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Our ref: 8365962

Thank you for your request received on 4 August 2022, for the following information:

1. Does the Local Authority disregard all payments made under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (2005) as income, when assessing eligibility for:
a. Housing Benefit
b. Council Tax Support/ Council Tax Reduction
c. Discretionary Housing Payments
d. Disabled Facilities Grants (England and Wales only)

(Please answer YES/NO)

2. Does the Local Authority disregard all payments made under the War Pension scheme, as income, when assessing eligibility for:
a. Housing Benefit
b. Council Tax Support/ Council Tax Reduction
c. Discretionary Housing Payments
d. Disabled Facilities Grants (England and Wales only)

(Please answer YES/NO)

3. Does the Local Authority disregard a Service Invaliding Pension or Service Attributable Pension, paid under the Armed Forces Pension Scheme, as income, when assessing eligibility for:
a. Housing Benefit
b. Council Tax Support/ Council Tax Reduction
c. Discretionary Housing Payments
d. Disabled Facilities Grants (England and Wales only)

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

1. Does the Local Authority disregard all payments made under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (2005) as income, when assessing eligibility for:
a. Housing Benefit
YES

b. Council Tax Support/ Council Tax Reduction
YES

c. Discretionary Housing Payments
NO

d. Disabled Facilities Grants (England and Wales only)
YES

(Please answer YES/NO)

2. Does the Local Authority disregard all payments made under the War Pension scheme, as income, when assessing eligibility for:
a. Housing Benefit
YES

b. Council Tax Support/ Council Tax Reduction
YES

c. Discretionary Housing Payments
NO

d. Disabled Facilities Grants (England and Wales only)
YES

(Please answer YES/NO)

3. Does the Local Authority disregard a Service Invaliding Pension or Service Attributable Pension, paid under the Armed Forces Pension Scheme, as income, when assessing eligibility for:
a. Housing Benefit
YES

b. Council Tax Support/ Council Tax Reduction
YES

c. Discretionary Housing Payments
NO

d. Disabled Facilities Grants (England and Wales only)
YES

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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