

**From:** Freedom of Information Requests

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**To:**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 4 July 2025 for information about waste management, disposal and treatment. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

### **1. Contractors**

Please can you provide a list of all contractors of facilities you use for collection of waste and recycling including:

#### **- Kerbside collections (e.g. plastic waste dry mixed recycling and aluminium cans;**

Response: Doncaster's kerbside collections (domestic waste) and commercial waste collections are provided by Suez Recycling and Recovery UK (Suez) under contract. The Waste Collection contract particulars include responsibility for arranging for the processing and onward sale of mixed dry recyclables and glass (which is collected separately alongside a mixed dry recyclable waste stream via twin-pack RCV's).

Suez use MRF facilities they manage (in Kirklees from April 2025) to process mixed dry recyclable waste, SUEZ central commodities team manage the onward sale of the sorted materials. Glass (separately collected) is processed in Doncaster via Ardagh Glass, this is also arranged by SUEZ.

#### **- Non-Kerbside**

Response: Street bins / on the go waste are collected by in-house teams (street scene department), waste is taken to Doncaster Waste Transfer Station which is managed by SUEZ under the waste Collection contract. They do not provide on-street recycling bins at present.

General Waste / Recycling from council buildings is collected by Suez (under commercial waste agreements between different Council departments) and managed via the Waste Collection contract (this excludes food waste collections which were not include in contract particulars at the time of procurement).

#### **Collections – e.g. street bins, bins in public buildings, on-the-go waste.**

For each can you include:

##### **- Services provided;**

Response: As above, waste from Council buildings is collected / managed via the Waste Collection contract (SUEZ) – this includes the following waste streams:

- general waste,
- mixed dry recycling
- glass

We also provide a separate food waste collection via a dedicated contract (Refood) commencing April 2025.

##### **- Contract start and end dates;**

Response: Waste Collection contract (SUEZ) runs from 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to 4<sup>th</sup> March 2028. Refood contract run from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

##### **- Annual or total contract value;**

Response: Waste Collection contract (Suez) c. £14Mpa. Refood contract £100Kpa .

**- Fee structures – whether they are fixed or variable rates, contamination charges/revenue sharing arrangements etc;**

Response: The Waste Collection contract (SUEZ) operates on fixed prices per bin collection (price varies by type / size of bin) and is subject to annual indexation. There is a revenue sharing arrangement solely for the sale of recyclable materials.

**- Performance indicators or incentives used including recycling targets, contamination thresholds and any associated bonuses/penalties;**

Response: The Waste Collection contract (SUEZ) operates a 10% contamination threshold, the contract provides a mechanism for financial deductions where contamination is above the threshold.

**- Where possible can the information be broken down by plastic, aluminium, dry mixed recycling;**

Response: N/A, comingled collection under one contract.

**- Collection stream – Kerbside or non Kerbside.**

Response: As above, the Waste Collection contract (SUEZ) operates at the kerbside and from council buildings – street bins are provided / serviced by in-house teams.

**2. Waste Volumes and Collection Methods**

Please can you provide the annual tonnages collected (2021/22–2023/2024) of:

- Plastic bottles — including an estimate of the percentage or volume of PET plastic, where available;
- Other plastics;
- Dry mixed recycling;
- Aluminium cans.

Response: These are collected comingled (only glass is collected separately), as below.

Monthly Tonnage split	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21
Mixed paper	741.41	746.37	644.22	703.94	608.45	613.00	636.19	630.29
Cardboard	335.79	356.44	363.36	385.39	320.63	329.94	357.07	335.31
Steel	68.55	68.88	64.68	75.07	53.84	65.88	63.72	65.09
Aluminium	52.21	52.68	56.49	66.64	46.11	51.00	53.11	45.14
HDPE natural	52.93	54.82	48.12	54.47	42.63	44.42	44.58	46.14
HDPE mixed colour	22.69	23.50	20.62	23.34	18.27	19.04	19.11	19.78
PET natural	68.06	70.49	61.87	70.03	54.81	57.12	57.32	59.33
PET mixed colour	7.56	7.83	6.87	7.78	6.09	6.35	6.37	6.59
Low grade mixed plastics	80.94	76.13	75.34	76.36	56.33	78.19	62.19	76.22
Pots, tubs and trays	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LDPE/plastic film	27.21	23.19	23.60	25.95	17.04	16.57	21.11	19.07
Liquid Cartons	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MRF Glass	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-target materials	65.43	54.32	65.47	93.42	51.00	59.33	60.77	65.09
Non-recyclable materials	50.66	65.25	112.68	185.98	109.11	128.43	128.51	134.60
Hazardous waste	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1573.42</b>	<b>1599.90</b>	<b>1543.34</b>	<b>1768.38</b>	<b>1384.30</b>	<b>1469.26</b>	<b>1510.04</b>	<b>1502.64</b>
Monthly Tonnage	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21
Glass (separate collection)	803.36	631.66	757.14	725.56	522.82	629.30	498.00	559.60

Monthly Tonnage split	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22
Mixed paper	571.50	570.18	453.14	542.47	560.99	506.00	536.75	607.30
Cardboard	330.99	348.75	352.70	327.16	369.39	366.27	366.40	417.07
Steel	66.88	64.07	55.65	60.69	62.50	61.50	75.69	75.41
Aluminium	51.68	53.75	50.55	57.28	51.62	48.00	46.61	51.15
HDPE natural	46.86	50.21	48.09	50.30	53.11	51.89	44.08	45.54
HDPE mixed colour	20.08	21.52	20.61	21.56	22.76	22.24	18.89	19.52
PET natural	60.25	64.56	61.83	64.67	68.29	66.71	56.67	58.55
PET mixed colour	6.69	7.17	6.87	7.19	7.59	7.41	6.30	6.51
Low grade mixed plastics	71.10	79.15	72.38	72.52	87.61	84.30	70.78	68.99
Pots, tubs and trays	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LDPE/plastic film	19.72	28.95	19.62	18.20	20.20	22.39	14.60	22.73
Liquid Cartons	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MRF Glass	0.00	5.02	3.16	1.87	29.48	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-target materials	67.25	63.13	55.63	70.62	55.44	78.16	73.02	70.12
Non-recyclable materials	147.16	166.85	151.11	163.26	148.78	162.80	124.47	195.07
Hazardous waste	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	1460.18	1523.30	1351.34	1457.76	1537.76	1477.66	1434.26	1637.98

Monthly Tonnage	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22
Glass (separate collection)	529.46	655.26	559.68	616.08	639.12	545.46	458.42	523.36

Monthly Tonnage split	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23
Mixed paper	448.89	525.09	423.00	471.17	529.38	453.93	515.64	433.31
Cardboard	396.57	477.16	418.80	384.73	422.88	367.27	409.64	415.05
Steel	62.98	57.99	60.94	60.91	66.87	63.84	65.45	63.12
Aluminium	52.79	57.34	68.16	57.94	64.30	57.27	59.02	53.31
HDPE natural	43.93	57.37	55.58	56.63	53.20	51.12	48.57	44.60
HDPE mixed colour	18.83	24.59	23.82	24.27	22.80	21.91	20.81	19.12
PET natural	56.48	73.76	71.46	72.81	68.40	65.72	62.44	57.35
PET mixed colour	6.28	8.20	7.94	8.09	7.60	7.30	6.94	6.37
Low grade mixed plastics	59.36	80.88	79.70	75.86	77.12	66.98	70.25	61.86
Pots, tubs and trays	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LDPE/plastic film	22.96	35.32	26.02	32.78	26.43	25.40	29.89	34.96
Liquid Cartons	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MRF Glass	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.50
Non-target materials	62.75	70.77	72.49	88.12	88.98	97.42	95.40	81.50
Non-recyclable materials	168.87	193.28	180.37	182.40	196.12	211.21	199.71	319.54
Hazardous waste	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	1400.69	1661.76	1488.28	1515.72	1624.08	1489.36	1583.76	1592.58

Monthly Tonnage	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23
Glass (separate collection)	471.36	585.24	580.96	471.06	532.32	513.86	439.60	470.28

If tonnages are estimated rather than measured, please indicate the method of estimation.

Response: Tonnages from mixed dry recyclable are calculated from mandatory (MRF) input sampling carried out in accordance with regulations, i.e. total MRF inputs (Tonnes) x sampling data split across categories (%).

Please note: additional categories were added to our reporting in April 2025 (plastic pots, tubs and trays AND liquid cartons) – hence these rows are highlighted grey for 2022-24. Separate glass figures are reported actual.

Can you indicate whether these were collected separately or as part of a co-mingled waste stream. Where possible, can you provide an estimate of the PET plastic content.

Response: As above, co-mingled with a separate glass collection service – PET figures can be ascertained from above table (#2).

### 3. Contamination and Waste Treatment Outcomes 2021/22 to 2023/2024

Please can you provide annual contamination rates (gross tonnage and percentage) for plastic bottles, other plastics, dry mixed recycling, and aluminium cans between 2021/22 and 2023/2024 by contractor/facility. If tonnages are estimated rather than measured, please indicate the method of estimation.

Please also provide the total annual amount (gross and %) of:

- Plastic waste recycled vs. incinerated;
- Aluminium waste recycled vs. incinerated;
- All council-collected waste recycled vs. incinerated.

Response: Percentage contamination of comingled mixed dry recyclable waste stream is as follows (calculated by summing the following categories - Non-target materials / Non-recyclable materials / Hazardous waste in the tables above (#2) and dividing by the total. This is a contractual calculation – technically non target materials are recyclable. For gross tonnage see tables above (#2). For the period in question the MRF used (at the time) was Shotton, Deeside, which is/was a third party facility provided under a contract between Suez and the operator.

We cannot specify contamination rates for the specific categories requests.

Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22
7.38%	7.47%	11.54%	15.80%	11.57%	12.78%	12.54%	13.29%	15.57%	15.19%	13.51%
Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23
14.68%	15.10%	15.30%	16.04%	13.28%	16.31%	13.77%	16.19%	14.16%	15.03%	14.76%
Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24
16.54%	15.89%	16.99%	17.85%	17.56%	20.72%	18.63%	25.18%	27.95%	20.36%	19.49%

### 4. Kerbside and Non Kerbside collections

Please describe your role in kerbside and non-kerbside waste and recycling collections.

For kerbside collections, please include:

- Whether materials (e.g. plastics, aluminium) are collected separately or co-mingled;

Response: Comingled

- Frequency and method of collection;

Response: Fortnightly domestic collections, commercial collections at frequencies requested by service users.

- Any recent or planned changes in response to DRS or EPR;

Response: Expansion of mixed dry recyclables targeted for collection (domestic and commercial) to include plastic pots, tubs and trays AND liquid cartons from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2025.

- If on-the-go (public space) bins are part of the system, please include them in your description and identify them separately.

For non-kerbside collections (e.g. street bins or bins in public buildings), include:

- Whether separate contracts exist;

Response: No / see above.

- Materials collected, including plastic and aluminium;

Response: Street bins are general litter and refuse only. Recycling from council building is combined in figures above (#2)

- Volumes (2021/2022 – 2023/2024), with percentages and volumes for plastics and aluminium;  
See #2.

Contract terms and fees structures with contractors.

If tonnages are estimated, please state the method used.

Response: See above.

## **5. DRS and EPR Preparations**

Please can you provide details of any work undertaken in preparation for the Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) and the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). This may include infrastructure investments, installation of reverse vending machines, operational changes, pilot projects, modelling, or public engagement activities.

Response: See #4.

I hope you find this information beneficial, further information may be obtained from [www.wastedataflow.org](http://www.wastedataflow.org)

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