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Our ref: 5451829

Thank you for your request received on 9 July 2019, for the following information:

I am aware that some local authorities offer residents a discount for paying their residential council tax in one single lump sum, rather than than in installments.

Under the FOIA, I would like to know a) if you offer a discount for residents that pay their council tax in one single lump sum.

If the answer the above question a) is yes, then I'd like to know b) how much this discount is c) when you introduced this discount, if known. I would also like to know d) In each of the past three tax years, how many households who paid council tax have chosen to pay by one lump sum. Can I have the total number of households that paid council tax for context?

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answer to your question is below:

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Barnet Council does not offer any discount for residents who pay in one single lump sum.

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/>

Advice and Assistance : Direct Marketing

If you are a company that intends to use the names and contact details of council officers (or other officers) provided in this response for direct marketing, you need to be registered with the Information Commissioner to process personal data for this purpose. You must also check that the individual (whom you wish to contact for direct marketing purposes) is not registered with one of the Preference Services to prevent Direct Marketing. If they are you must adhere to this preference.

You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link www.ico.org.uk

For the avoidance of doubt the provision of council (and other) officer names and contact details under FOI does not give consent to receive direct marketing via any media and expressly does not constitute a 'soft opt-in' under PECR.

Your rights

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review within the next 40 working days by writing to the Information Management Team at: foi@barnet.gov.uk. Or by post to Information Management Team (FOI) London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

If, having exhausted our review procedure, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you will have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website www.ico.org.uk). There is no charge for making an appeal.