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Date: 30 July 2019

Request:

1) As far as the Council is aware, was any of the plastic collected in 2018 by the Council's Recycling Collection Services ultimately exported to be recycled outside the UK?

2) If yes, please provide the names of all companies that were responsible for exporting this plastic?

3) Does the Council have any estimation of how much plastic was exported outside the UK during 2018? If so, please provide this in terms of tonnes of plastic exported.

4) Does the Council know which countries plastic was exported to during 2019? If so, please provide this.

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 03 July 2019.

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

1) As far as the Council is aware, was any of the plastic collected in 2018 by the Council's Recycling Collection Services ultimately exported to be recycled outside the UK?

Yes the Council is aware that in 2018 plastic collected by the Council's Recycling Collection Services was exported outside the UK.

2) If yes, please provide the names of all companies that were responsible for exporting this plastic?

Bryson Recycling Limited,

Riverridge, Coleraine

Skipway Skip Hire Belfast

CM Skips, Island Road, Ballymena

3) Does the Council have any estimation of how much plastic was exported outside the UK during 2018? If so, please provide this in terms of tonnes of plastic exported.

812 tonnes of plastic was exported outside the UK in 2018.

4) Does the Council know which countries plastic was exported to during 2019? If so, please provide this.

During 2019, plastic was exported to Ireland.

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/120/1920 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.