

21 October 2019
Our ref: 5656416

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

Dear Freedom of information team at Barnet

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your council. The questions relate to civil penalties against private landlords, introduced with the Housing and Planning Act 2016 for certain offences under the Housing Act 2004.

I am seeking the following information:

In each of the past three years,

- 1. How many 'notices of intent' to impose a financial penalty has your local authority issued to private landlords?**
- 2. Subsequently, how many 'final notices' has your local authority has issued to landlords?**
- 3. How many of these final notices were appealed by landlords?**
- 4. How many of these appeals were successful?**
- 5. How much income did the local authority brought in from these fines?**
- 6. How much money has the local authority spent in legal fees preparing cases to challenge these appeals (total amount regardless of whether the appeal was dropped, upheld or dismissed). Please include equivalent costs for staff time if appropriate.**

If there is any way I can help clarify my request, please let me know and respond to me by email and I can provide assistance.

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

1 How many 'notices of intent' to impose a financial penalty has your local authority issued to private landlords?

2017	2018	2019
0	13	4

2. Subsequently, how many 'final notices' has your local authority has issued to landlords?

2017	2018	2019
0	3	9

3. How many of these final notices were appealed by landlords?

2017	2018	2019
0	0	2

4. How many of these appeals were successful?

2017	2018	2019
n/a	n/a	0*

5. How much income did the local authority brought in from these fines?

2017	2018	2019
0	£ 16,000.00	£ 68,825.00

Plus

* £18,400 currently with tribunal
and subject to appeal

6. How much money has the local authority spent in legal fees preparing cases to challenge these appeals (total amount regardless of whether the appeal was dropped, upheld or dismissed). Please include equivalent costs for staff time if appropriate.

2017	2018	2019
0	0	*

signifies

* case with tribunal

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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