55597 Landfill and Recycling

I would appreciate if you could provide updated:

The annual cost of waste for the council, broken down by year 2014-2024, and broken down by a) landfill and b) recycling.

Please refer to the tables below.

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Landfill	£14,166,198.72	£13,965,820.22	£14,882,703.10	£16,293,170.11	£9,728,246.92
Recycling	£5,689,864.16	£5,574,310.65	£4,166,164.45	£2,827,256.65	£2,476,262.41

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Landfill	£360,193.45	£169,296.00	£119,013.00	£119,013.00	£109,170.00
Recycling	£3,252,212.74	£3,986,626.80	£2,756,944.67	£2,540,588.82	£1,430,547.64

Please Note:

In 2019/20, the City of Edinburgh Council moved to disposing of its Residual Waste via 'Energy From Waste' disposal rather than landfill, leading to the decrease in the landfill figures.

The percentage of waste that is landfill and percentage that is recycling.

Please refer to the table below.

YEAR	%	%	
	Landfill	Recycling	
2014/15	57.8	39.1	
2015/16	52	42	
2016/17	55	43	
2017/18	54.9	42.6	
2018/19	39.5	41.1	
2019/20	1.4	41.1	
2020/21	2.1	39.6	
2021/22	2.8	42.7	
2022/23	2.1	40.7	
2023/24	2.05	40.9	

The percentage of recycling that is a) glass, b) plastics, c) food and garden waste and d) other, including paper and card.

Please refer to the table below.

YEAR	% Glass	% Plastics	% Food	% Other
2014/15	4.8	1	2.6	91.6
2015/16	5	1.4	4	89.6
2016/17	5.2	1.7	4.4	88.7
2017/18	4.9	1.9	4.6	88.6
2018/19	5.1	1.6	4.4	88.9
2019/20	5	1.3	4.7	89
2020/21	6.4	1.3	5.2	87.1
2021/22	6.1	1.2	4.9	87.8
2022/23	5.5	1.4	5	88.1
2023/24	5.1	1.4	4.6	88.9

The amount of waste in weight/volume that is sent outwith the local authority area, and its destination.

In 2024/25 - 6,293 tonnes were sent to sites in Edinburgh and 203,116 tonnes were sent to sites in the Central Belt. The majority of these sites are in the Lothians, close to the City of Edinburgh boundary. This has not largely changed over the period requested.