

30 April 2021 Our ref: 7094984

Thank you for your request received on 5 March 2021, for the following information:

Please supply the following information:

How long are council properties on average left empty before being re-let?

What is the percentage of social housing being built in recent developments in 2020/2021?

For example out of the 3 blocks built in mount pleasant EN4, how many flats were purely for social housing ie: not shared ownership. So just to be clear, how many flats were built here and how many were purely for council tenants?

The regeneration of the council estate Dollis Valley EN5, how many council properties were knocked down? and how many were replaced for council tenants and how many were built for the private sector?

How many residents were rehoused n 2020 to Barnet local authority properties?

How many families were moved out of the borough?

How much money did Barnet council receive from the sale of council Houses since 1980?

What happened to all the money Barnet council received from the right to buy schemes?

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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There were 1,128 properties built in 2020.21, of these 243 were affordable, of which 182 were affordable rented.

In Mount Pleasant EN4 there were 12 properties built, all were offered to people in housing need according to the Councils Allocation Policy.

It is worth noting that we undertake a 'starts and completions' exercise in the summer where we further investigate whether planning permissions have either started or completed for the previous financial year. The properties built figure above for 2020.21 is therefore not final for that year.

The regeneration of the council estate Dollis Valley EN5, how many council properties were knocked down?

In total on Dollis Valley will demolish 358 properties owned by the Council.

and how many were replaced for council tenants

In total there will be 230 social rented properties of which the Council will have nomination rights to

and how many were built for the private sector?

There will be 374 private properties

How many residents were rehoused in 2020 to Barnet local authority properties?

How many families were moved out of the borough?

This information is held by Barnet Homes

Housing services (including homelessness, allocations, housing repairs and so forth) are provided by Barnet Homes who are an Arm's Length Management Organisation (ALMO) who manage the council's housing stock and associated services on the council's behalf. They are a public authority under Freedom of Information Act 2000 and so you may make a FOI request to them. Their contact details are:

Email: talk2us@barnethomes.org

Post: The Data Controller

Barnet Homes

2 Bristol Avenue,

Colindale,

London NW9 4EW

How much money did Barnet council receive from the sale of council Houses since 1980?

Barnet Council entered into an agreement with the MHCLG in 2012 for the retention and use of Right to Buy Receipts (RTB). Barnet Council have received the following in gross Receipts (before any deductions for payments to MHCLG and admin and the calculation of Retained receipts) for the period from 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2021:

£87.6m

What happened to all the money Barnet council received from the right to buy schemes?

The monies received are used for the following;

To pay the MHCLG for their Treasury fee, service related debt and cover administration expenses

Used to build and or acquire new properties for the provision of social housing (low cost rental accommodation).

Please see:

https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/em552/right-to-buy-data-england

and

https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-on-social-housing-sales#right-to-buy-sales

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Please see:

https://www.barnet.gov.uk/housing/housing-strategy

and

https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s18649/Appendix%201%20-%20Draft%20Housing%20Strategy%202015.pdf

P.38 is of special relevance.

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.