

**FOI Reference Number:** FOI/165/1920

**Date:** 31 July 2019

**Request:**

1. The percentage of wastage recycled by your council (i.e. recycling rate), broken down by year for 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.
2. Do you do enforce any of the following to encourage correct recycling or penalise incorrect recycling in your local authority area:
  - a) Issue fines to households
  - b) Issue warnings to households
  - c) Employ officers to monitor recycling bins
  - d) Refuse to collect waste that is incorrectly recycled or contaminated
3. If your council does issue fines to households, please can you provide the number of fines issued, broken down by year for 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.
4. If your council does issue fines to households, please can you provide the amount of money collected in fines issued, broken down by year for 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

**Response:**

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 30 July 2019.

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

1. *The percentage of wastage recycled by your council (i.e. recycling rate), broken down by year for:*
  - 2016-2017 = **45.07%**
  - 2017-2018 = **52.69%**
  - 2018-2019 = **Figures not audited as yet.**
  - 2019-2020 = **Not Available.**
2. *Do you do enforce any of the following to encourage correct recycling or penalise incorrect recycling in your local authority area:*
  - a) *Issue fines to households*

***Fines are not issued to householders.***

b) *Issue warnings to households*

***Mid and East Antrim Borough Council uses a series of warning stickers to householders depending on the nature of the issue.***

c) *Employ officers to monitor recycling bins*

**No.**

d) *Refuse to collect waste that is incorrectly recycled or contaminated*

***Yes, householder bins have a sticker put on them, advising them of what action they need to take in order for their bin to be emptied.***

3. *If your council does issue fines to households, please can you provide the number of fines issued, broken down by year for 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.*

**N/A**

4. *If your council does issue fines to households, please can you provide the amount of money collected in fines issued, broken down by year for 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.*

**N/A**

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/165/1920 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.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/>.

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