

London Borough of Barnet  
2 Bristol Avenue  
Colindale  
NW9 4EW  
28 February 2024  
Our ref: 11604080

Thank you for your request received on 14 February 2024, for the following information:

**Hi all,**

**Please may I have the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.**

**Please may you tell me how many councillors did not pay their council tax bill in 2023 and how many were summoned to court due to the issue?**

**Please can you provide the names of the councillors who have not paid their council tax or who were summoned to court?**

**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.

***Hi all,***

***Please may I have the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.***

***Please may you tell me how many councillors did not pay their council tax bill in 2023 and how many were summoned to court due to the issue?***

From 01.01.2023 to 31.12.2023, there were four Councillors who have not fully paid their Council Tax. Three were summoned to court for non-payment

***Please can you provide the names of the councillors who have not paid their council tax or who were summoned to court?***

In 2023, three councillors were summoned to court for non-payment:

Councillor Ernest Ambe Esq (Council Tax listing is Mr Ernest Forlemu)

Councillor Giulia Monasterio

## 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.