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**Request:**

I would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, details in respect to the recycling of paper and cardboard waste contracts.

1. What are the contractual performance KPI's for this contract?
2. Suppliers who applied for inclusion on each framework/contract and were successful & not successful at the PQQ & ITT stages
3. Who is the current supplier?
4. Actual spend on this contract/framework (and any sub lots), from the start of the contract to the current date
5. Are there any processing facilities or MRFs utilised within the contract if so what the names and addresses?
6. How is your fibre processed (baled or loose)?
7. Where is the end destination of the fibre?
8. What is your current collection method (dual stream, single source, kerbside sort or comingled)
9. What tonnage per year do you produce by fibre grade?
10. Start date & duration of framework/contract?
11. Could you please provide a copy of the service/product specification given to all bidders for when this contract was last advertised?
12. Is there an extension clause in the framework(s)/contract(s) and, if so, the duration of the extension?
13. Has a decision been made yet on whether the framework(s)/contract(s) are being either extended or renewed?
14. Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract?
15. Are there any plans to change the existing service?

**Response:**

1. North Tyneside Council does not hold any contracts that are specific for the recycling of paper and/or cardboard from its kerbside collection services. The Authority holds a contract for the processing of general recyclable materials, through a Materials Recycling Facility (MRF). There are no KPIs associated to recycling of paper and card only.
2. Not applicable as the Authority does not hold a contract specifically in relation to paper and cardboard.
3. J & B Recycling provides the re-processing of DMR (Dry Mixed Recycling) collected in North Tyneside, which includes, amongst other recyclable materials, paper and cardboard.

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4. Information not held as the contract spend relating to recycling of paper and cardboard cannot be separated from the total contract spend. However, the total annual spend since April 2019 on all elements of kerb-side recycling (including paper & cardboard) across the borough was £1.304m
5. J & B Recycling: Windermere MRF, Thomlinson Road, Hartlepool, TS25 1NS
6. The DMR is processed through a MRF. The contract does not specify whether material should be baled or loose and requires that any materials rejected for recycling are sent for recovery (energy from waste) rather than to landfill.
7. Paper and card are components of the DMR that are extracted at the MRF and, under the terms of the contract, the MRF operator is free to find markets and end re-processors for each material stream (including paper and card) extracted.
8. Residents of North Tyneside currently benefit from co-mingled fortnightly recycling collections. The Authority's in-house kerbside recycling collection service collects glass segregated from the co-mingled dry mixed recycling (DMR).
9. This information is refused in answer to this request under section 21, information accessible to the applicant by other means. The reason for this is that this information is publicly available on the WasteDataflow website here <https://www.wastedataflow.org/>
10. The Authority does not hold a specific contract in relation to paper and cardboard. However, its general recycling contract commenced on 1 October 2019. The contract had an initial term of two years.
11. Not applicable as the contract is for general recycling not specifically the recycling of paper and cardboard. However, the original tender documentation can be found here: [Services - 206822-2019 - TED Tenders Electronic Daily \(europa.eu\)](#)
12. The Authority does not hold a specific contract in relation to paper and cardboard, however its general recycling contract includes two 12-month extensions.
13. The contract referred to above was renewed for a period of two x 12 months.
14. Paul Nelson - Head of Environmental Sustainability
15. The Authority await the government's response to its consultation on consistency in household and business recycling in England. Any future service will be guided by any resulting new guidance and / or regulations.