross tonnage and percentage) for plastic bottles, other plastics, dry mixed recycling, and aluminium cans between 2021/22 and 2023/2024 by contractor/facility. If tonnages are estimated rather than measured, please indicate the method of estimation.**

Kerbside:

The contamination rate for Wokingham Borough Council’s Mixed Dry Recycling (MDR) is assessed via sampling in the Material Recovery Facility (under the Environmental Permitting regulations).

21/22 – 13.0%

22/23 – 14.1%

23/24 – 17.2%

The MDR tonnages are as stated at 2A.

**Please also provide the total annual amount (gross and %) of:**

**• Plastic waste recycled vs. incinerated;**

**• Aluminium waste recycled vs. incinerated;**

**• All council-collected waste recycled vs. incinerated.**

All plastic and aluminium which is successfully retrieved from the Mixed Dry Recycling stream at our Material Recovery Facility is sent for recycling. The tonnages are available via the route described at 2C above.

We believe that the question about ‘all council collected waste’ is covered under Exemption 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Waste Data Flow raw data report entitled ‘Qu100 PI Summary (UA)’ shows the tonnage and percentage of total household waste by treatment type. (The data on BVPI82a relates to dry recycling and the data on BVPI82c relates to incineration.)

**4. Kerbside and Non Kerbside collections**

**Please describe your role in kerbside and non-kerbside waste and recycling collections.**

**For kerbside collections, please include:**

**- Whether materials (e.g. plastics, aluminium) are collected separately or co-mingled:** We collect mixed dry recycling co-mingled – please refer to the website for items we accept <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling/recycling>

**- Frequency and method of collection:** <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling>

**Any recent or planned changes in response to DRS or EPR;**

**- If on-the-go (public space) bins are part of the system, please include them in your description and identify them separately:** We do not have any planned changes in response to EPR or DRS at this time.

**For non-kerbside collections (e.g. street bins or bins in public buildings), include:**

**- Whether separate contracts exist:** Please refer to the answer provided in question 1

**- Materials collected, including plastic and aluminium:** Provided in question 2

**- Volumes (2021/2022 – 2023/2024), with percentages and volumes for plastics and aluminium:** Provided in question 2

**- Contract terms and fees structures with contractors:** Provided in question 2

**- If tonnages are estimated, please state the method used:** Provided in question 2

**5. DRS and EPR Preparations**

**Please can you provide details of any work undertaken in preparation for the Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) and the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). This may include infrastructure investments, installation of reverse vending machines, operational changes, pilot projects, modelling, or public engagement activities.**

Not applicable