

**FOI Reference Number:** FOI/184/1920

**Date:** 04 September 2019

**Request:**

Please see below.

**Response:**

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 08 August 2019.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response in relation to your request.

**(1) Please can you provide the following information about your fleet of heavy goods vehicles as of two points in time (01/07/2015 and 01/07/2019):**

*Please provide a schedule of your fleet over 3.5 tonnes, detailing the following information:*

1. The type of vehicle >3.5 tonnes:

***Please see attached vehicle spreadsheet***

- a. Refuse Collection Vehicles [use: household waste collection]
- b. Tankers [use: mainline sewers, gullies and drains]
- c. Sweepers [use: street and road cleaning]
- d. Skip Loaders and Hook Lifts [use: waste management / general use]
- e. All Other Vehicles >3.5 tonnes

2. How the vehicle is owned/funded:

***Please see attached vehicle spreadsheet***

- a. Owned Outright  
*Ø Definition: The vehicle was bought directly by your council with no specific funding tied to the vehicle*
- b. Finance Lease  
*Ø Definition: The vehicle is funded by a finance lease secured against the vehicle for an agreed period of time, with ownership and risk transferring to the council at the end of the finance period*
- c. Spot Hire  
*Ø Definition: The vehicle is being hired on a temporary basis from another party with no time commitment*
- d. Fixed-Term Contract Hire / "Operating Lease"  
*Ø Definition: The vehicle is being hired on a long-term basis for an agreed time-period, typically for more than 3 years*
- e. Other (please state)

3. Where the procurement method is not Owned Outright, please name the supplier of finance/rental

*N/A*

4. Date vehicle joined your fleet and expected de-fleet date

*Please see fleet replacement spreadsheet*

5. Make and model, indicating Euro 5 or Euro 6 (where known)

*Please see attached vehicle spreadsheet*

6. Where known, list price of vehicle when purchased

**We have been unable to provide the list price of the vehicle when purchased due to Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 43(2) exempts information whose disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity).**

**The release of the aforementioned may affect the commercial interests of the Council when purchasing future vehicles.**

**(2) Where are these vehicles generally maintained: (a) your own workshops, (b) a workshop run by the outsourcing company that you use, or (c) a workshop run by a third party?**

*Where there are any differences across the schedule of fleet provided above, please indicate.*

***Our vehicles are maintained by a mixture of own run workshops and 3<sup>rd</sup> party contractors.***

**(3) Please can you provide the following information about your waste collection services as of two points in time (01/07/2015 and 01/07/2019):**

1. Total annual budget for waste collection services (£k)

***01/07/2015 N/A as Councils were amalgamating, 01/07/2019 budget £15,288,848***

2. Do you provide waste collection services in-house, or do you outsource your waste collection services to a private company?

***Both***

3. Where you have outsourced any waste collection or street cleaning services to a private company please can you provide the following information:

a. Name of Company providing the service

***Bryson Recycling***

b. Length of Contract (Months)

***7 years plus 2 year extension***

c. Contract Start Date (dd/m/yy)

***01.11.2011***

d. Number of Refuse Collection Vehicles >3.5 tonnes used to fulfil contract (#)

***We have been unable to provide the number of refuse collection vehicles due to Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 43(2) exempts information whose disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity).***

***The contractor fulfilling the current contract feels the organisation and planning of routes is commercially sensitive to their operations. The current contractor feels that the information may benefit a competitor should the delivery of this service be tendered in the future and therefore Section 43(2) is engaged.***

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/184/1920 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.