



Reference: RFI 1808073

**Request:**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 please could you provide the following information:

1. The source information used to correlate the statement made on your website 'The new system will bring about environmental benefits including increased recycling, a reduction in waste sent to landfill'.

**Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP), Waste & Recycling Services support to North Tyneside Council Report, 2018.**

2. The source information and calculations you used to correlate the statement made on your website 'and reduced vehicle emissions'.

**AWC will lead to the reduction of 2 crews and vehicles. Vehicles travel an average of 100 miles per week, therefore a reduction of circa 10,000 miles per annum. Also the routes have been optimised and more zonal areas and routes have been created.**

3. Details of the grant you received five years ago that 'the Council was successful in applying for and receiving a grant from Central Government that meant we were able to continue to collect green (rubbish) bins weekly.

**The Council was awarded a grant under the Weekly Collection Support Scheme Grant of £3.355m. The grant was awarded to:**

- **Retain weekly collections – “bridging the gap”;**
- **Increase the number of “recycling on the go” bins across the Borough;**
- **Deliver an awareness and incentives campaign; and**
- **Harmonising households bins across the borough.**

4. If the grant referred to in point 3 was not a grant specifically for the purpose of the collecting green (rubbish) bins weekly, but was a general grant that covered other areas of your services too, how much of the grant was actually spent on the collection of green (rubbish) bins weekly.

**The element of the grant used to retain weekly collections was £2.082m.**

4. The calculated savings referred to in the statement on your website 'No. The savings made by changing the the way waste is collected will be used to protect other essential Council services'.

- **The calculated savings are included within the 2018-2020 Financial Planning and Budget Setting Process Business Cases presented at full Council 1 February 2018 and approved by full Council 15 February 2018.**

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/sites/default/files/meeting/related-documents/Council%20Budget%20Business%20Cases%2001%2002%2018.pdf>

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5. The names of the services that savings will be allocated to referred to in point number 4 and the amount reallocated if there is more than one service that will be receiving a proportion of the the total savings made.

**The 2018/19 revenue budget general summary can be found at the following link;**  
<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/sites/default/files/web-page-related-files/NTC%20Revenue%20Budget%20201819.pdf>

6. Details of how the council classifies a service essential over a service that is non-essential.

**The Council is required to deliver statutory service and duties. For more information on these, please visit;** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/review-of-local-government-statutory-duties-summary-of-responses--2>

**The funding of these services and non statutory services is detailed in the 2018/19 revenue budget general summary;**  
<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/sites/default/files/web-page-related-files/NTC%20Revenue%20Budget%20201819.pdf>

7. The total value of overtime payments made to employees of the council who are employed primarily as refuse collectors where they were performing other duties that is not there primary role that resulted in the overtime being paid, e.g. planting flowers, landscaping work etc for the last financial year.

**Zero**

8. The total value of salary payments made to employees of the council who are employed primarily as refuse collectors for the last financial year.

- **Total costs in 2017/18 for Refuse Collection employees was £1.564m**

9. The total value of the planned savings as a result of changing to the AWC schedule specifically related to the 'reduction of a small number of posts as a result of the proposed change'.

- **The 2018/19 part year saving will be £0.218m**
- **The calculated savings are included within the 2018-2020 Financial Planning and Budget Setting Process Business Cases presented at full Council 1 February 2018 and approved by full Council 15 February 2018.**

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10. The total planned costs related to changing to a AWC schedule that North Tyneside Council will incur for the first year migration to the AWC schedule.

- **Approximately £0.130m, including capital.**

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