

6 February 2020

Our ref: 5948364

Thank you for your request received on 10 January 2020, for the following information:

Please could you supply the answers to the following three questions relating to pothole compensation claims:

1. How much money overall has been paid out by the London Borough of Barnet in compensation as a result of claims (whether or not liability was accepted) relating to potholes involving (a) cyclists and (b) motorists in each of the last five financial years: 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19?

Please provide the responses for each year separately.

2. How many individual (a) cyclists and (b) motorists have received compensation as a result of legal claims relating to potholes in each of the last five financial years: 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19?

Please provide the responses for each year separately.

3. What is the London Borough of Barnet's total expenditure on legal costs defending and settling legal claims, including both their own and the Claimants' legal costs, for pothole related claims in each of the last five financial years: 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19?

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

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Year	(a) Cyclists	(b) Motorists
14/15	£2,999.01	£101,762.18
15/16	£144.99	£41,406.35
16/17	£15,753.83	£33,929.96
17/18	£7,570.99	£84,742.00

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Year	(a) Cyclists	(b) Motorists
14/15	4 individuals	88 individuals
15/16	2 individuals	71 individuals
16/17	1 individual	27 individual
17/18	2 individuals	145 individuals
18/19	0 individuals	70 individuals

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Year	Costs
14/15	£19,456.19
15/16	£1,540.00
16/17	£2772.00
17/18	£10,114.50
18/19	0

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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