

14 November 2019

Our ref: 5768168

Thank you for your request received on 5 November 2019, for the following information:

**1. Please provide a full breakdown of allowances paid to councillors for the financial years 2017/2018 and 2018/2019**

**2. A full allowance includes, but is not limited to, salary, basic allowance, travel allowance, IT allowance, special responsibility allowance, parking permit allowance, conference expenses and all other payments paid to councillors as an allowance.**

**For clarification, figures should be provided for the allowances covered in Part 2 of the Local Authorities (Members Allowances) Regulations 2003. Co-opted members allowances should be clearly distinguished separately from members of the council.**

**Please format the figures in a way similar to the example provided:**

**<https://www.harlow.gov.uk/sites/harlow-cms/files/files/documents/files/Members%20Allowances%2018-19.pdf>**

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.

However, we consider that the following exemptions apply to some of the information requested. The remaining information is not withheld and is below/attached.

***1. Please provide a full breakdown of allowances paid to councillors for the financial years 2017/2018 and 2018/2019***

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.

Allowances are published at : <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/your-council/councillors-meetings-and-minutes/barnet-councillors-allowances-and-expenses>

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- IT costs are paid for centrally and are not an allowance for the individual member; an

- Members are allowed to claim a borough-wide CPZ permit for use when discharging their duties. It has no specified financial value but is available to them

## **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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