



Assurance Group  
London Borough of Barnet,  
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Our ref: 6354152

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

**1. What are the Council's policies in relation to weed management, use of weedkillers in general and use of glyphosphate weedkillers in particular:**

- in parks and other open-access green spaces;
- in social housing green spaces;
- in school grounds;
- on pavements, in tree pits and on road verges?

**If these policies are published, please could you send me the relevant web addresses.**

**2. Which Council cabinet member/s have responsibility for weed management of these areas as part of their portfolios?**

**3. When are each of these policies due to be reviewed and/or revised?**

**4. Are the services which delivers weed management for the areas described in question 1 delivered "in-house" or are they outsourced? (Please list and record for each service).**

**4a. If the services in question 3 are outsourced, which contractors provide each of the services and what are the durations of the contracts in each case?**

**5. How many complaints did the Council receive in each of financial years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 in relation to weed management and use of weedkillers?**

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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Response – Please see link to the Environment Committee 13/09/2018 - Item 11 – Pesticide Free Barnet (copy of report also attached):

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=695&MId=9477&Ver=4>

***2. Which Council cabinet member/s have responsibility for weed management of these areas as part of their portfolios?***

We don't run a cabinet system but have a committee structure.

Please see link that shows the Membership of the Environment Committee:

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=695>

***3. When are each of these policies due to be reviewed and/or revised?***

Guidance issued by the EU Commission and UK bodies, in relation to the use of pesticides, is regularly monitored and policy will be updated in-line with their recommendations.

***4. Are the services which delivers weed management for the areas described in question 1 delivered "in-house" or are they outsourced? (Please list and record for each service).***

Parks, open spaces and shrub beds are delivered in-house and treatment of the public highway is outsourced.

***4a. If the services in question 3 are outsourced, which contractors provide each of the services and what are the durations of the contracts in each case?***

Treatment of the public highway is delivered by Weedfree Ltd and the duration of the contract is 1 year, 01/04/2020 – 31/03/2021.

***5. How many complaints did the Council receive in each of financial years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 in relation to weed management and use of weedkillers?***

Response – The number of complaints are as follows:

2017/18 – 8

2018/19 – 3

2019/20 - 11

### **Further information**

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