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## Request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information from your council:

1) How much money is spent by the council, or by contracted caterers, on disposable plastic-lined coffee cups, and how much did these purchases cost? I would like this information broken down by year for the past three financial years (2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17).

The Council does not hold a breakdown of spend per product.

2) How much money is spent by the council, or by contracted caterers, on disposable plastic cutlery, and how much did these purchases cost? I would like this information broken down by year for the past three financial years (2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17).

The Council does not hold a breakdown of spend per product.

3) Does the council intend to continue purchasing disposable coffee cups and plastic cutlery?

The Council is reviewing options for take-away coffee at a number of its self operated outlets. With regard to plastic cutlery – in catering outlets operated by the Council, plastic cutlery is only used for take-away food and staff are encouraged to use their own cutlery where possible. The Council is investigating the option of a more bio-degradable product made of wood.

4) Does the council have recycling facilities in its district that have the capability to recycle the specific coffee cups and plastic cutlery purchased?

No.

In relation to all of the above questions, the Council does not hold information in relation to contract caterers.

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