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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: EIR-17-0084 - Garden Waste
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request of 16 January 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide me with full answers to each of the following questions:

1. Does your council charge to collect garden waste? If the answer is no, you may disregard the remaining questions

No.

2. What is the charge – is it one-off or annual?

Not applicable.

3. How much money has been received for garden waste charges in each of the past three years – 2014, 2015 and 2016?

Zero.

4. How many households are currently paying for garden waste collection?

None.

5. Do you also charge for supply of garden waste bins?

No.

If so, how much?

Not applicable.

6. What is the total amount of money you have received for the supply of garden waste bins in each of the past three years – 2014, 2015 and 2016?

Zero.

7. What is the overall annual cost to the council of garden waste collection, taking into account the income from households and the price of disposing of it and any money made from selling it ie overall £10billion surplus, 50p loss etc

We do not have an accurate figure for this as the garden waste service is part of the overall waste and recycling service and is not costed separately. It would not give the full picture to provide this figure in isolation in any case, because if this material was not collected separately much of it would be collected via the general refuse collection and would incur collection and disposal costs in any case.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **the overall annual cost to the council of garden waste collection** as it is not held by the Council. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Regulation 10(4)(a) - Information Not Held - of the EIRs, ACC hereby gives

notice that this information is not held by it. ACC is required by Regulation 10(1)(b) of the EIRs to inform you as to why in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining this exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing this information to you. ACC is satisfied that it does not hold this information and considers that, as there is no information held, the public interest lies with the exception.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Webster
Information Compliance Officer

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

As the information which you requested is environmental information, as defined under Regulation 2(1) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs), ACC considered that it was exempt from release through FOISA, and must therefore give you notice that we are refusing your request under Section 39(2) of FOISA (Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002). However, you have a separate right to access the information which you have requested under Regulation 5 of the EIRs, under which ACC has handled your request. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under the EIRs.

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