

London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London NW9 4EW 22 April 2020 Our ref: 6251089

Thank you for your request received on 15 April 2020, for the following information:

Please can I request the following information:

* HR Manager/Reward and Benefits Manager's name and email address?

* Number of Council staff who are a member of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS)?

* Number of LGPS members who have an Additional Voluntary Contribution (AVC) set up.

* For the LGPS members who have an AVC set up, the total amount of AVCs made in the last month.

* Do the Council offer an AVC through salary sacrifice to LGPS members?

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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The Penisons Manager contact is <u>Mark.Fox@barnet.gov.uk</u>.

As and from 01/11/2020*, the London Borough of Barnet (the administering authority) pensions administration contract will be provided under a shared services agreement with West Yorkshire Pension Fund.

The decision to change administrators was approved by the Policy & Resources Committee on 19 February 2020 and ratified by full Council on 3 March 2020. There are no minutes to these meetings at present.

* At present this is a provisional date but is the date we are aiming for the transition to be completed.

* Number of Council staff who are a member of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS)?

* Number of LGPS members who have an Additional Voluntary Contribution (AVC) set up.

* For the LGPS members who have an AVC set up, the total amount of AVCs made in the last month.

Employees in LGPS Pension scheme 1387 Active Employees with AVC's 27 March 2020 AVC deductions £8,793.09

* Do the Council offer an AVC through salary sacrifice to LGPS members?

There is no salary sacrifice. Employees complete a form and send to payroll if they wish AVC to be deducted directly from their salaries

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. <u>http://open.barnet.gov.uk/</u>

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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.