



London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
15 November 2019
Our ref: 5722516

Thank you for your request received on 18 October 2019, for the following information:

Specifically, I would like information on:

- 1. The budget allocated by your local authority on anything regarding 'Brexit' I would like this information broken down by year, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19. If information is not available for 2018/19, I would like it just for 2016/17 and 2017/18**
- 2. I would like the details of how your local authority's budget allocated to anything regarding 'Brexit' broken down by how it has been spent. I would like this information broken down by year, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19. If information is not available for 2018/19, I would like it just for 2016/17 and 2017/18**

I would prefer to receive this information in an Excel spreadsheet.

If the decision is made to withhold some of this data, please inform me of that fact and please provide still data on any questions you can answer.

I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request, and I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Thank you very much for your time. Please feel free to contact me for clarification on any of my requests.

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.

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No specific budget was allocated and there were no specific costs that were incurred in 16/17, 17/18 18/19.

in 2018/19 £19k was spent on officer time; this was funded from government funding for Brexit preparations but I think to be out of scope as not budget, the grant was used for a Strategy Officer who supported coordination of information from across the council and partners to enable the council to understand and mitigate potential impacts.

There were other costs in staff time but that we don't hold information quantifying these as this was work undertaken by LB Barnet Officers in addition to their substantive duties.

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.

A report titled 'Brexit Preparedness', was presented to Policy and Resources Committee on 3rd October which provides the information you have requested. This can be accessed via the following link:

Policy and Resources Committee, 27 June 2017

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s40458/Monitoring%20the%20impact%20of%20Brexit.pdf>

Policy and Resources Committee 3 October 2019

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s55368/Brexit%20Preparedness.pdf>

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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