



London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
1 March 2021
Our ref: 7001136

Thank you for your request received on 8 February 2021, for the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

1) Can a legal notice of marriage to the council be altered, free of charge, once it has been submitted?

2) What, if any, refund or compensatory policy does the council offer couples, whose wedding plans, as detailed on their legal statement, have been cancelled or postponed due to circumstances caused by the coronavirus pandemic (thereby nullifying their legal notice)?

3) How many legal notices of marriage did the council receive for the years 2020 and 2021, respectively, and in what years were these notices given?

4) How much money did the council earn from legal notices of marriage for the years 2020, and 2021? Please give this amount in total, and also as a breakdown of the amount received in a given year, which contributes to this total.

5) How many of these legal notices of marriage for 2020 and 2021 respectively, were nullified due to cancellation, or change of wedding venue or date, caused by the pandemic? If reason for nullification is not given, please simply provide the number of nullified legal marriage notices for 2020 and 2021, respectively.

6) How many resubmissions of legal notices of marriage did the council receive from couples whose previous legal notice of marriage, for the years 2020 and 2021, were nullified due to the pandemic? If reason for nullification is not given, please simply provide the number of resubmitted legal notices of marriages, of those originally submitted for 2020 and 2021, respectively.

7) How much money did the council receive from resubmissions of legal notices of marriage, by couples whose previous legal notices of marriage for the years 2020 and 2021, were nullified due to the pandemic? Again, if reason for nullification is not given, please simply provide the amount of money received from resubmitted legal notices of marriages, of those originally submitted for 2020 and 2021, respectively.

8) How many legal notices of marriage did the council receive for the year 2019, and how much money did the council earn from these legal notices?

9) How many resubmissions of legal notices of marriage did the council receive, from couples whose previous legal notice of marriage were nullified due to a change in wedding venue or date (originally planned for 2019), and how much did the council earn from these resubmissions?

Note - By legal notice of marriage, I am referring to the notice of an arranged wedding that all couples must give to their local council, ahead of the ceremony.

Could you please provide this information in an excel spreadsheet? Thank you.

If you have any questions about my request, please get in touch.

Looking forward to your cooperation, in accordance with section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act to advise and assist with my request.

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached.

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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