



London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
15 November 2019
Our ref: 5746272

Thank you for your request received on 26 October 2019, for the following information:

Please could you confirm if your council used 1st April 2019 as the cut-off point for creating / distributing the 2018 / 2019 allocation of funds under the government's 2017 Discretionary (REVALUATION) Business Rates Relief Scheme ? If you did please can you confirm the amounts you were able to allocate to your local businesses in your area and how much, if any, remained unspent ? We would be grateful for exact figures.

If you used 30th September 2019 as the deadline, please confirm, and also then clarify how much you have allocated (and how much remains unspent) as at today's date. It would be appreciated if you could clearly state which date your figures relate to.

If you wish to publish any part of this note and your answers, as if a FOI request, to save you repeating the answers following potential future requests, please feel free to do so. We will treat your reply as public information.

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 are below

I can confirm that the total amount of Revaluation Support awarded by the London Borough of Barnet for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 is £630,299.63.

I can advise that funds for this relief were not unspent, as the Council has been allocated £2,300,000.00 to apply the relief for the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2021. Therefore, distributions for the relief do not currently have a set deadline date.

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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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 www.ico.org.uk). There is no charge for making an appeal.