

London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London NW9 4EW 28 February 2020 Our ref: 6097188

Thank you for your request received on 19 February 2020, for the following information:

- 1) What is the size of the council's pension fund in millions or billions of pounds as at February 17 2020 or the latest available date?
- 2) What are the 10 largest investments the pension fund currently has? If any of these is a fund run by an investment company, please name the fund and fund manager in full.
- 3) What is the size of each of these 10 investments individually in £s?
- 4) What size does this make each holding as a percentage of the entire pension fund?
- 5) How many investment funds does the council's pension fund hold in total? Please state which type of fund each holding is (such as unit trusts, openended investment company, investment trust, hedge fund), the name of the fund management company and, if known, the name of the individual fund manager (e.g. Neil Woodford, Richard Buxton).
- 6) What percentage do the investment funds identified in question 5 equate to as a proportion of the entire pension fund? Please provide a figure for each investment fund as well as a total figure for the investment funds together.
- 7) Please state the performance of each investment fund holding (e.g. unit trust, oeic, investment trust, hedge fund) over the following periods to February 17 2020:
- 1 year
- 3 years
- 5 years
- Since investment was made (please state the date the investment was made)

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 believe that the exemptions detailed below apply to some/all the information you requested and so we are withholding that information. Please see the Refusal Notice below.

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.

The information is available to the public as at 31 December 2019. We only draw up valuations on a quarterly basis. Direct the request to the papers of the Pension Fund Committee 13 February 2020, a link to the public site containing Pension Fund Committee information can be found here

https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeId=191.

## **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. <a href="http://open.barnet.gov.uk/">http://open.barnet.gov.uk/</a>

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You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link <a href="https://www.ico.org.uk">www.ico.org.uk</a>

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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 <a href="https://www.ico.org.uk">www.ico.org.uk</a>). There is no charge for making an appeal.