London Borough of Barnet 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale NW9 4EW 17 May 2023 Our ref: 9759380

Thank you for your request received on 13 May 2023, for the following information:

### Dear Sir/Madam,

I want to determine the percentage of my council tax spent on all services individually, please.

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 the information you requested is not held by London Borough of Barnet.

We are not able to provide you with percentage spend on a service where the income received through Council Tax is spent from your Council Tax payment. Council Tax income is one source of income for the council. We also receive income from other sources, e.g. Business Rates income, Government Grants, Fees and Charges, etc.. Unless the income is ring-fenced for a particular use, we cannot specify how much of each source of income funds any particular service. Council Tax income will go towards funding waste collection services and homelessness. Schools are funded from a grant received from the Department for Education called the Dedicated Schools Grant.

On page 5 and page 6 the Council's Tax and Business Rates in Barnet booklet for 2023/2024 gives an indicative spend here <u>023528 BC3564 Council Tax Bus Rates</u> <u>2023 FINAL.pdf (barnet.gov.uk)</u>

#### **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. <a href="http://open.barnet.gov.uk/">http://open.barnet.gov.uk/</a>

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You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link <a href="https://www.ico.org.uk">www.ico.org.uk</a>

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: <a href="mailto:foi@barnet.gov.uk">foi@barnet.gov.uk</a>. 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 <a href="https://www.ico.org.uk">www.ico.org.uk</a>). There is no charge for making an appeal.