

8 April 2021
Our ref: 7037296

Dear Mr Slazberg

Thank you for your request received on 18 February 2021, for the following information:

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Could you please provide me with the budget planned at the beginning of the financial year for each of these three expenditures.

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

Response

I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds the information you requested.

However, we believe that the exemptions detailed below apply to some/all the information you requested and so we are withholding that information. Please see the Refusal Notice below.

[you need to specify the exemption being applied to each part of the response. You can set this out by referring to each part of the request separately or by applying exemptions/exceptions to the whole request as the case may be.]

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We consider that the absolute exemption set out in Section 21 (Information accessible by other means) applies to the information requested because the information requested is already reasonably accessible elsewhere.

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Tell the requester where to access the information. For example give them a link to where it is on the internet. If it is on Open Barnet (data portal) tell them the best search term to use or the data set name. If it is on barnet.gov.uk give them the

exact page link/s because the barnet.gov website search facility is dreadful.

Check that any links you provide still work!

Check that the information available actually is what they are asking for and answers the question. If someone asks for the TMO itself and you direct them to traffweb this will not be applying s21 as the whole TMO is not available on traffweb. If you are directing them to the spend data on the portal check that the information is actually on there and is findable. Do you need to give them a reference number or the exact vendor name?

Remember that you can use section 21 even if they will need to pay to access the information (eg land registry). You might want to say that in the response eg *although you will need to pay a fee to access the property ownership from Land Registry, section 21 still applies as the information is accessible upon payment of a fee.*

There has been case law that in some circumstances even a hefty fee (£1200) is reasonable and s21 can be applied. If you want to apply s21 and there is a fee in the £00s or £000s please check with IMT first, to avoid any IR.

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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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). There is no charge for making an appeal.