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London Borough of Barnet,
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Our ref: 5424729

Thank you for your request received on 27 June 2019, for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act please can you provide me with the following information -

Does the council run a carbon offset fund?

Since October 2016 which specific projects and schemes has the fund invested in? Please specify the amount invested in each project/scheme.

Who verifies the projects and the amount of carbon that it can offset?

Has the local authority agreed with any developers (please name developer and/or project) that they can directly fund an offsetting measure rather than paying into the local fund? If so what were the projects that it was agreed the developer could fund and how much was the investment?

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

Does the council run a carbon offset fund?

The Council is in the process of establishing a carbon offset fund.

Since October 2016 which specific projects and schemes has the fund invested in? Please specify the amount invested in each project/scheme.

None

Who verifies the projects and the amount of carbon that it can offset?

The Council does not currently have an official post to verify the Energy Statements and Carbon Offset amounts. Individual Development Management Officers check the amounts of carbon.

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The Council works with individual developers on major development to offset as much of their carbon as possible within their individual developments. If developers are unable to offset their carbon within their development they will pay a carbon offset contribution calculated using the Mayor of London carbon price and offset calculation. This is agreed within the s106. No Carbon Offset Funds have been received by the Council.

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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