

London Borough of Barnet  
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Colindale,  
London, NW9 4EW  
10 November 2021  
Our ref: 7784316

Thank you for your request received on 1 November 2021, for the following information:

**Please treat this as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.**

**Please provide the following information:**

**1. Is the council a Lead Local Flood Authority? If so, please provide the number of people employed by the council in flood risk-related roles for each year from 2010 to the present date, or most recently available.**

**2. Has the council developed or is it currently developing a Flood Risk Management Strategy for 2021 onward? If so, please provide any estimate the council has made of how much it would cost to implement the measures proposed in the latest version of this document.**

**3. Has the council ever applied for Flood Defense Grant in Aid to fund or partly fund flood risk management schemes? If so, please provide the total amount of grant applied for and the total amount awarded. Please provide these figures annually from 2015 to the present day.**

**In any case, if you can identify ways that my request could be refined please provide further advice and assistance to indicate this.**

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

## **Response**

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

***1. Is the council a Lead Local Flood Authority? If so, please provide the number of people employed by the council in flood risk-related roles for each year from 2010 to the present date, or most recently available.***

Yes the Council is a Lead Local Flood Authority. There is a dedicated Flood Risk Officer in the Council and there are few outsourced resources- 1 resource for Highways drainage and 2 full time resources (on average) for planning consultations.

***2. Has the council developed or is it currently developing a Flood Risk Management Strategy for 2021 onward? If so, please provide any estimate the council has made of how much it would cost to implement the measures proposed in the latest version of this document.***

The Council has its published Flood Risk Management Strategy-linked below:

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/environmental-problems/flood-and-water-management/flood-who-responsible>

The Council has drafted its 2021-27 Flood Risk Management Action Plan (led by Environment Agency) which are out for consultation as linked below:

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/fcrm/draft-second-cycle-flood-risk-management-plans/>

Post this, the published strategy will be due for review and an update.

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Yes the Council has applied for Flood Defense Grant in Aid and Local levy funding by Thames Regional Flood & Coastal Committee (TRFCC) and have at least ten projects in the national Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) program for 2021-27. Some of the ongoing projects funded in partnership with Environment Agency and TRFCC are published on our website as below:

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/environmental-problems/flood-and-water-management/flood-and-water-management-projects/critical>

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/environmental-problems/flood-and-water-management/flood-and-water-management-projects/trash-screen>

Earlier this year Barnet was also successful for the Defra funded Flood Coastal Resilience Innovation program of £6m for Silk Stream catchment. Details of this project are linked below:

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/environmental-problems/flood-and-water-management/flood-and-water-management-projects/silk-stream>

## **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](http://www.ico.org.uk)). There is no charge for making an appeal.