

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale NW9 4EW
12 May 2023
Our ref: 9407372

Thank you for your request received on 14 March 2023, for the following information:

1. Please provide a break down of council spending on community centres in your borough. Please provide the total sum for each individual community centre. Please provide the information broken down according to the following years:

- * 2010
- * 2020
- * 2022
- * 2023

2. Please also provide the cost of running each community centre including, but not limited to, staffing costs, material costs etc. Please provide the information for each community centre individually and for the following years:

- * 2010
- * 2020
- * 2022
- * 2023

3. Please also provide any information on additional funding your community centres received through non-council specific funding. Please provide sums of funding per transaction, source of funding and for which community centre the funding has been provided to. Please provide the information for the following years:

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- * 2020
- * 2022
- * 2023

I would like to receive the information in an electronic format

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

Response

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I can confirm that the council holds the information you requested. However we are withholding the information because we consider that the following exemption exemptions and exceptions apply to it.

For Q1 and Q2. Information no longer held for 2010 as Concl's retention policy is to retain this for 10 years. See Refusal Notice below.

Refusal Notice

S12 - Cost limit (Exceeds Appropriate Limit)

We are refusing your request under section 12 because we estimate that compliance with your request will exceed the "appropriate limit" under section 12. The appropriate limit is £450 which is equivalent to 18 hours at £25 per hour. The per hour figure is set by Regulations rather than actual salary paid to any officers handling requests. The appropriate limit includes the time it will take the council to discover if it holds the information requested, to locate it, extract it and collate it as well as putting it into any particular format requested by the requester.

We have calculated that it will take approx. **375 hours** to comply with your request.

Our calculation is as follows:

Reactive Planned and Cyclical works across the three year period is around 4,500 entries. We are unable to run a report on works carried out on an individual community centre and each entry would need to be manually checked.

Advice and Assistance

Unfortunately, we are unable to suggest any way to reduce the request so it falls within the cost limit.

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Community Centre	Amount
Tarling Road Community Hub - scheme for interior works for kitchen and communal area including storage	£ 51,200
FY22/23 Total	£68,450

Community Centre	Amount
North Road Community Centre - security installation works (exterior & interior) and furniture purchase Agenda item - Members Items' - Applications for Neighbourhood CIL Area Committee Budget (if any) (modern.gov.co.uk)	£17,250
FY 21/22 Total	£17,250

Community Centre	Amount
FY 20/21 Total	£0

Community Centre	Amount
FY 10/11 Total	No longer held

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

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. 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.