



2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale, NW9 4EW
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Our ref: 7443036

Thank you for your request received on 30 June 2021, for the following information:

Despite undertaking superlative work throughout the pandemic (over and above the vital work they routinely carry out) local councils are facing significant funding challenges. We are carrying out a Freedom of Information request to try and ascertain the scale of the funding challenge that local councils are facing in the medium term future. Please can you answer the following two questions:

1. What is your current predicted funding gap by the end of the financial year 2022/23?

2. What is your current predicted funding gap by the end of the financial year 2023/24?

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

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The net funding gap for 2022/23 is estimate as £8.579m

2. What is your current predicted funding gap by the end of the financial year 2023/24?

The net funding gap for 2023/24 is estimated as £10.322m (an additional £1.743m over 2022/23)

As part of the council's regular budget setting process, an update to the March 2021 MTFs will be presented to councillors for approval at a meeting Policy & Resources Committee on 30 September 2021. The final MTFs for 2022-2026 will be presented to Policy & Resources Committee on 9 February 2022 for recommendation for Full Council to approve on 1 March 2022.

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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