

Assurance Group London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London NW9 4EW 24 September 2019 Our ref: 5563312

Thank you for your request received on 20 August 2019, for the following information:

Please fill in the attached template spreadsheet with answers to the questions listed below.

The questions and question numbers are also included in the template sheet.

Please let me know if you require any clarification.

#### Q1. Leisure & Culture

- a. How many libraries were run and staffed by your council in
- i. 2010/11
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- b. How many libraries, that were once part of your council's statutory provision, were run exclusively by volunteers in
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- Q2. Children's and Youth Services
- a. How many children's centres and family hubs operated by your council were closed in the periods
- i. 2010/11 2014/15
- ii. 2015/16 2018/19
- b. How many youth centres previously operated by your council were closed in the periods
- i. 2010/11 2014/15
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- i. 2010/11
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- b. How many supported bus service routes were partly or completely subsidised by the council in
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I understand that under the legislation responses should be received within 20 working days.

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 area attached.

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Some of the Trading Standards is withheld because it is not held in a reportable format and added to the overall time spent on the request it would exceed 18 hours if it were collated manually by checking every record.

We are refusing that part of your request under section 12 because we estimate that compliance with your request will exceed the "appropriate limit" under section 12. The appropriate limit is £450 which is equivalent to 18 hours at £25 per hour. The per hour figure is set by Regulations rather than actual salary paid to any officers handling requests. The appropriate limit includes the time it will take the council to discover if it holds the information requested, to locate it, extract it and collate it as well as putting it into any particular format requested by the requester.

It would be necessary to manually inspect at all cases in this period which would take 10 minutes per case and the case numbers are over 100 in each year, This will take over 16 hours of officers time. added to the time already spent on the request it would take over 18 hours.

You may wish to resubmit that part of the request for a much shorter time period.

### **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. <a href="http://open.barnet.gov.uk/">http://open.barnet.gov.uk/</a>

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You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link <a href="https://www.ico.org.uk">www.ico.org.uk</a>

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: <a href="mailto:foi@barnet.gov.uk">foi@barnet.gov.uk</a>. 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 <a href="https://www.ico.org.uk">www.ico.org.uk</a>). There is no charge for making an appeal.