

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue
Colindale
NW9 4EW
15 March 2024
Our ref: 11725520

Thank you for your request received on 8 April 2024, for the following information:

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to submit a Freedom of Information (FOI) request regarding council tax paid the London Borough of Barnet.

I seek the following information for the most up-to-date period available:

1/ What are the total number of households in the London Borough of Barnet that pay council tax. Provide Latest year available.

2/ What is the total annual income generated from ALL council tax payments in the London Borough of Barnet. Provide Latest year available and Provide figures in GBP.

3/ Please confirm if all funds collected from council tax in the London Borough of Barnet are remitted entirely to the central UK government? Provide figures in GBP.

4/ If the answer to question 3 is YES, Then what amount of funds are returned to the London Borough of Barnet from the central government ? Latest year available, Provide figures in GBP. For example : If the London Borough of Barnet raised 2 Million GBP in council tax from the people of Barnet in one year, how much of that money goes to Central Government and how much is then reallocated back to the London Borough of Barnet ?

5/ How much of the total annual council tax revenue generated by the London Borough of Barnet, is strategically invested beyond its borders? I am seeking detailed information on the nature of these investments including specific ventures or projects, and their respective companies and location of investments.

6/ Is the London Borough of Barnet run as a LLP or similar, and is it associated to any other companies, Please be specific

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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155,158

2/ What is the total annual income generated from ALL council tax payments in the London Borough of Barnet. Provide Latest year available and Provide figures in GBP.

For 2024/25, the council has budgeted for £229.855m Council Tax income as set out in the [Budget papers approved by Full Council](#) on 27th Feb 2024.

3/ Please confirm if all funds collected from council tax in the London Borough of Barnet are remitted entirely to the central UK government? Provide figures in GBP.

No Council Tax income is transferred to Central Government. The Council Tax charge to residents includes an element that is passed on to the Greater London Authority and the charge is set separately by the GLA. Details of this are shown in 3.8 of [Business Planning 2024-2030 Feb 24 Council.pdf \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#)

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n/a - answer to Q3 is No

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All investment in growth undertaken by the council is with Barnet borders.

6/ Is the London Borough of Barnet run as a LLP or similar, and is it associated to any other companies, Please be specific

The Council is not run as a LLP, but as a Local Authority Council. Details of associated companies and the subsidiaries of the Council are included in the Annual Statement of Accounts [Statement of accounts | Barnet Council](#)

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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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.