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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

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Thank you for your request for information relating to plastic waste.

You have requested the following information:

I would like to know what percentage of plastic waste your local authority has recycled in the past three years as follows: 2019, 2020, 2021. I would like it to be broken down as follows:

1. The total amount of plastic waste collected for recycling by your authority, measured in tonnes.

2018/19: 2,094.29

2019/20: 2,180.93

20/2021: 2,742.15

2. The total amount of collected plastic waste that was then processed in the UK.

2018/19: 1,244.74

2019/20: 1,602.38

20/2021: 2,343.46

3. The total amount of collected plastic that was processed outside of the UK.

2018/19: 849.54

2019/20: 578.56

2020/21: 398.69

4. The total amount of exported plastic waste broken down by destination country.

2018/19: 849.54 to Europe

2019/20: 578.56 to Europe

2020/21: 394.49 to Europe and 4.2 to Singapore

5. Does the Council have a strategy to recycle plastic waste in the UK instead of exporting?

There are contracts in place for processing recycling materials collected through its kerbside operation. The Council uses Material Recovery Facility (MRF) contracts to process these materials. MRF's are run as a business, therefore reflect current market forces and seek the best route for all the materials accepted under contract.

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Yours faithfully

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