

London Borough of Barnet  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale,  
London, NW9 4EW  
17 January 2023  
Our ref: 8872641

Thank you for your request received on 20 December 2022, for the following information:

**Good afternoon,**

**I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information.**

**Please can you provide the following:**

- \* The average annual business rates costs, or current liability payable, for the calendar years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022**
- \* What is the total value of business rate relief granted by the local authority in the last 12 months**
- \* Of the total number of businesses who applied for business rate relief, how many were successful**

**Can the above mentioned information please be supplied electronically in excel format and the data be categorised as per the bullet points above.**

**If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.**

**I require this information to be provided within 20 working days, to be delivered in an email format.**

**If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email or phone and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for and discuss the request.**

**Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.**

**Best wishes,**

**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 although we hold some of the information requested, some of the information you requested is not**

held by London Borough of Barnet.

We have provided answers to your request below.

***Please can you provide the following:***

***\* The average annual business rates costs, or current liability payable, for the calendar years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022***

2018: £11,736.19

2019: £11,566.43

2020: £4,393.06

2021: £8,301.90

2022: £12,327.29

***\* What is the total value of business rate relief granted by the local authority in the last 12 months***

London Borough of Barnet does not retain records which specify the date business rates relief was applied.

***\* Of the total number of businesses who applied for business rate relief, how many were successful***

London Borough of Barnet does not retain a record of this information.

### **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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You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link [www.ico.org.uk](http://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.**

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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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.org.uk)). There is no charge for making an appeal.