**Freedom of Information Act / Environmental Information Regulations Request**

Reference: ECC14453120 03 23  
Response: 21 March 2023

**Question 1****. Please provide the date that the Essex re-cycling centre booking system trial will end.**

I can confirm that Essex County Council does not hold this information.

The trial is scheduled for up to 9 months during which a decision on its future will be taken.

ECC has committed to consulting with users and residents as part of any decision taken on the future of a booking system at the recycling centres.

The trial will be fully evaluated in Autumn 2023. If the evaluation suggests that the introduction of a permanent booking system is under positive consideration, the council will launch a consultation to gather resident views. Any permanent proposals following the outcome of the evaluation and consultation will be subject to a separate decision.

The project will be discussed with Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee in March 2023, and we expect to further engage with Scrutiny later this year.

**Question 2. Also, what information the council will use at the end of the trail to decide whether to implement permanently.**

Your question does not relate to recorded information held by Essex County Council. We can only provide recorded information that is held by a public authority; this includes printed documents, computer files, letters, emails, photographs, and sound or video recordings.  We are not required to answer questions or provide access to opinions or comments unless they are held in a recorded form.  There is no requirement to create new information to satisfy a request. We are therefore unable to provide a response to this element of your request.

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