

**FOI Reference Number:** FOI/105/1920

**Date:** 02 July 2019

**Request:**

My questions are as follows:

- Please can you provide figures for the year(s) 2016, 2017, 2018 outlining the rates of overall recycling by households in your council area?
- Please can you also provide figures for the years 2016, 2017, 2018 outlining how much of the items put out to be recycled ended up being sent to a landfill and/or incinerated instead i.e. plastic
- Please can you confirm how often you run the following services:
  - A. Garden waste collections
  - B. Recyclable waste collections
  - C. Household waste collections
- Finally, can you please confirm of the three above services listed that you offer to households in your area, whether or not any of these are out sourced to private companies. If yes, please specify which.

**Response:**

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 21 June 2019.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to recycling.

- figures for the year(s) 2016, 2017, 2018 outlining the rates of overall recycling by households in your council area?
  - **2016 = 42.69%**
  - **2017 = 45.22%**
  - **2018 = 52.69%**
- Please can you also provide figures for the years 2016, 2017, 2018 outlining how much of the items put out to be recycled ended up being sent to a landfill and/or incinerated instead i.e. plastic

- ***Approximately 200 tonnes of dry recycling is sent to landfill per year. This waste is removed from our co-mingled waste collections. However, in our kerbside sort system, none of the materials are sent to landfill.***
- Please can you confirm how often you run the following services:
  - A. Garden waste collections
    - ***Fortnightly service***
  - B. Recyclable waste collections
    - ***Mid and East Antrim currently have two systems in operation; one system is a fortnightly co-mingled collection, the other is a weekly kerbside sort system. Council are currently developing plans to switch all collections to a kerbside weekly collection service.***
  - C. Household waste collections
    - ***Fortnightly 240lt black bin collections.***
- Finally, can you please confirm of the three above services listed that you offer to households in your area, whether or not any of these are out sourced to private companies. If yes, please specify which.
  - ***Mid and East Antrim Borough Council currently work in partnership with a social enterprise for the collection of its kerbside sort dry recyclates. This is for approximately 44,000 homes.***

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/105/1920 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.