

London Borough of Barnet  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale,  
London, NW9 4EW  
24 April 2023  
Our ref: 9462164

Thank you for your request received on 24 March 2023, for the following information:

### **Payment of Local Authority Invoices**

**I am requesting the following information regarding under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).**

**For the period between June 2022 and January 2023, please provide the statistics as follows:**

- \* The average number of days taken to make payments of invoices, measured from the date of receipt of invoice or other notice to the date the cash is received by the supplier**
- \* The percentage of payments made within the reporting period which were paid in 30 days or fewer, between 31 and 60 days, and in 61 days or longer**
- \* The percentage of payments due within the reporting period which were not paid within the agreed payment period**

**Many thanks,**

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

### **Response**

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

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Average number of days to make payment: 15.9 days

***\* The percentage of payments made within the reporting period which were paid in 30 days or fewer, between 31 and 60 days, and in 61 days or longer***

Percentage paid within 30 days: 85.7%

Percentage paid between 31 and 60 days: 10.6%

Percentage paid over 60 days: 3.7%

***\* The percentage of payments due within the reporting period which were not paid within the agreed payment period***

Percentage not paid within 30 days: 14.3%

## **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/>

## **Advice and Assistance : Direct Marketing**

If you are a company that intends to use the names and contact details of council officers (or other officers) provided in this response for direct marketing, you need to be registered with the Information Commissioner to process personal data for this purpose. You must also check that the individual (whom you wish to contact for direct marketing purposes) is not registered with one of the Preference Services to prevent Direct Marketing. If they are you must adhere to this preference.

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.**

## **Your rights**

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.