



London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
18 March 2020
Our ref: 6175888

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

Please can you send me a list of the Local Authority Trading Companies (LATCs) that the London Borough of Barnet currently own.

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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RE (Regional Enterprise) Limited

RE (Regional Enterprise) Limited, or Re, is a Joint Venture between London Borough of Barnet and Capita plc. Re will provide development and regulatory services (DRS) to residents in Barnet and the South East. The company was formed in October 2013 to enable the council to benefit financially from the profits anticipated from the commercial opportunity that the partners have identified, as it has a 49% stake in the business.

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/council-and-democracy/re-regionalenterprise-limited>

BXS Limited Partnership

BXS LP has been setup as a joint venture between the London Borough of Barnet and Argent related to manage the delivery of the Brent Cross South element of the Brent Cross Cricklewood Regeneration scheme. The joint venture ensures the protection of Barnet's interests in delivering a scheme that represents value for money for the Councils land contributions, and ensures the wider aspirations of the councils objectives are met in delivering the regeneration of the area.

Hillgreen Homes Ltd, which isn't operating at the moment but has been registered with Companies House as out Wholly Owned Housing Development company.

The Barnet Group

The Barnet Group is a Local Authority Trading Company that is wholly owned by the London Borough of Barnet. It was formed in 2012 as a parent to:

- Barnet Homes – an Arms-Length Management Organisation (ALMO) established in 2004 to manage approximately 15,000 council-owned properties within Barnet. In 2012 the council's Homelessness service also transferred to Barnet Homes, which now discharges the statutory homeless duty.
- Your Choice (Barnet) – an adult social care company formed in 2012 to receive the transfer of Adult Social Care services from the council.
- TBG Flex – an employment company formed in 2015 to employ and supply new employees within The Barnet Group.
- TBG Open Door ('Opendoor Homes') – a housing association that is a subsidiary of Barnet Homes. It was registered with the then Homes and Communities Agency as a private registered provider in April 2017, and is developing new properties within Barnet.
- Bumblebee Lettings – an online private lettings service in Barnet and the surrounding areas, launched in May 2018.

More details at <http://thebarnetgroup.org/about-us>

Further information

Housing services (including homelessness, allocations, housing repairs and so forth) are provided by Barnet Homes which is an Arm's Length Management Organisation (ALMO) that manages the council's housing stock and associated services on the council's behalf. It is a public authority under Freedom of Information Act 2000 and so you may make a Freedom of Information request to it. Its email contact details are: talk2us@barnethomes.org

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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.