

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale NW9 4EW
5 July 2022
Our ref: 8308188

Thank you for your request received on 7 June 2022, for the following information:

Dear Barnet Borough Council,

Can you please provide the answers to the below questions?

1. What was the total income of the council in the following years?

Year Income in £

2011/12

2012/13

2013/14

2014/15

2015/16

2016/17

2017/18

2018/19

2019/20

2020/21

2021/22

2. What was the total income from the council tax in the following years?

Year Income in £

2011/12

2012/13

2013/14

2014/15

2015/16

2016/17

2017/18

2018/19

2019/20

2020/21

2021/22

3. Does the council have a special levy/charge/tax for so-called 'empty properties'?

Can you please share with me links to the website(s) where I can find more details for the period 2011-2022?

4. What rate(s) were charged for 'empty properties' during the period 2011-2022?

5. What was the total tax income from such properties?

Year Income in £

2011/12

2012/13

2013/14

2014/15

2015/16

2016/17

2017/18

2018/19

2019/20

2020/21

2021/22

6. Does the council prepare a catalogue or an estimation of so-called empty properties?

If so, can you please share the relevant document(s) for the period 2011-2022?

Yours faithfully,

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below.

1. What was the total income of the council in the following years?

See our website for a full breakdown: [Statement of accounts | Barnet Council](#)

2. What was the total income from the council tax in the following years?

Year Income in £

2011/12 - £167m

2012/13 - £170m

2013/14 - £177m

2014/15 - £178m

2015/16 - £183m

2016/17 - £187m

2017/18 - £195m

2018/19 - £204m

2019/20 - £219m

2020/21 - £222m

2021/22 - £241m

3. Does the council have a special levy/charge/tax for so-called 'empty properties'?

Yes

Can you please share with me links to the website(s) where I can find more details for the period 2011-2022?

Empty home premium | Barnet Council

4. What rate(s) were charged for 'empty properties' during the period 2011-2022?

Full standard rate for the first 2 years

3 to 4 years double the normal Council Tax rate.

5 years or more, 3 times the amount of the normal Council Tax rate.

5. What was the total tax income from such properties?

Year Income in £

2011/12 - n/a

2012/13 - n/a

2013/14 - n/a

2014/15 - £282k

2015/16 - £273k

2016/17 - £287k

2017/18 - £231k

2018/19 - £259k

2019/20 - £541k

2020/21 - £1m

2021/22 - £1.4m

6. Does the council prepare a catalogue or an estimation of so-called empty properties?

If so, can you please share the relevant document(s) for the period 2011-2022?

No

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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