

DHD: 0850224

15 February 2024

Dear

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act (2002).

I now respond to your request as follows:

“Litter volume and composition

- 1. Do you regularly record a breakdown of litter tonnage by component materials? If you don't separate data in this way, do you estimate the composition of litter?*
- 2. Do you regularly record a breakdown of the litter materials that go into residual waste and recycling?*

Data that informs litter management

- 3. Do you collect litter on the ground data for all your land types? Do you collect footfall data for different land types? If yes, how do you collect this and what proportion do you collect it for?*
- 4. Do you overlay weather data with litter on the ground data?*
- 5. Do you collect data on any other variables that might explain changes in littering? If yes, what other data do you collect?*

Litter prevention activities

- 6. Have you carried out any litter prevention activities or interventions in the last three financial years (these could include – educational signage, campus activities, binrastructure, improved surveillance, strategic landscaping)? If yes, please list and describe the factors that informed the intervention's design.*
- 7. Did you work with any internal or external partners when planning litter prevention activities or interventions? If yes, please list these partners.*
- 8. Have you collected data on the impact and/or effectiveness of these litter prevention interventions? What measures of impact and/or effectiveness did you use?”*

I have liaised with the College Environmental Sustainability Manager and the Senior Estates and Facilities Coordinator in relation to your request and can confirm that the College is provided with reports from our Waste Management company on a monthly and annual basis.

These reports detail the tonnage per campus and the segregation of general waste, building material, food waste and recycling.

The Environmental Sustainability Manager has led litter picks with learners across the curriculum; estimated 4 – 5 litter picks annually across all three campuses. Community stakeholders are also invited to participate, and the College works closely with Glasgow City Council to organise equipment and refuse pick up.

The College's Waste Management partner also provides training sessions on areas such as recycling with learners and our contracted cleaning staff and provides best practice advice on how to best prevent litter and improper recycling on our campuses.

I trust the above response meets your request for information.

Should you be unhappy with the College's response you may seek a review, by writing to Derek Smeall, Principal. Your grounds for seeking a review should be included in your request.

I also wish to advise you that the Scottish Information Commissioner has launched an online appeals service via their website – the link is as follows:

www.itspublicknowledge.info/appeal.

Other contact information for the Scottish Information Commissioner is listed below:

Tel: 01334 464610

Email: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

Thank you for your interest in the College.

Yours sincerely

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