

London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
11 October 2021
Our ref: 7650864

Thank you for your request received on 16 September 2021, for the following information:

In order to assist you with this request, I am outlining my query as specifically as possible. If however this request is too wide or too unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me as I understand that under the act, you are required to advise and assist requesters.

I am seeking the following information in electronic form.

(a) What in the year 2018/19 was the total cost before any income of the Council's registration service? Please name the principal cost items included or excluded from your answer, e.g. staff costs, premises costs, other overheads.

(b) What in that year 2018/19 was the total income (including statutory fees and payments for additional services provided) generated by the Council's registration service? How much of this total was made up by statutory fees? How much, in as much detail as can be provided, came from each of the other principal sources (e.g., enhanced wedding ceremonies, naming ceremonies etc)?

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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£511,926 of which £359, 738 was staff cost and £152,188 other costs. Building costs are not included as not charged to individual departments.

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Total income was £623,988 of which £351,696 was from non-statutory services e.g. weddings, citizenship ceremonies, EPRS.

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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You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link www.ico.org.uk

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