

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
18 November 2021
Our ref: 7773052

Thank you for your request received on 27 October 2021, for the following information:

I would be grateful if you could supply the following information:

Q1]

How many convictions was the council aware of (in relation to its housing area) to which Chapter 4 (Rent Repayment Orders) of The Housing and Planning Act 2016 (HaPA) applied? These convictions should include any Civil Penalty Notice (CPN) issued by the council.

Q2]

Of the convictions the council was aware of in answer to Q1, how many did the council consider for a Rent Repayment Order application by the council?

Q3]

Of the convictions the council was aware of in answer to Q1, for how many did the council make a Rent Repayment Order application?

Q4]

Does the council have a process for making the decision referred to in Q2], and if so, what is that process?

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.

Question 1

How many convictions was the council aware of (in relation to its housing area) to which Chapter 4 (Rent Repayment Orders) of The Housing and Planning Act 2016 (HaPA) applied?

2019/2020 - 1

These convictions should include any Civil Penalty Notice (CPN) issued by the council.

2018/19	8
2019/20	12
2020/21	12

Question 2

Of the convictions the council was aware of in answer to Q1, how many did the council consider for a Rent Repayment Order application by the council?

One

Question 3

Of the convictions the council was aware of in answer to Q1, for how many did the council make a Rent Repayment Order application?

One

Question 4

Does the council have a process for making the decision referred to in Q2], and if so, what is that process?

Under section 48 of the Housing and Planning Act 2016 local authorities have a duty to consider applying for a Rent Repayment Order if a person has been convicted of a relevant offence. If there are any Housing Benefit claimants in the property, we will consider a RPO. We will also assist other non-Housing Benefit tenants in their RPO applications if they request it.

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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