

**Request:**

1. Does the council undertake gully cleaning with direct labour or through a contractor?

Gully cleansing is undertaken by Capita Public Services, who were appointed as North Tyneside Council's technical partner in 2013. Capita undertake Highway Maintenance functions on behalf of the authority, which includes gully cleaning. Capita use their own workforce for this function.

2. If a contractor is used, please provide the name of the contractor and ignore questions 3 to 6.

N/A

3. Are the gully pots refilled after the cleaning process?

Yes

4. Is the water collected from the gully pot used in the cleaning process?

Yes.

5. Is the water collected from the gully pot used to refill the gully pot?

No.

6. If the answer to question 4 or 5 is no, please advise where the water collected from the gully pots is taken?

The effluent is taken to a licenced local tip and disposed of.