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Thank you for your request received on 7 April 2023, for the following information:

Part 1: overall schemes, and energy efficiency

1. How much money did your council bid for from the PSDS, if any, in all rounds allocated up to March 2023. (Phases 1,2 and 3a?) Can you state:

- a) The number of schemes/buildings bid for**
- b) The number of schemes/buildings that received funding.**
- c) If boroughs that received nothing didn't make a bid, just state that. (The amounts actually awarded are in the table below).**
- d) How much 'match funding' are you providing for PSDS part-funded schemes?**

2. Of the total PSDS funding awarded to you, roughly what proportion will be spent on energy efficiency measures/insulation, as opposed to heating and solar panels?

3. If you have self-funded plans that don't include PSDS funding, please provide brief details. (Eg, how many buildings will be improved to what EPC Band by when? Of total planned spending, roughly what proportion will be spent on energy efficiency measures, as opposed to heating and solar panels?)

4. How many non-residential buildings does the council own?

5. How many already meet EPC Band C or better?

6. If you have long term plans, please briefly explain. (Eg, we plan ensure that 8 out of 10 council owned buildings reach EPC Band C or better by 2030, with 2 at Band B).

Part 2: Heat pumps in council-owned non-residential buildings

1. How many buildings have already been fitted with heat pumps by March 2023? (This would probably be separate to PSDS schemes).

2. In the scheme(s) awarded funding by the PSDS, roughly what proportion/% will be spent on heat pumps, as opposed to energy efficiency measures or solar panels?

3. How much money will be spent on Heat Pumps? (If any)

Part 3: Solar Panels on council-owned non-residential buildings

1. How many buildings have already been fitted with solar panels by March 2023? (This would probably be separate to schemes funded by the PSDS).

2. In the scheme(s) awarded funding by the PSDS, roughly what proportion/% will be spent on solar panels, as opposed to energy efficiency measures or solar panels?

3. How much will be spent on solar panels?

Part 4: Support from the Mayor of London/ collaborations

1. The Mayor/GLA bid for funding on behalf of most boroughs, for the Homes Upgrade Grant (HUG), and recently got awarded £12m. As mentioned, I will ask about this in a separate email. Not here. But if you have received any support from the GLA separate to the HUG programme, brief details would be appreciated. (The London Plan enables boroughs to collect Carbon Offset contributions from developers. The Mayor's London Net Zero Updated Pathway of 2022, included the following schemes: Mayor's Energy Efficiency Fund; Green New Deal Fund; Retrofit Accelerator; Local Energy Accelerator; Solar Together London; London Community Energy Fund).

2. If any councils collaborated with other public bodies or housing associations to bulk buy solar panels or heat pumps under the PSDS it would be useful to get brief details of that.

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

Response

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and although we hold some of the information requested, some of the information you requested is not held by London Borough of Barnet.

We have provided answers to your request below.

Part 1: overall schemes, and energy efficiency

***1. How much money did your council bid for from the PSDS, if any, in all rounds allocated up to March 2023. (Phases 1,2 and 3a?) Can you state:
a) The number of schemes/buildings bid for***

For PSDS1, LBB bid for £1.38m, and received this monies which retrofitted 18 buildings. LBB did not apply for phase 2. LBB bid for £5.9m for PSDS3a, and received this monies which retrofitted 19 buildings.

***b) The number of schemes/buildings that received funding. - See a) above
c) If boroughs that received nothing didn't make a bid, just state that. (The amounts actually awarded are in the table below).***

d) How much 'match funding' are you providing for PSDS part-funded schemes?

For PSDS1, LBB funded project management and technical management costs. For PSDS3a, LBB is funding project and technical management, as well as a shortfall of circa £4.6m, to fund electrical upgrades (UKPN), asbestos removals, some measures (e.g. solar PV, solar thermal, LED), radiator upgrades (for some sites), water source heat pumps and Planning costs.

2. Of the total PSDS funding awarded to you, roughly what proportion will be spent on energy efficiency measures/insulation, as opposed to heating and solar panels?

For PSDS1, heating and solar panels proportion was 82%, with the remainder of the funding spent on LED, BMS, battery storage and heat meters. For PSDS3a, heat pumps and solar panels proportion was 90% with remainder of funding spent on LED, solar thermal, draught proofing, double glazing (note this figure for PSDS3 is for Salix funding only and doesn't include LBB match funding)

3. If you have self-funded plans that don't include PSDS funding, please provide brief details. (Eg, how many buildings will be improved to what EPC Band by when? Of total planned spending, roughly what proportion will be spent on energy efficiency measures, as opposed to heating and solar panels?)

Plans which aren't funded by PSDS are currently in development. The intention is to decrease proportion spent on heat pumps and solar PV, and increase proportion spent on insulation (e.g. wall and roof insulation, double glazing).

4. How many non-residential buildings does the council own? 1109 Buildings

5. How many already meet EPC Band C or better? - Do not hold this information

6. If you have long term plans, please briefly explain. (Eg, we plan ensure that 8 out of 10 council owned buildings reach EPC Band C or better by 2030, with 2 at Band B).

In line with legislation i.e. retrofitting non-residential buildings below an E currently. It is likely that legislation may suggest all non-residential buildings must be EPC C and above by 2028. We are currently the EPCs for the Council's assets.

Part 2: Heat pumps in council-owned non-residential buildings

1. How many buildings have already been fitted with heat pumps by March 2023? (This would probably be separate to PSDS schemes).

None, separate to PSDS schemes. In relation to PSDS schemes, 19 sites have heat pumps (PSDS3), and 6 sites have heat pumps (PSDS1 – with a 7th site that where heat pumps will be installed ahead of autumn 23)

2. In the scheme(s) awarded funding by the PSDS, roughly what proportion/% will be spent on heat pumps, as opposed to energy efficiency measures or solar panels?

For PSDS1, 66% of costs were spent on heat pumps. For PSDS3 (Salix funding only, not including LBB match funding), 87% of costs were spent on heat pumps

3. How much money will be spent on Heat Pumps? (If any)

For PSDS1, c£914k was spent on heat pumps. For PSDS3, c£6m was spent on air source heat pumps (water source heat pumps costs not included as this is currently in progress)

Part 3: Solar Panels on council-owned non-residential buildings

1. How many buildings have already been fitted with solar panels by March 2023? (This would probably be separate to schemes funded by the PSDS).

7 buildings were fitted with solar PV panels prior to PSDS.

2. In the scheme(s) awarded funding by the PSDS, roughly what proportion/% will be spent on solar panels, as opposed to energy efficiency measures or solar panels?

For PSDS1, 15% of scheme was spent on solar PV. For PSDS3, 4% of funds (Salix only, not LBB match funding) was spent on solar PV

3. How much will be spent on solar panels?

For PSDS1, c£212k was spent on solar PV. For PSDS3, c£229k was spent on solar PV

Part 4: Support from the Mayor of London/ collaborations

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The Councils contractor for both PSDS1 and PSDS3 was procured through Retrofit Accelerator. For PSDS3, Mayor's Energy Efficiency Fund loan (MEEF) will be used for match funding

2. If any councils collaborated with other public bodies or housing associations to bulk buy solar panels or heat pumps under the PSDS it would be useful to get brief details of that.

No, not for PSDS

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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