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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI616602031

Thank you for your request for information relating to Disposal of carpets and other textile flooring materials by authorities.

You have requested the following information:

1. How many Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) do you operate in total and out of these how many accept carpets and other textile flooring materials (underlay, rugs, mats, covers) from:

Please provide a number for each option:

- a) Residents only - 1**
- b) Commercial operators only - nil**
- c) Residents and commercial operators - nil**

2. How are carpets and other textile flooring materials managed and stored at HWRCs?

Please select one option:

- a) In a separate sheltered container**
- b) In a separate un-sheltered container**
- c) Mixed in with mattresses and other bulky household waste**
- d) Mixed in with residual and black bag waste**

We confirm our carpets and other textile flooring materials are managed and stored in a separate sheltered container.

3. How are carpets and other textile flooring materials disposed of from HWRCs?

Please select one option:

- a) Sent for recycling
- b) Sent for landfill
- c) Sent for incineration for energy recovery (please specify type - RDF (Refuse Derived Fuel) or SRF (Solid Recovered Fuel))

Our carpets and other textile flooring materials are sent for both recycling and incineration for energy recovery from April 2024.

4. Do you provide residents with a bulky household waste collection service, and does this service accept carpets and other textile flooring materials?

Please answer yes or no

We confirm that we do currently provide residents with a bulky household waste collection service, which does not accept carpets and other textile flooring materials.

5. How are carpets and other textile flooring materials collected via the bulky household waste service disposed of?

Please select one option:

- a) Sent for recycling
- b) Sent for landfill
- c) Sent for incineration for energy recovery (please specify type - RDF (Refuse Derived Fuel) or SRF (Solid Recovered Fuel))

Not applicable. The Council currently does not offer bulky household waste services to residents.

6. Do you collect, record and report data and information on carpets and other textile flooring materials collected at both HWRCs and via the bulky household waste service?

Please specify yes or no for each service

We confirm we do collect, record and report data for collections at HWRCs. With regards to the bulky household waste service, please refer to our response to Question 5.

7. If yes, is this data and information broken down by material type and recorded using the government database WasteDataFlow?

Please answer yes, no or not applicable

Yes.

8. Does your authority have plans to revise how carpets and other textile flooring materials are collected, stored and/or disposed of in the next 12 months?

Please answer yes or no

No.

9. If yes, please give details about how you plan to revise these processes.

10. What are your authorities' biggest challenges in accepting and processing carpets and other textile flooring materials?

Please select from the list below

- a) Storage space and bulky nature of materials
- b) Limited recycling and disposal options
- c) Cost of processing these materials
- d) All the above

Storage space and bulky nature of materials is currently our biggest challenge in accepting and processing carpets and other textile flooring materials.

11. Where possible, please provide URLs for pages on your website which provide relevant information about HWRCs, a bulky household waste collection service and/or any other resources relating to the disposal of carpets and other textile flooring materials.

Not applicable.

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