

25 January 2021

Our ref: 6892120

Thank you for your request received on 22 December 2020, for the following information:

**I would like to make the following request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.**

**Please could you inform me of the following:**

- (i) The total number of discretionary housing payments made by your council over the period April-December 2020**
- (ii) The total number of discretionary housing payments made by your council over the period April-December 2020 made to (i) private renters (ii) social renters**
- (iii) If available, the total number of discretionary housing payments per month made by your council over the period April-December 2020**
- (iv) The total amount in cash terms in issued discretionary housing payments over the period April-December 2020**
  
- (v) The total number of discretionary housing payments made by your council over the period April 2019 - March 2020**
- (vi) The total number of discretionary housing payments made by your council over the period April 2019 - March 2020 made to (i) private renters (ii) social renters**
- (vii) If available, the total number of discretionary housing payments per month made by your council over the period April 2019 - March 2020**
- (viii) The total amount in cash terms issued discretionary housing payments over the period April 2019 - March 2020**

**For order to be able to analyse your answer, I would be very grateful if your response could be made in the following form:**

- (i) The total number of discretionary housing payments made over the period April-December 2020 [or insert other relevant period] is [XXX]**
- (ii) The total number of discretionary housing payments made over the period April -December 2020 [or insert other relevant period] made to (i) private renters was [X] (ii) social renters was [X]**
- (iii) If available, the total number of discretionary housing payments per month made by your council over the period April-December 2020 [or insert other relevant period] is [April: X, May: X, June: X, July: X, Aug: X, Sept: X, Oct: X, Nov: X, Dec: X] [if not available, please answer n/a]**

(iv) The total amount in cash terms issued in discretionary housing payments over the period April-December 2020 [or insert other relevant period] is £XXX

(v) The total number of discretionary housing payments made over the period April 2019 - March 2020 [or insert other relevant period] was [XXX]

(vi) The total number of discretionary housing payments made over the period April 2019 - March 2020 [or insert other relevant period] made to (i) private renters was [X] (ii) social renters was [X]

(vii) If available, the total number of discretionary housing payments per month made by your council over the period April 2019 - March 2020 [or insert other relevant period] was [April: X, May: X, June: X, July: X, Aug: X, Sept: X, Oct: X, Nov: X, Dec: X] [if not available, please answer n/a]

(viii) The total amount in cash terms issued in discretionary housing payments over the period April 2019 - March 2020 [or insert other relevant period] was £XXX.

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;

***I would like to make the following request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.***

***Please could you inform me of the following:***

***(i) The total number of discretionary housing payments made over the period April-December 2020***

2614

***(ii) The total number of discretionary housing payments made over the period April -December 2020 made to***

***(i) private renters was***

1822

***(ii) social renters was***

792

***(iii) If available, the total number of discretionary housing payments per month made by your council over the period April-December 2020 is***

April: 248, May: 277, June: 301, July: 362, Aug: 353, Sept: 349, Oct: 257, Nov: 241, Dec: 226

***(iv) The total amount in cash terms issued in discretionary housing payments over the period April-December 2020***

£1,639,138.57

***(v) The total number of discretionary housing payments made over the period April 2019 - March 2020***

**(vi) The total number of discretionary housing payments made over the period April 2019 - March 2020 made to**

**(i) private renters was 1731**

**(ii) social renters was 1400**

**(vii) If available, the total number of discretionary housing payments per month made by your council over the period April 2019 - March 2020 was**

April: 365, May: 299, June: 260, July: 264, Aug: 237, Sept:239, Oct: 284, Nov: 250, Dec: 211, Jan: 232, Feb: 246, Mar: 244.

**(viii) The total amount in cash terms issued in discretionary housing payments over the period April 2019 - March 2020**

£1,716,144.00.

## **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](http://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**

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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](http://www.ico.org.uk)). There is no charge for making an appeal.