

5 May 2021
Our ref: 7197592

Thank you for your request received on 6 April 2021, for the following information:

I respectfully make a Freedom of Information request for financial information relating to the North London Heat and Power Project (NLHPP) / Edmonton Incinerator rebuild.

Reviewing the NLHPP website I note that the project will cost a total of 1.2bn <http://www.northlondonheatandpower.london.gov.uk> . I also note from the NLHPP website that the project will be paid for via a levy on council taxes in the 7 relevant local authority boroughs, namely Barnet, Haringey, Enfield, Waltham Forest, Islington, Camden and Hackney.
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Could you please provide me with details on the following:

- * What proportion of this £1.2bn will be paid by Barnet, and over what timeframe will the cost be spread?**
- * What is the total contribution that has been paid by Barnet, to 31 March 2021?**
- * What is the total contribution that will be paid by Barnet, from 1 April 2021, and over what timeframe will this payment be split?**
- * Is the entirety of the cost attributed to Barnet (retrospective and prospective) to be recovered via council taxes?**

We have processed this request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below.

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**** What proportion of this £1.2bn will be paid by Barnet, and over what timeframe will the cost be spread?***

Payments for the capital costs of the project will be spread over varying time periods, with repayments made as and when the various facilities in the project become operational. The first repayments for the energy recover facility (ERF) will be made from 2026 when the new ERF is operational and extending to a maximum date of 2065.

The contribution from each of the seven boroughs, including Barnet, will be collected via the levy and charges mechanism, through which NLWA's expenditure is re-charged now.

There is an inter-authority agreement (IAA) in place which sets out how the apportionment of costs is calculated. This is included in the NLWA response. How much each borough will pay will also be determined by the tonnages of waste that they provide to NLWA for management.

**** What is the total contribution that has been paid by Barnet, to 31 March 2021?***

It is standard practice to reflect capital costs in charges (known as the minimum revenue provision) in the financial year after the assets become operational. Barnet has not been charged anything to date for the capital costs of the project.

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The new ERF will generate electricity and heat which will be sold to generate an income. Other costs will be met by the seven boroughs, including Barnet, through their levy and charges. An explanation of the difficulty of providing the proportion of the charges to be incurred by each borough is indicated above. Repayments for the ERF will be made from 2026 when it is operational, running to 2065.

**** Is the entirety of the cost attributed to Barnet (retrospective and prospective) to be recovered via council taxes?***

Barnet Council will cover the costs from its General Fund. This is funded by all revenue sources including government grants, business rates and council tax.

Please note that North London Waste Authority (NLWA) have replied to a similar Freedom of Information request, their response can be found here [Request for information about the allocation of costs of the North London Heat and Power Project \(NLHPP\) | NLWA](#)

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

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

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review within the next 40 working days by writing to the Information Management Team at: foi@barnet.gov.uk. Or by post to Information Management Team (FOI) London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

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.