BARNSLEY
Metropolitan Borough Council

My Ref: FOI/4458
Your Ref:
Date: 27/05/2025
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

Your questions and my findings are as follows:-

I wish to make a freedom of information request to know how much scrap metal the council disposed of between the year 6th April 2024 and 5th April 2025. The grades of metal, the weights of each grade and how much money was raised by the sale or how much money was paid to dispose of the scrap metal, and where any money was raised was used.

Scrap metal is collected by Barnsley Council through two main streams; Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC – household tip) and via a skip collection in within a Council depot. Scrap metal from the tips are domestic in nature. Metal in the depot generally relates to works carried out by or on behalf of the Council for their statutory functions. Please note the data presented below does not include works carried out by any associated companies, such as Berneslai Homes, nor does not include items such as white goods or electricals.

We do not always hold information regarding the grade of metals as this is usually comingled. Where segregation is possible, this information has been provided for you below.

The council considers that the financial information is exempt under Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as release would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person, in this case the figures combined with quantities could be used to work out the rates used by the scrap metal dealers the council uses and give their competitors and unfair advantage in any potential sales and/or tenders.

Please see table below with detailed information regarding scrap metal processed on behalf of the Council:

Source: Council depot 2024 - 2025	
Quarter year	Scrap metal (comingled) tonnes

Apr – June 24	17.14
July – Sept 24	22.12
Oct – Dec 24	13.39
Jan – March 25	20.1
TOTAL	**72.75**

Source: HWRC 2024 - 2025		
Quarter year	**Ferrous metal (tonnes)**	**Non-ferrous (tonnes)**
Apr – June 24	185.25	3.23
July – Sept 24	184.67	3.03
Oct – Dec 24	131.15	3.37
Jan – March 25	169.71	3.97
TOTAL	**670.78**	**13.6**

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests via email.

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If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

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Information Requests Team
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Barnsley
S70 9GG
email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: -

Customer Services Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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