



4 March 2020
Our ref: 6127388

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to know the following:

- * The number of Court Summons Barnet Council has issued for non-payment of Council Tax**
- * The value of additional revenue recovered by Barnet Council from issuing Court Summons for non-payment of Council Tax**

I would like the data broken down for each of the last five years with a year-end date of December 31 or whichever year-end is most convenient. Please specify which year-end used in your response.

If you cannot provide data for each of the last five years, then please provide data for each of the last three years. If that is not possible, then please provide data for each of the most recent two years.

If it looks as if the work involved in responding to this Freedom of Information Request is going to exceed the time permitted to respond under the Freedom of Information Act, then please contact me as soon as possible to discuss how I can reduce the scope of 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

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14/15 Tax Year	15/16 Tax Year	16/17 Tax Year	17/18 Tax Year	18/19 Tax Year
23,908	30,476	22,848	23,715	23,160
summons	summons	summons	summons	summons

The value of additional revenue recovered by Barnet Council from issuing Court Summons for non-payment of Council Tax

There are no figures available for this foi request as there are many simultaneous recovery stages taking place throughout each council tax year

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/>

Advice and Assistance : Direct Marketing

If you are a company that intends to use the names and contact details of council officers (or other officers) provided in this response for direct marketing, you need to be registered with the Information Commissioner to process personal data for this purpose. You must also check that the individual (whom you wish to contact for direct marketing purposes) is not registered with one of the Preference Services to prevent Direct Marketing. If they are you must adhere to this preference.

You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link www.ico.org.uk

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.