

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale NW9 4EW
8 August 2022
Our ref: 8330447

Thank you for your request received on 10 July 2022, for the following information:

Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In order to assist you with this request, I am outlining my query as specifically as possible.

If you are unable to answer any of the questions, or unable to do so within the time limit stipulated by the FOI Act, then please move on to the next possible question and provide as much data as you can.

Reminders issued:

Final notices issued:

Court summonses issued:

Liability orders issued:

Attachment of benefit arrangements made:

Attachment of earnings arrangements made

Referrals/ debt passed to enforcement agents;

2. Against how many people did you commence committal proceedings with regard to unpaid council tax in 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and April 2022 to date?

3. How many people were committed to prison for non-payment of council tax in 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and April 2022 to date?

4. What was the a. Average, b. Longest, c. shortest number of days served in prison by people committed to prison for non-payment of council tax owed to the local authority for each year 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and April 2022 to date.

5. How many people were subject to a suspended committal order for non-payment of council tax in 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and April 2022 to date?

6. If possible, what was the average amount of council tax arrears owed by people subject to council tax committal proceedings when the proceedings commenced, for 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and April 2022 to date

If my request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you justify all deletions by

reference to specific exemptions of the Act. I will also expect you to release all non-exempt material. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to charge excessive fees.

I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request. I look forward to your response within 20 working days, as outlined by the statute.

Again, If you are unable to answer any of the questions, then please move on to the next possible question.

Thanks,

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 and attached.

In relation to your collection of council tax for each financial year, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and April 2022 to date, please provide the total number of:

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See attached.

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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/>

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.