

4 March 2020
Our ref: 6082588

Thank you for your request received on 11 February 2020, for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) I request the following information.

- 1. Has your council passed a motion mandating the council area to go net-zero carbon by a given target date?**
- 2. If the answer to 1) is 'yes', what is the target date?**
- 3. If the answer to 1) is 'yes', has your council produced an action plan of how to get the area to net zero carbon by the target date? Please provide a link to the plan if it is publicly available.**

Please note that this request is in reference to going net-zero carbon across the council's area, not just the council's own operations.

I am happy to receive this information by email.

We have processed this request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

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“Barnet Council has committed itself to a multi-faceted approach to improving environmental factors around the borough. Although not specifically committed to a particular date, Council passed a motion on 30 July 2019 recognising that Parliament has agreed a motion declaring an environment and climate emergency.

Council noted that the same environmental challenges that are faced by the UK are also faced in Barnet; therefore the Council's commitment to remain a green and

pleasant borough goes hand-in-hand with the Council's commitment to fighting climate change and pollution. Details of the full motion can be found here:

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=28972>

Following the publication of various statutory documents such as a revised 'Draft Local Plan' and non-statutory plans / strategies like a new Long Term Transport Strategy', that put new and revised policy and targets in place to help address environmental concerns. Officers are currently preparing a report on behalf of Members that will recommend the development of a specific Environment Policy and associated action plan to draw together existing environmental policies and targets with a way forward that will see an action plan to address any gaps and further steps required.

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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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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.