

6 February 2020
Our ref: 6021696

Thank you for your request received on 24 January 2020, for the following information:

All questions and answers to be provided on the attached excel spreadsheet.

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This questionnaire is designed to be quick and easy to complete with multiple choice answers and should be treated by your organisation as a Freedom of Information request and responded to within 20 days.

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 attached.

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Information Attached.

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.

More information is published by the council in the Annual Procurement Forward Plan 2020/21 a link to this report is below:

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s56939/Annual%20Procurement%20Forward%20Plan%20APFP%2020202021.pdf>

Appendix

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s56940/Appendix%201%20Annual%20Procurement%20Forward%20Plan%20202021.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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