

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale NW9 4EW
8 March 2023
Our ref: 9114646

Thank you for your request received on 11 February 2023, for the following information:

I'm sorry to trouble you again about this, but I don't know how to read and decipher spreadsheets.

1 - I am writing to request a copy of the expenditure statement for the year 2021 to 2022. I would like the full transactional list of all of the expenses paid by the council. I do not require the profit and loss spreadsheet. I do not want to see percentages but itemised proof in pounds (£s) as to where the annual council tax is being spent.

2 - I would like to know if my council tax funds the Police Service, Ambulance Service, waste collection and Schools.

3 - If the above services are being funded I would like to know the percentages for each.

I would be very grateful for your help and assistance,

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

Response

I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds the information you requested.

However, we believe that the exemption detailed below applies to all of this information and this is withheld.

Please see the Refusal Notice below.

S22 - Material intended for publication

We consider that the qualified exemption set out in Section 22 subsection 2 (Information intended for future publication) applies to the information requested. Therefore, we have decided to withhold the information.

I confirm that the information will be published at a future date.

This should be available to view in May 2023 and will be published in the following location: [Home | Barnet Open Data](#)

Due to the complexity of the data you have requested this requires in depth analysis and we are unable to disclose this until publication.

In applying this exemption, we have had to balance the public interest in withholding the information against the interest in favour of disclosure.

Factors in favour of disclosure

- Furthering the understanding, and participation in the public debate of issues
- Facilitate the accountability and transparency of public authorities for decisions taken
- Facilitate accountability and transparency in the spending of public money
- Allowing individuals to understand decisions made by public authorities which affect their lives

Factors in favour of withholding

- Partial disclosures of information could result in inaccuracy and incompleteness of the data in question
- Organisations should be able to complete work in a timely fashion without interruption and interference from outside before being subjected to scrutiny

In all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the 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

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Management Team at: 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). There is no charge for making an appeal.