

London Borough of Barnet
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London, NW9 4EW
13 June 2022
Our ref: 8291530

Thank you for your request received on 18 May 2022, for the following information:

1. Does your local authority have its own official food policy? If yes, please attach a copy to your response. If no, please move to question 12.

12. Has your local authority declared a climate emergency?

13. Has your authority published a climate change prevention or mitigation strategy?

14. If your authority has declared a climate emergency, or has a climate policy in place, does this policy or strategy address food and farming within climate mitigation plans? Please detail.

15. Please tick which assurance schemes the animal products you procure are sourced from:

Chicken Turkey Pork Beef Lamb Fish Milk Eggs

Red Tractor

Red Tractor Free Range

RSPCA Assured

Organic/Soil Association

The Lion Mark

MSC certified seafood

Other (Please specify)

16. In your authority, what type of eggs (shell and liquid) are procured for catering? Please select the minimum accepted standard using the egg codes provided:

a. Organic (0)

b. Free range (1)

c. Barn (indoor exclusively, non-caged) (2)

d. Caged (3)

e. Don't know

17. How much does your local authority spend on food per year?

18. Please provide the breakdown of expenditure for food across the following institutions:

a. Schools

b. Universities

c. Libraries

d. Care homes

e. Prisons

f. Government/administrative buildings

19. How much of this overall spend relates to animal-based products (meat, dairy, eggs, fish)?

20. Do you work with contract catering companies or in-house caterers?

Please provide names of contract caterers tendered by your authorities, and how much is spent on each company per year.

21. Please tick any box that is relevant to your food procurement sourcing practices:

Chicken Turkey Pork Beef Lamb Fish Milk

Produced internationally/imported

Produced within the UK

Produced locally (within 20 miles of your local authority)

22. Please tick any box that refers to a meat product you procure that is slaughtered by the following methods:

Chicken Turkey Pork Beef Lamb Fish

Pre-stun slaughter

Non-stun slaughter

23. Do you currently publicise where the food you serve is sourced from? If yes, please provide a link/attachment.

24. If you do not publish sourcing information, would you be willing to publicise this information in the future?

25. What level of importance is attributed to the following areas when procuring food? Please indicate with an X if the follow categories are Not Important, Quite Important, Very Important, Essential, Prefer not to say; Category Not important Quite important Very important Essential Prefer not to say

Animal welfare friendly

Environmentally friendly

Healthy

Ethically sourced

Cost effective

Locally produced

Fair trade

Organic

26. Does your local authority intend to take greater account of animal welfare in future food procurement processes? Please detail.

27. What is the biggest barrier preventing your local authority from improving animal welfare in your food procurement practices?

28. Does your local authority intend to take greater account of climate change in future food procurement processes? Please detail.

29. What is the biggest barrier preventing your local authority addressing climate change in your food procurement practices?

30. Would you be open to adopting or taking additional measures to improve your food procurement practices, if expert support from FOUR PAWS UK was provided?

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.

1. Does your local authority have its own official food policy? If yes, please attach a copy to your response. If no, please move to question 12.

No

12. Has your local authority declared a climate emergency?

The recently elected Labour administration have declared a climate emergency.

13. Has your authority published a climate change prevention or mitigation strategy?

The newly elected Labour administration have made some key pledges on climate change in their manifesto which can be viewed at:

[Climate Change - Barnet Labour Party - Barnet Labour Party](#)

You can view Barnet's Sustainability Strategy at:

[Barnet's Sustainability Strategy | Barnet Council](#)

14. If your authority has declared a climate emergency, or has a climate policy in place, does this policy or strategy address food and farming within climate mitigation plans? Please detail.

The policy has not yet been published so this is not known at present.

15. Please tick which assurance schemes the animal products you procure are sourced from:

Chicken Turkey Pork Beef Lamb Fish Milk Eggs

Red Tractor

Red Tractor Free Range

RSPCA Assured

Organic/Soil Association

The Lion Mark

MSC certified seafood

Other (Please specify)

N/A - London Borough of Barnet does not operate any catering/ food procurement services.

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d. Caged (3)

e. Don't know

N/A

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- e. Prisons**
- f. Government/administrative buildings**

N/A

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N/A

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N/A

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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