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Request and Response

- 1) The amount spent by the local authority on litter picking.

Since 2014 Rother District Council have been party to a joint waste collection and street cleansing contract with 3 other district and borough councils in East Sussex. The payment mechanism for street cleansing does not allow manual litter picking activity to be identified separately from mechanical sweeping activity so it is not possible to accurately identify the amount spent by Rother on litter picking.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to accurately estimate the proportion of time spent litter picking in comparison to other cleansing duties so it is not possible to estimate the cost of manual litter picking separately from mechanical and other manual activities.

- 2) The number of staff employed to pick litter.

Since 2014 Rother District Council have been party to a joint waste collection and street cleansing contract with 3 other district and borough councils in East Sussex. The staff resources provided by the contractor (including manual street cleansing operatives with litter picking duties) work across borough boundaries and it is not possible to accurately identify the number of staff employed only to pick litter in Rother.

On the basis that half the street cleansing staff based at the shared depot pick litter at some point in the course of their duties when deployed in the Rother area, it is estimated that 14 staff pick litter. For clarity, the effect of additional staff employed during the summer season means that circa 8 full time equivalent staff are employed to pick litter as well as other cleansing duties.

- 3) The number of public litter bins in the local authority area.

In 2015 the number of litter bins in Rother was 539

In 2016 the number of litter bins in Rother was 540

In 2017 the number of litter bins in Rother was 542