

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale NW9 4EW
15 February 2023
Our ref: 9041684

Thank you for your request received on 20 January 2023, for the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from London Borough of Barnet's Transport Department. Please may you provide me with:

*** The councils 2021/2022, 2022/2023 & 2023/2024 public transport budget and spend. Could this be broken down into spending for each transport category: Support Bus spend (Subsidised Bus), Commercial Bus spend, Home-to-School spend, SEN Transport spend, Community Transport spend, Student Transport spend, DRT spend (Demand Responsive Transport), Dial-a-Ride spend, NEMT spend (Non-Emergency Medical Transport) and any others I have missed.**

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, my details are outlined below.

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

Support Bus spend (Subsidised Bus)

Not a "public transport budget" as such but we do have a route sponsorship agreement with Transport for London (TfL) covering extension of the 125 bus route to Colindale. It involves payment by the Council of £891,292 to TfL, and funds the service for a five year period. It was approved by Policy and Resources Committee on 16th June 2021.

See link under item 7 – Business Planning. Approves the release of financing to TfL (set out in para 5.45 – proposed use of s106 funding to support a bus route extension);

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MId=10888>

Commercial Bus spend

None.

Home-to-School spend

Included in SEN transport spend

SEN Transport spend

Year	Budget	Spend
2021/22	£4.6M	£5.1M
2022/23	£5.4M	£5.7M
2023/24	Not available	Not available

Please note, we're unable to produce the financial statement for 2023/2024 as the budget is yet to be finalised.

Community Transport spend

Year	Spend
2021/22	£1,016,000 (actual)
2022/23	£1,115,000 (Projected)
2023/24	Not available

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Student Transport spend

Included in SEN transport spend.

DRT spend (Demand Responsive Transport)

There now aren't any demand responsive travel schemes in London (other than Dial-a-Ride); there were a couple immediately pre-Covid (none in Barnet) but they stopped as a result of the pandemic.

Dial-a-Ride spend

Information not held, please make your request directly to TfL

[Make a request - Transport for London \(tfl.gov.uk\)](https://tfl.gov.uk)

NEMT spend (Non-Emergency Medical Transport) and any others I have missed.

No information held

Further information

[Transport options | Barnet Council](#)

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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