

London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale NW9 4EW
30 October 2024
Our ref: 13082076

Thank you for your request received on 2 October 2024, for the following information:

I am writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please could you provide the following in respect of each of your previous 3 full financial years:

- 1. Whether your organisation or any part of it is subscribed to Amazon Business?**
- 2. Your annual turnover or operating budget.**
- 3. Your total procurement spend (inc VAT), including via Purchase Order/Invoice, Purchasing/Procurement Card, and Direct Debit.**
- 4. Your total procurement/purchasing spend (inc VAT) with Amazon, and its major subsidiaries, including Amazon Web Services.**
- 5. How much of the total spend with Amazon and its major subsidiaries (detailed above) is for the purchase of vouchers for gifting/award or other purposes?**

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

Response

I can confirm that the council holds the information you requested. However we are withholding the information because we consider that the following exemption exemptions and exceptions apply to it.

1. Whether your organisation or any part of it is subscribed to Amazon Business?

S12 - Cost limit (Exceeds Appropriate Limit)

We are refusing your request under section 12 because we estimate that compliance with your request will exceed the "appropriate limit" under section 12. The appropriate limit is £450 which is equivalent to 18 hours at £25 per hour. The per hour figure is set by Regulation rather than actual salary paid to any officers handling requests. The appropriate limit includes the time it will take the council to discover if it holds the information requested, to locate it, extract it and collate it as well as putting it into any particular format requested by the requester.

We can confirm that London Borough of Barnet does not subscribe at a corporate level. However, in order to confirm whether any part of the organisation is subscribed we would potentially need to check with hundreds of officers across the broad scope of the council. While it is difficult to estimate how long this process would take, it is likely to be well in excess of 18 hours.

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5. How much of the total spend with Amazon and its major subsidiaries (detailed above) is for the purchase of vouchers for gifting/award or other purposes?

s21 - Information accessible by other means

This information is exempt from release under the above exemption, and can be found at the following links:

Annual turnover and budget, as well as total procurement spend: [Our statement of accounts | Barnet Council](#)

Itemised council expenditure 2023/24 down to 1p. [Expenditure Reporting 2023/24 | Barnet Open Data](#)

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

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. 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.