

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
27 June 2022
Our ref: 8306205

Thank you for your request received on 9 June 2022, for the following information:

Dear Sir/Madam,

I seek to receive certain detailed reports under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (c.36). Could you please reply to * with the following report attached: Unclaimed business rate credit write on balances.**

We are aware of the fact that Billing Authorities hold on account sums of money that are due to be returned to ratepayers and for a variety of reasons have not been repaid.

I therefore request a breakdown of any write on balances accrued since your earliest records, for the amounts owing to all incorporated companies within your authority's billing area, including the following information:

- A. The legal name of each business in respect of which Non-Domestic rate credit balances remain payable**
- B. The value of overpayment in each case which remains unclaimed**
- C. The years(s) in which overpayment was made**
- D. The hereditament address**
- E. The legal name of each business in respect of which Non-Domestic rate credit balances have been written back on to the NDR account**
- F. The value of write back in each case which remains unclaimed**
- G. The years(s) in which the write back was made (if available)**
- H. The hereditament address that the write back relates to**

We look forward to working with you in sourcing the information we require.

Please send the information to ***

If you have any questions or comments pertaining to our request, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

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

Response

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and the information you requested is not held by London Borough of Barnet.

The Council does not retain details of any credit balances written onto Business Rates accounts and the requested information therefore cannot be provided.

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/>

Advice and Assistance : Direct Marketing

If you are a company that intends to use the names and contact details of council officers (or other officers) provided in this response for direct marketing, you need to be registered with the Information Commissioner to process personal data for this purpose. You must also check that the individual (whom you wish to contact for direct marketing purposes) is not registered with one of the Preference Services to prevent Direct Marketing. If they are you must adhere to this preference.

You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link www.ico.org.uk

For the avoidance of doubt the provision of council (and other) officer names and contact details under FOI does not give consent to receive direct marketing via any media and expressly does not constitute a 'soft opt-in' under PECR.

Your rights

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review within the next 40 working days by writing to the Information Management Team at: foi@barnet.gov.uk. Or by post to Records & Information Management Service, Assurance Group, London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

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). There is no charge for making an appeal.