London Borough of Barnet 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London, NW9 4EW 8 February 2023 Our ref: 9004657

Thank you for your request received on 16 January 2023, for the following information:

I would like information about your council's electricity sources in relation to climate action for the Council Climate Action Scorecards. This information may be held by an estates department or similar.

In particular, please supply me with information relating to the following questions:

a. Does the council have a 100% renewable green electricity tariff for all of the electricity that the council is directly responsible for, and is this tariff with Green Energy UK plc, Good Energy Limited or Ecotricity?

This includes all electricity that the council is directly responsible for, in council offices and any other buildings leased and managed by the council where the council pays the electricity tariff. This does not include homes owned or managed by the council. If unsure, please state your provider and tariff.

- b. Does the council generate and use energy from waste? And if so, what percentage of the council's total electricity use is powered by these energy from waste electricity sources?
- c. Does the council buy directly from a local renewable electricity source or have its own renewable electricity sources? And if so, what percentage of the council's total electricity use is powered by this/these renewable electricity sources?

This includes council owned renewable electricity sources that are located outside of the council area, such as solar farms located further south to maximise electricity generation.

We have processed this request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

## Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below.

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The Council at present does not procure green energy although historically it has done so where the supply costs were either cheaper or cost neutral as compared with conventional generation. The Council is currently considering the option of a Power Purchase Agreement directly with a generator for the supply of renewable energy which will help to reduce the Council's carbon emissions as well as directly adding renewable generation to the grid.

b. Does the council generate and use energy from waste? And if so, what percentage of the council's total electricity use is powered by these energy from waste electricity sources?

The Council does not generate energy from waste directly. Household residual waste collected by the council is taken to the Energy from Waste facility at the Ecopark in Edmonton, which is owned by London Energy Ltd, as part of arrangements with the North London Waste Authority. If you require further information on this facility please contact the NLWA via POST@NLWA.GOV.UK

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The Council does not currently purchase electricity directly from local or external renewable suppliers to the borough but has installed electricity generating solar photovoltaic panels on a number of buildings within its Managed Estate which currently supplies approximately 7.6% of electricity usage.

## **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 <a href="https://www.ico.org.uk">www.ico.org.uk</a>

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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 <a href="https://www.ico.org.uk">www.ico.org.uk</a>). There is no charge for making an appeal.