



London Borough of Barnet,  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale, NW9 4EW  
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Our ref: 6768208

Thank you for your request received on 6 November 2020, for the following information:

- 1. How much funding was allocated to your local authority in the 'ongoing commitments' category of the CSSB (Central Schools Services Block)?**
- 2. How much of the funding specified in (1) above (as a raw figure and a percentage) was allocated to SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education) spending and if relevant to ASC (Agreed Syllabus Conference) spending?**
- 3. How much money from the CSSB funding for 2019-2020 did you spend on:**
  - (a) Democratic services to support SACRE meetings in 2019-2020 (e.g. a clerk)**
  - (b) Professional support (RE specialist adviser / consultant to support the work of SACRE)**
  - (c) Support for schools, including CPD and training specifically for RE / Collective Worship**
  - (d) Other costs: please specify, e.g. separate clerking**
- 4. How much money from other funds outside the CSSB fund (e.g. Community Integration Fund or CIF) was used to support RE in your local authority?**
- 5. When was your last Agreed Syllabus published, and how much did it cost to complete? (i.e. to write/develop/publish/launch, including any initial training for your schools)**
- 6. How/where would a member of the public access your Agreed Syllabus?**
- 7. Who is the contact for SACRE business in your LA? (name and email address)**
- 8. Are there any barriers to providing funding to fulfil your statutory duties in relation to SACRE and/or the Agreed Syllabus Conference, that you'd like to tell us about?**
- 9. Is there anything else you wish to tell us?**

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

### **1. How much funding was allocated to your local authority in the 'ongoing commitments' category of the CSSB (Central Schools Services Block)?**

The amount we received for "ongoing commitments" in the CSSB block in 2019-20 was £464,000.

Link to further information below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dedicated-schools-grant-dsg-2019-to-2020>

### **2. How much of the funding specified in (1) above (as a raw figure and a percentage) was allocated to SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education) spending and if relevant to ASC (Agreed Syllabus Conference) spending?**

£12,500 and £500 (Barnet Rep on the London & SE AREIAC Meetings Conference July 2019/20) were paid out of the 10234 budget. The £500 in 2020/21 financial year

### **3. How much money from the CSSB funding for 2019-2020 did you spend on:**

#### ***Democratic services to support SACRE meetings in 2019-2020 (e.g. a clerk)***

For Clerking we spent £300 in 19/20

#### ***Professional support (RE specialist adviser / consultant to support the work of SACRE)***

£12,500

#### ***Support for schools, including CPD and training specifically for RE / Collective Worship***

Training for RE and Collective Worship is carried out through our traded service for school improvement (BPSI) of which most schools in Barnet are members. Within this we have spent:

£1375 to lead RE Courses

£930 on RE consultancy in schools

#### ***Other costs: please specify, e.g. separate clerking***

NASACRE we spent £105 in 19/20 and £105 in 20/21 on NASACRE membership.

### **4. How much money from other funds outside the CSSB fund (e.g. Community Integration Fund or CIF) was used to support RE in your local authority?**

Income from BPSI member schools. Schools buy into our traded service 'Barnet Partnership for School Improvement' (BPSI) and receive training and consultancy through this partnership. Income from BPSI Member Schools' subscriptions funds this.

**5. When was your last Agreed Syllabus published, and how much did it cost to complete? (i.e. to write/develop/publish/launch, including any initial training for your schools)**

The syllabus was adopted at the November 2018 SACRE meeting, for implementation from September 2019. It has been circulated digitally and is on our website. We were due to have it printed just before the Covid19 Pandemic so have postponed this.

**6. How/where would a member of the public access your Agreed Syllabus?**

[https://www.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/barnet\\_syllabus\\_for\\_re\\_october\\_2019\\_0.pdf](https://www.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/barnet_syllabus_for_re_october_2019_0.pdf)

**7. Who is the contact for SACRE business in your LA? (name and email address)**

Neil Marlow [neil.marlow@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:neil.marlow@barnet.gov.uk)

**8. Are there any barriers to providing funding to fulfil your statutory duties in relation to SACRE and/or the Agreed Syllabus Conference, that you'd like to tell us about?**

No

**Is there anything else you wish to tell us?**

No

**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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