

18 July 2018
Our ref: 4596396

Thank you for your request received on 16 July 2018, for the following information:

**Please arrange for someone to send me a copy of the draft report completed by Grant Thornton
Although this will not be in time for the Audit committee which starts in an hour or so , nevertheless, please could you make sure I can read the draft prior to the 19th July meeting.**

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds the information you requested.

However, we believe that the exemptions detailed below apply to some/all the information you requested and so we are withholding that information. Please see the Refusal Notice below.

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We consider that the qualified exemption set out in Section 22 subsection 2 (Information intended for future publication) applies to the information requested. Therefore, we have decided to withhold the information.

The report is currently in draft form and the information will be published once it has been finalised. Please see:

<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s47427/Report%20of%20the%20Chief%20Executive.pdf>

In applying this exemption, we have had to balance the public interest in withholding the information against the interest in favour of disclosure.

Factors in favour of disclosure

- Promoting public awareness of issues of the day
- Democratic accountability and transparency
- Legitimate public interest in the contents of the report

Factors in favour of withholding

- Releasing information in a confusing ad hoc way
- Duplication of effort
- The draft report is not ready to be released. It is intended for publication as soon as it is finalised.

In all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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