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Dear Sir/Madam

**Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR)
Request ID: FOI666548004**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Plastic Waste/Recycling.

You have requested the following information:

The information requested as information that will be held under the Directorate responsible for waste. The information requested below is information the Environment Agency (regulatory body) could request and therefore should be maintained and be on hand:

Coventry City Council is a Unitary Authority so are responsible for both collection and disposal.

Once a contract is agreed, the company awarded will have direct responsibility for the reporting of all its waste streams. The Council does not audit the waste stream directly. The company makes its reports to the Environment Agency for the whole of its business and customers which include local authorities.

Council recycling through its contracts is monitored by individual sampling of deliveries made to determine a Coventry based average split of materials. This method also identifies elements that are not part of the scheme such as contamination, not limited to nappies, sanitary waste, food, wood

2021/2022: MRF contracts were shared HW Martin and Enva.

2022/2023: Enva only.

2023/2024: Enva April 2023 to August 2023 and from September Sherbourne.

All copies of audits made by the Environment Agency will be with each supplier and will be for the

whole business and material streams

1. True copies of extract/s from the contract/s between the Disposal Authority and its appointed waste disposal contractor/s detailing the list of authorised plastics that will be recycled as stated in the Council's public communications for the periods 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24

We confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Regulation 12(4)(a) of the Legislation. This information is held by the contractors themselves.

2. True copies of the audit/s undertaken by the Disposal Authority to evidence the plastics published in its list/s (and/or associated authority bodies) of authorised recyclable plastics will all be processed to end of waste life status before executing the contract/s with the selected waste contractor/s relating to the periods 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24

3. True copies of all communications to include audits between the Disposal Authority and its appointed waste contractor/s for the periods 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 relating to plastic waste/recycling.

For Question 3, please refer to our explanation at the start of our letter above.

4. True copies of evidence that under the Environment Protection Regulations duty of care has been taken by the Disposal Authority with for example internal/ external audits/ site visits/inspections to evidence all plastic grades used to manufacture the publicly published authorised list/s of plastic recyclables (NOT product type, as one plastic bottle can be manufactured in a different plastic to another bottle for example) assigned to the Disposal Authority as "Recyclable" are confirmed and evidenced to have met end of waste life status in the UK and/ or abroad (if exported) to ensure the protection of human health and the environment.

For Questions 2 and 4, please refer to Question 1.

5. Please provide true copies of all Environment Agency audits and correspondence relating to plastic waste for the periods 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24

We confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Regulation 12(4)(a) of the Legislation. This information is held by the Environment Agency, details on making requests for information can be found on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environment-agency-position-publishing-foieir-responses/environment-agencys-position-on-publishing-foieir-responses-on-the-govuk-website>

For ease of reference this is the list of recyclable plastics from the council website. Please ensure your evidence includes all plastics assigned to you as the Disposal Authority by any other Collection Authority (as "Recyclable in their own communications to the public)

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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