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Dear

ATISN 20148 Incinerator Contracts Information requested.

Thank you for your request which I received on 30/01/2024. You asked for information about local authorities and incineration contracts.

You asked several specific questions as outlined below: -

- a. How many of Wales's local authorities have contracts for incineration of their municipal waste?
- b. Of these, how many of these authorities have shared ownership or investment in incinerator plants?
- c. Of these, how many years are remaining on their incineration contracts – please could we have a list of the councils and the number of years?
- d. Of these, what is the spend on incineration by local authority for the last 5 years?

We can confirm the following information.

1a) The Stats Wales website shows which authorities have managed waste using incineration: <https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Environment-and-Countryside/Waste-Management/Local-Authority-Municipal-Waste/annualwastemanagement-by-management-year>. However, the Welsh Government does not hold information on the current specific contracts for incineration put in place by all local authorities in Wales. A table showing contracts supported under the WG's Residual Waste Infrastructure Procurement Programme is provided below.

1b) The Welsh Government does not hold up to date information on all contracts for incineration put in place, or invested in, by all local authorities in Wales. We are aware of three Public-Private Partnership contracts, over two facilities (see the answer to 1c) involving Welsh local authorities and incineration services which could be considered to be captured by the description 'shared ownership or investment'.

1c) Of the local authority contracts for incineration where the WG holds this information, please see the table below regarding contract expiry timescales.

Contract	Authorities	Contract Expiry
NWRWTP (relating to the Parc Adfer plant)	Flintshire Denbighshire Conwy Gwynedd Anglesey	2041
Prosiect Gwyrdd (relating to the Trident Park plant)	Cardiff Newport Monmouthshire Caerphilly Vale of Glamorgan	2041
Tomorrow's Valley (relating to the Trident Park plant)	RCT Merthyr Blaenau Gwent Torfaen	2041

1d) The Welsh Government does not hold specific information on the spend on incineration by local authority for the last 5 years. However, information on Welsh local authority residual waste treatment costs is published on the Welsh Local Government Association's website, please see the following link:

<https://www.wlga.wales/waste-finance-project>

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Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

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However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely