

London Borough of Barnet
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Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
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Our ref: 9667932

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

To whom it may concern:

Please inform me as to the following:

In terms of summonses served; who at Barnet Council is personally responsible for booking rooms at local magistrate courts?

How much do these rooms cost?

How often are these rooms booked?

Do these courts need to lay with the boundaries of the borough of Barnet?

Are the same panel of magistrates used on each occasion?

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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The Council Tax Recovery team and Business Rates Recovery team meet with the court liaison officer before the start of the financial year and set the dates for the year ahead. The court provides a meeting room to talk to people that come to the hearing, but there is no booking needed.

How much do these rooms cost?

There is only a cost of £0.50 per summons.

How often are these rooms booked?

The Council Tax Recovery team and Business Rates Recovery team meet with the court liaison officer before the start of the financial year and set the dates for the year ahead.

Do these courts need to lay with the boundaries of the borough of Barnet?

No, however London Borough of Barnet's hearings are within the borough.

Are the same panel of magistrates used on each occasion?

The panel is always different.

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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