

FOI Reference Number: FOI/280/1819

Date: 10 September 2018

**Request:**

- 1) When you introduced your wheeled-bin kerbside waste collections, what size of refuse bin and recycling bin(s) respectively did you give to households?
- 2) After you introduced a wheeled bin collection, have you reduced the standard refuse bin size given to residents? I.e, have you changed your standard refuse bin from, say, 240 litre to 180 litre? If so, what size did you choose, when did you choose it and why?
- 3) Have you undertaken any specific projects to reduce the size of the refuse bins allocated to residents? In other words, anything which is similar to this: <https://www.eveningexpress.co.uk/fp/news/local/council-may-remove-bins-from-homes2/> or any project in which residents refuse bins were replaced with smaller sizes? If so, please can you provide a brief synopsis of what happened and when it happened?
- 4) Please can you provide me with the 'before and after' statistics (including overall recycling rate, overall composting rate, total fly-tipping, total fly-tipping reports of black bags (if this is available) total non-recyclable waste and average non-recyclable waste (kgs per household), total tonnage collected from bring banks and total from HWRCs), specifically for at least six months before and six months after you introduced wheeled bin collections (if this information has been recorded as part of the initiative).
- 5) If you have undertaken a project to reduce the total refuse capacity already available to residents (such as the link above, ie, removing additional refuse bins from households and/or replacing households' bins with smaller ones), please can you provide me with the 'before and after' statistics (including overall recycling rate, overall composting rate, total fly-tipping, total fly-tipping reports of black bags (if this is available) total non-recyclable waste and average non-recyclable waste her household), total tonnage collected from bring banks and total from HWRCs), specifically for six months before and six months after the project (if this information has been recorded as part of the initiative).

**Response:**

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 06 September 2018.

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

- 1) When you introduced your wheeled-bin kerbside waste collections, what size of refuse bin and recycling bin(s) respectively did you give to households?  
*240l black refuse bin, 240l brown refuse bin.*
- 2) After you introduced a wheeled bin collection, have you reduced the standard refuse bin size given to residents? I.e, have you changed your standard refuse bin from, say, 240 litre to 180 litre? If so, what size did you choose, when did you choose it and why?  
*No.*
- 3) Have you undertaken any specific projects to reduce the size of the refuse bins allocated to residents? In other words, anything which is similar to this: <https://www.eveningexpress.co.uk/fp/news/local/council-may-remove-bins-from-homes2/> or any project in which residents refuse bins were replaced with smaller sizes? If so, please can you provide a brief synopsis of what happened and when it happened?  
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*N/A.*
- 5) If you have undertaken a project to reduce the total refuse capacity already available to residents (such as the link above, ie, removing additional refuse bins from households and/or replacing households' bins with smaller ones), please can you provide me with the 'before and after' statistics (including overall recycling rate, overall composting rate, total fly-tipping, total fly-tipping reports of black bags (if this is available) total non-recyclable waste and average non-recyclable waste her household), total tonnage collected from bring banks and total from HWRCs), specifically for six months before and six months after the project (if this information has been recorded as part of the initiative).  
*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/280/1819 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.