

19 January 2021
Our ref: 6883620

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

Please could you provide the following data points on council spending on green spaces:

- Amount spent on decoration of green spaces, broken down by the following costs; trees, flowers, bedding, bulbs, shrubs, plants, plant pots and hanging baskets
- Amount spent on green space maintenance, i.e. salary costs for groundskeepers, machinery and equipment maintenance etc.

Please could you provide the data broken down separately over the following years:

- 2019
- 2020
- 2021

(forecasted budget for 2021 but total spend in 2020, 2019)

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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Please note that the costs below are based on the financial year.

Green spaces - Tree Planting Costs:

- 2019/20 - £40,305.70

- 2020/21 - £34,634.26

- 2021/22 - £36,000 Projected

Flowers, bedding, bulbs, shrubs, plants and sundry associated with planting:

- 2019 /2020 - £19,215.52

- 2020 /2021 - £9,301.06

-2021/2022 forecast - £10,000-£5,000

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Please note that costs below include all Ground Maintenance Salary and machinery maintenance, the costs are based on the financial year. This includes vehicles for all sites that the Grounds Team maintain including Barnet Homes, Highways and Parks.

2018/19 - Salary £ 2,198,486 Vehicle / Machinery Maintenance £240,242

2019/20 - Salary £ 2,357,524 Vehicle /Machinery Maintenance £227,036

2020/21 - Salary £2,539,000 Estimated , Vehicle / Machinery Maintenance £220,000 Estimated

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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