

Questions by Members under Notice

By Councillor D Jacobs to Councillor Mrs D Collins, Leader of the Council

(a) Waste Service Strategy

The County Council has offered funding (both revenue and capital) to waste collection authorities, in order to achieve high recycling (including food waste) required by the Strategy; the offers of funding were made by the County Council on a number of criteria, including value for money, recycling performance improvements and Strategy compatibility; it can be seen from the table below that revenue funding per head of population varies from £3.66 in Epping Forest District (the lowest) to £7.32 (**double**) in Chelmsford and £7.44 Harlow, the highest; on a pro rata basis Epping Forest District would achieve another £200,000 per annum. In the circumstances does this administration feel that the District has been treated equitably given that these allocations (being revenue) will be repeated on an annual basis?

Est. pop.	Collection Authority	Funding allocation	Pro rata (head pop)	Funding per head £	Recycling rate 2007/08
169,900	Basildon	832 (000)	896 (000)	4.90	32.23
142,400	Braintree	600	751	4.21	42.79
71,300	Brentwood	379	376	5.32	41.20
88,800	Castle Point	550	468	6.19	27.07
164,000	Chelmsford	1200	865	7.32	35.37
123,000	Epping Forest	450	648	3.66	41.67
78,000	Harlow	580	411	7.44	23.88
62,700	Maldon	330	330	5.26	34.89
81,200	Rochford	390	428	4.80	19.39
147,700	Tendring	575	779	3.89	26.90
71,000	Uttlesford	440	374	6.20	54.26
	Colchester – not yet allocated				
1,200,000		6,326	6,326	5.27 av	34.52 av