

27 August 2019
Our ref: 5550080

Thank you for your request received on 13 August 2019, for the following information:

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Information is taken to mean any and all evidence examined, benchmarking data (by protected characteristic or generally used demographics), Local Stakeholders/Stakeholder groups , equality experts consulted.

Please also supply his, or any other officer's, recommendations on reasonable adjustments

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. We have checked with the Monitoring Officer who confirms that all the information held has been published except where an exemption applies.

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 absolute exemption set out in Section 21 (Information accessible by other means) applies to the information requested because the information requested is already reasonably accessible elsewhere.

An email from David Tatlow, the Monitoring Officer 13 May 2019 15:18 to Cllr MelvinCohen and Cllr Daniel Thomas is also attached.

Please see below to a link to a previous requests under the Freedom of Information Act regarding information shared between the Monitoring Officer and Members about the Constitution and General Purposes paper on public participation.

- <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/foi-requests/5419930>
- <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/foi-requests/5429129>

Regarding the item which went to Full Council, there is no additional information except that already published within the agenda pack:

- <http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=162&Mld=9952>

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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Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website www.ico.org.uk). There is no charge for making an appeal.