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Dear [REDACTED]

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 25 February 2026 which sought the following information:

1. Can DAERA please confirm what the £2.6 million covered that was issued to Antrim & Newtownabbey to transform recycling system in the council area.
2. Can DAERA please confirm were they consulted and approved the size of the Bryson Boxes and 5 year guarantee, which is used as part of the new improved Recycling scheme in the council area.

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds some of the information you requested which is attached below:

1. Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council applied to DAERA's Household Waste Recycling Collaborative Change Programme (HWRCCP) to introduce a

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wheelie box waste household collection system in the Antrim area. On 10 July 2024, the Department awarded grant funding of £2,610,255, which represents up to 50% of the total project costs of £5,220,510. The funding provided has assisted the Council to purchase 16 bespoke kerbside sort vehicles, 24,000 180L black bins, 24,000 wheelie boxes, costs associated with the distribution and swap of bins and wheelie boxes, an Education & Awareness Programme, project management costs and storage costs.

2. It is the responsibility of the Council to control local authority collected municipal waste under Articles 20 and 21 of [The Waste and Contaminated Land \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1997](#). This Order allows individual Councils to decide on the preferred household waste collection mechanisms. Procurement is a matter for the Council and should you have any queries on this matter they should be raised with the Council directly.

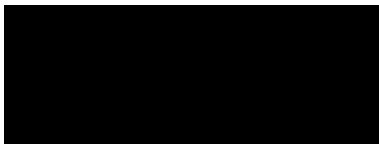
If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department.

If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE, SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,



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