

23 July 2020
Our ref: 6398252

Thank you for your request received on 24 June 2020, for the following information:
Please can you respond to the following questions in line with the Freedom of Information Act:

1 . Does your Local Authority provide charged for non-statutory Environmental Health & Licensing related services to the public and / or businesses?

2. If you have answered yes to question 1, please provide a list of the non-statutory services which you offer to the public and/or businesses. Please also provide the equivalent hourly rate(s) you charge for each of the above-mentioned services? If a service has a bespoke element to the chargeable rate please provide an averaged figure.

3. Has your Local Authority, or anyone on behalf of your Local Authority, set up a Company to provide non-statutory Environmental Health & Licensing related services to the public? If so, please provide details of the Company name(s) and website(s).

4. Does your Environmental Health Service (or equivalent) provide chargeable services to other departments within your Local Authority? If so, please provide details of services and the chargeable hourly rate.

5. How long have these charged for services been operating

6. What level (£) of income have these services brought into the Council in the last 4 years?

For the avoidance of doubt, Environmental Health is considered to cover the following regulatory subject areas: Food businesses, Public Health, Health & Safety, Nuisance (Inc. noise, dust odours), Contaminated Land, Air Quality, Drainage, Public Health Funerals, Pest Control, Pollution Prevention Control, Animal Welfare licences. If these service areas sit outside of the Environmental Health Service please seek and provide the required information from the relevant department.

For the purpose of this request, I do not require information relating to services provided in relation to the area of Private Sector Housing.

Please provide the requested information in the attached spreadsheet if possible, and submit your response to xxxxxxxx

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

Response

I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds the information you requested.

However, we consider that the following exemptions apply to some of the information requested. The remaining information is not withheld and is below.

Please can you respond to the following questions in line with the Freedom of Information Act:

1. Does your Local Authority provide charged for non-statutory Environmental Health & Licensing related services to the public and / or businesses?

No. However some chargeable services are delivered through RE (Regional Enterprise) Limited (see below).

2. If you have answered yes to question 1, please provide a list of the non-statutory services which you offer to the public and/or businesses. Please also provide the equivalent hourly rate(s) you charge for each of the above-mentioned services? If a service has a bespoke element to the chargeable rate please provide an averaged figure.

N/A

3. Has your Local Authority, or anyone on behalf of your Local Authority, set up a Company to provide non-statutory Environmental Health & Licensing related services to the public? If so, please provide details of the Company name(s) and website(s).

Yes. RE (Regional Enterprise) Limited. www.re-limited.co.uk

4. Does your Environmental Health Service (or equivalent) provide chargeable services to other departments within your Local Authority? If so, please provide details of services and the chargeable hourly rate.

No.

5. How long have these charged for services been operating

RE (Regional Enterprise) Limited have been operational since 2013

6. What level (£) of income have these services brought into the Council in the last 4 years?

We consider that the absolute exemption set out in Section 21 (Information accessible by other means) applies to the information requested because the information requested is already reasonably accessible elsewhere.

Re (Regional Enterprise) Ltd is the joint venture between the London Borough of Barnet and Capita set up in 2013. Details of the contract can be accessed at:

<https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/regional-enterprise-ltd-re-contract>

Barnet council publishes its financial information at:

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/your-council/finance-funding-and-pensions>

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/your-council/finance-funding-and-pensions/statement-accounts>

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/your-council/finance-funding-and-pensions/barnet-council-expenditure>

Monitoring reports of the contract can be found at:

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s50134/Review%20of%20Capita%20Contracts.pdf>

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s43591/PCM%20RE%20Contract%20Review%20Report%20Nov%202017.pdf>

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/>

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.