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Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
30 March 2020
Our ref: 6186390

Thank you for your request received on 13 March 2020, for the following information:

I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act. This request has 14 questions, but the first 12 are all straightforward statistical questions, question 13 is a yes/no question and question 14 is essentially a request for a current document.

The council may respond to questions 1 and 2 by referring me to the Department for Education's data release, 'Impact of the high needs NFF', for the relevant years. I have these DfE datasets already; the purpose of questions 1 and 2 is simply to allow for the possibility of councils not accepting the figures in these datasets as correct.

- 1. What was the value of the council's High Needs Block allocation in 2019/20, including basic entitlement factor, import/export adjustments and hospital education funding? This excludes any transfer of funds by the council from other parts of the Dedicated Schools Grant into the High Needs Block (or vice versa).**
- 2. What is the value of the council's High Needs Block allocation in 2020/21, including basic entitlement factor, import/export adjustments and hospital education funding? This excludes any transfer of funds by the council from other parts of the Dedicated Schools Grant into the High Needs Block (or vice versa).**
- 3. What is the monetary value of the council's forecast overspend or underspend (please specify) on its High Needs Block in 2019/20? This is prior to any transfers of money from other parts of the council budget, including other parts of the DSG block.**
- 4. What is the monetary value of the council's currently forecast overspend or underspend (please specify) on its High Needs Block in 2020/21? This is prior to any transfers of money from other parts of the council budget, including other parts of the DSG block.**
- 5. What is the monetary value of the council's forecast overspend or underspend (please specify) on its Dedicated Schools Grant budget in 2019/20? This is after any transfers of money from other parts of the council budget.**
- 6. What is the monetary value of the council's currently forecast overspend or underspend (please specify) on its Dedicated Schools Grant budget in 2020/21? This is after any transfers of money from other parts of the council budget.**

7. What is the monetary value of transfers to the council's High Needs expenditure from other parts of the council's DSG allocation in 2019/20?
 8. What is the monetary value of transfers from the council's High Needs Block allocation to other parts of the council's DSG expenditure in 2019/20?
 9. What is the monetary value of forecast transfers to the council's High Needs expenditure from other parts of the council's DSG allocation in 2020/21?
 10. What is the monetary value of forecast transfers from the council's High Needs Block allocation to other parts of the council's DSG expenditure in 2020/21?
 11. What is the forecast level of the schools reserve at the end of 2019/20?
 12. What is the forecast level of the schools reserve at the end of 2020/21?
 13. Does the council have a deficit recovery plan for the Dedicated Schools Grant or High Needs Block budget?
 14. If the answer to question 13 is 'yes', please provide a copy of the deficit recovery plan (with redactions of any personal information).
- Please respond by email, using the attached spreadsheet (not pdf) for question 1-12.

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

- 1. What was the value of the council's High Needs Block allocation in 2019/20, including basic entitlement factor, import/export adjustments and hospital education funding? This excludes any transfer of funds by the council from other parts of the Dedicated Schools Grant into the High Needs Block (or vice versa).*
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- 4. What is the monetary value of the council's currently forecast overspend or underspend (please specify) on its High Needs Block in 2020/21? This is prior to any transfers of money from other parts of the council budget, including other parts of the DSG block.*
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- 8. What is the monetary value of transfers from the council's High Needs Block allocation to other parts of the council's DSG expenditure in 2019/20?*
- 9. What is the monetary value of forecast transfers to the council's High Needs expenditure from other parts of the council's DSG allocation in 2020/21?*
- 10. What is the monetary value of forecast transfers from the council's High*

Needs Block allocation to other parts of the council's DSG expenditure in 2020/21?

11. What is the forecast level of the schools reserve at the end of 2019/20?

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The council holds the information requested and spreadsheet attached contains answers to **Q1- Q12**

13. Does the council have a deficit recovery plan for the Dedicated Schools Grant or High Needs Block budget?

No

14. If the answer to question 13 is 'yes', please provide a copy of the deficit recovery plan (with redactions of any personal information).

N/A

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.

