



London Borough of Barnet,
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Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
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Our ref: 6040288

Thank you for your request received on 4 February 2020, for the following information:

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please send me:

- 1. How much of the Council's pension fund is invested into oil, gas, coal and mining companies? Can I get this as a real figure and as a percentage of the total pension pot.**
- 2. Which oil, gas, coal and mining companies received investments of more than £500,000 from the Council?**

I would like the above information to be provided to me as electronic copies. If this request is too wide or unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me as I understand that under the Act, you are required to advise and assist requesters. If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs if necessary. If the release of any of this information is prohibited on the grounds of breach of confidence, I ask that you supply me with copies of the confidentiality agreement and remind you that information should not be treated as confidential if such an agreement has not been signed. I understand that you are required to respond to my request within the 20 working days after you receive this letter. I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request.

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

1. How much of the Council's pension fund is invested into oil, gas, coal and mining companies? Can I get this as a real figure and as a percentage of the total pension pot.

The information we hold is shown in the attached spreadsheet. Please note funds highlighted in yellow are funds where we don't have a breakdown of the companies invested in, and therefore cannot give a percentage.

2. Which oil, gas, coal and mining companies received investments of more than £500,000 from the Council?

The Pension Fund does not directly invest in any companies, rather in funds which then invest in different companies. All decisions in which companies and asset types to invest in are made by the fund manager, and not the Pension Fund. For the funds where we have the breakdown of companies invested in none of the investments equate to more than £500,000.

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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For the avoidance of doubt the provision of council (and other) officer names and contact details under FOI does not give consent to receive direct marketing via any media and expressly does not constitute a 'soft opt-in' under PECR.

Your rights

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review within the next 40 working days by writing to the Information Management Team at: foi@barnet.gov.uk. Or by post to Information Management Team (FOI) London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

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.