

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale NW9 4EW
28th October 2022
Our ref: 8570944

Thank you for your request received on 27th October 2022, for the following information:

Let me know whether your licensing committee hearings are now back to open sessions in council committee rooms or still run remotely via Zoom or Teams or other similar software.

During the pandemic and lockdowns many licensing sub committees ran their proceedings in determining licence applications, reviews etc remotely.

We have now bene out fo the period of lockdowns for over a year.

Please provide your current policy on the holding of licensing sub committee hearings and whether these are held:

1. Only via Zoom or other similar software 2. Partially via Zoom/Teams and partially live meetings in a council chamber 3. Fully back to normal and held as live meetings in committee room with all parties and public able to attend in person.

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

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Our licensing subcommittee meetings are held in person (Option 3).

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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