

30 November 2020

Our ref: 6757445

Thank you for your request received on 4 November 2020, for the following information:

Please provide:

- 1. The total Discretionary Housing Payment allocation for your authority for 2020/21**
- 2. The equivalent figure for 2019/20**
- 3. As at October 31 2020, the amount of this budget that has already been spent**
- 4. For comparison, the amount of the 2019/20 budget which had been by October 31 2019**
- 5. The number of applications for DHP received so far in 2020/21**
- 6. The number of applications for DHP rejected so far in 2020/21**
- 7. For comparison, equivalent numbers to (4) and (5) for the period April to October 2019**

Please note: if you are not an authority which retains its housing stock, this is still a question which is pertinent. All authorities are given a DHP budget.

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. The total Discretionary Housing Payment allocation for your authority for 2020/21

£2,526,255.00

2. The equivalent figure for 2019/20

£1,717,419.00

3. As at October 31 2020, the amount of this budget that has already been spent

£1,310,572.08

4. For comparison, the amount of the 2019/20 budget which had been by October 31 2019

£930,843.82

5. The number of applications for DHP received so far in 2020/21

326 (up to end of October)

6. The number of applications for DHP rejected so far in 2020/21 –

548 (up to end of October)

7. For comparison, equivalent numbers to (4) and (5) for the period April to October 2019;

Number of applications received – 1504

Number rejected - 727

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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