London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW 9 March 2023

Our ref: 9194637

Thank you for your request received on 10 February 2023, for the following information:

Dear Barnet Borough Council,

In order to assist my research into Local Authorities who generate and export electricity from their own energy assets I would be grateful if you could answer the following questions. I am particularly looking at grid connected assets for example solar farms, wind turbines and waste to energy plants, rather than rooftop solar installations which mostly supply electricity to the building they occupy. I'd be grateful if you could answer the following questions: -

- 1) Do you own or operate electricity generation assets which export to the grid?
- 2) If so, what technologies? And are they 'co-located'? E.g., a solar farm with a battery.
- 3) How much electricity (in kWh) would you expect to be exported, per asset, per year?
- 4) When were the assets commissioned?
- 5) What is the current contractual arrangement to sell the power, to whom is it sold and what is the contract end date?
- 6) Does your local authority have any plans in place to acquire, build or invest in electricity generation assets in the future?

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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1) Do you own or operate electricity generation assets which export to the grid?

The Council does not have any contracts in place at present for the export of renewable generation to the grid having predominantly rooftop solar installations supplying mainly the electricity within the building they occupy.

2) If so, what technologies? And are they 'co-located'? E.g., a solar farm with a battery.

N/A

3) How much electricity (in kWh) would you expect to be exported, per asset, per year?

N/A

4) When were the assets commissioned?

N/A

5) What is the current contractual arrangement to sell the power, to whom is it sold and what is the contract end date?

The Council currently has no contracts in place for the export of electricity.

6) Does your local authority have any plans in place to acquire, build or invest in electricity generation assets in the future?

The Council is currently considering the options of a Power Purchase Agreement with the intention to bring new renewable generation on to the grid and reduce CO2 emissions.

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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