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ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATION REQUEST 1114

I write further to your email dated 19 February 2020.

Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Environmental Information Regulation 2004 (EIR), explained on our [Environmental Information Regulation](#) page.

Your request:

I understand NWLDC has an income of £500,000 per annum for selling the recycling it has collected.

Please can you let me know how much it costs NWLDC per annum to operate the recycling facility at Coalville which enables this income to be generated. This figure should include all capital items, depreciation, overheads, wages, tax, National Insurance, sick pay, maintenance, workwear/PPE, recruitment costs, etc. etc.

Our response:

The income was estimated at £466,000 for 2019/20 and was calculated as follows:

| <u>Sale of materials</u> | tonnages | price | income |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Cardboard | 1,800.67 | £39.48 | £71,090.45 |
| Paper | 1,422.74 | £114.76 | £163,273.64 |
| Cans/plastic | | | |
| Plastic | 983.06 | £64.27 | £63,181.27 |
| Steel cans | 240.10 | £112.93 | £27,114.49 |
| Aluminium cans | 104.35 | £826.29 | £86,223.36 |
| Glass - mixed | <u>2,610.46</u> | <u>£21.12</u> | <u>£55,132.92</u> |
| | <u>7,161.38</u> | | <u>466,016.13</u> |

The above doesn't include:

- Admin for processing invoices/recycling tonnages/prices etc.
- Salary and oncosts for the recycling drivers & loaders and associated costs eg. allowances, employee insurances, medical fees, protective clothing.
- Recycling vehicle costs - mtce, damage, fuel, servicing, insurance etc.
- Mobile phones/tablets.
- New recycling bins/boxes/bags etc.
- Advertising recycling dates/calendar production.
- Corporate or management overheads.

It is difficult to provide accurate figures as the recycling costs are included in with the cost of household collection and there is also a separate cost centre for the depot. The services that take place at the depot are: Cleansing, Household refuse collection, Recycling collection, Trade waste collection, Bulky Domestic collections, Vehicle maintenance for all fleet vehicles – including Housing & Mot's/taxi inspections.

So based on the above the estimated depot costs associated with the recycling materials are £128,500 but this only includes direct operatives who deal with the recycling materials in the depot, and a percentage of the general depot running costs, forklifts and bailers, maintenance of the sorting technology and bailing wire etc.

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