



London Borough of Barnet,  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale,  
London NW9 4EW  
16 June 2020  
Our ref: 6327652

Thank you for your request received on 18 May 2020, for the following information:

**I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.**

**I would be interested in any information held by the local authority regarding my request. I understand that I do not have to specify particular files or documents and it is the departments responsibility to provide the information I require. If you need further clarification please contact me by email.**

**I would like the information to be emailed to me in electronic form.**

**Please confirm:-**

**1) in the financial year 2019/20 please advise:-**

**I) total number of summons issued in the Magistrates Court for non-payment either in whole or and/or in part of non-domestic (business) rates**

**II) total number of Liability Orders obtained in the Magistrates Court for non-payment either in whole or in part of non-domestic (business) rates.**

**III) total number of referrals made to Enforcement Officers (Bailiffs) to enforce Liability Orders for non-payment either in whole or in part of non-domestic (business) rates.**

**If my request is denied in whole and/or in part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act. I will also expect you to release all non-exempt material. I reserve the right to appeal any decision to withhold information and/or to charge fees from which this request should be exempt.**

**I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request. I look forward to your response within 20 working days as outlined by the statute.**

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

**Response**

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

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**Response**

The Council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below:

1) In relation to the 2019/2020 financial year I can confirm:

I). 1,011 Summons notices were issued

II). 731 Liability Orders were granted

III). 704 cases were referred to the Enforcement Agents

**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 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.org.uk)). There is no charge for making an appeal.