

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
27 September 2021
Our ref: 7451268

Thank you for your request received on 2 July 2021, for the following information:

Dear Sir/Madam

I'd like to make a FOI under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 please.

Please could you provide me with the following information in relation to your administration of the Government Restart Grant for business.

- 1. Do you administer the restart Grant scheme yourselves?**
 - 2. If you do not, who was it outsourced to? Do you remain involved in making decisions where Strand 1/Strand 2 reclassification is requested by a business?**
 - 3. How many photographic studios have you classified as Strand 1 businesses, and /or made Strand 1 Payments to?**
 - 4. How many photographic studios have you classified as Strand 2 businesses, and /or made Strand 2 Payments to?**
 - 5. Before classifying photographic studios into Strand 1 or Strand 2, do you/did you consider the specific activities of the business within the photographic sector?**
 - 6. Are the businesses which have been classified as Strand 2 businesses what could be called 'family portrait' studios offering social photography services to the public?**
 - 7. Did you seek advice from the BEIS on the matter of photographic studios?**
- Many thanks - if you need any more information to deliver the information, please contact me.**

Kind regards

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

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- 1. Do you administer the restart Grant scheme yourselves?***

The Business Support grants are administered by the London Borough of Barnet.

2. If you do not, who was it outsourced to? Do you remain involved in making decisions where Strand 1/Strand 2 reclassification is requested by a business?

N/A

3. How many photographic studios have you classified as Strand 1 businesses, and /or made Strand 1 Payments to?

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4. How many photographic studios have you classified as Strand 2 businesses, and /or made Strand 2 Payments to?

None

5. Before classifying photographic studios into Strand 1 or Strand 2, do you/did you consider the specific activities of the business within the photographic sector?

All grants are reviewed to ensure the claimant has applied under the correct scheme before a claim decision is made.

6. Are the businesses which have been classified as Strand 2 businesses what could be called 'family portrait' studios offering social photography services to the public?

N/A

7. Did you seek advice from the BEIS on the matter of photographic studios?

Photography Studios were listed as a business type eligible for the National Restart grant as a non-essential retail business.

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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