

London Borough of Barnet  
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Colindale,  
London, NW9 4EW  
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Our ref: 7741464

Thank you for your request received on 18 October 2021, for the following information:

**Dear Barnet Borough Council,**

**I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The request is in relation to planning performance agreements.**

- 1. Who is responsible for negotiating planning performance agreements?**
- 2. Who is budget holder for agreements?**
- 3. How many agreements have been put in place in the last 5 years and with who?**
- 4. How much income for each agreement?**
- 5. What additional services were provided for each agreement? Additional services are those over and above the work done as part of a standard planning application.**

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.

### ***Who is responsible for negotiating planning performance agreements?***

It is the responsibility of individual planning officers to negotiate PPAs with developers with the agreement of the relevant officer as per the Deputy Chief Executive Scheme of Delegation

( <https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s66842/Deputy%20Chief%20Executive%20Scheme%20of%20Delegation.pdf> )

### ***Who is budget holder for agreements?***

Agreements are between the applicant and London Borough of Barnet

***How many agreements have been put in place in the last 5 years and with who?***

46 PPAs have been entered into in the last 5 years between the Council and multiple developers

***How much income for each agreement?***

The income level is confidential for the Council and differs between agreements based on the size and complexity of the project

***What additional services were provided for each agreement? Additional services are those over and above the work done as part of a standard planning application***

Planning Performance agreements provide for the resources of a named planning officer for the lifetime of an agreement. This can be substituted for an alternative officer (i.e. in the event they leave or the project gets reassigned) with the agreement of the applicant.

PPAs also provide for an agreed project programme, involving multiple pre application meetings in order to develop complex schemes. Post submission PPAs can involve an agreement to meet certain project timescales i.e. for example which planning committee it will be reported to, referral to the Mayor of London or completion of S106 agreement.

**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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