

8 January 2025
Our ref: 13594652

Thank you for your request received on 13 December 2024, for the following information:

Please provide the following information:

1. The number of elected members within your authority

Please provide the number of elected members within your authority and indicate the number of members affiliated to each political party represented within your council.

2. A list of training which elected members are required to complete.

This should include any statutory training (required by law) and any mandatory training (required by your organisation) but not training which is optional for elected members.

Please indicate where training is recurring and provide the compliance period associated with each recurring item.

3. Compliance rates for each training item.

The number of elected members who are currently compliant in each item of training.

For recurring training, please only include those members whose most recent completion of each training item is within that training's compliance period.

Personal data:

data, including names or contact details for elected members.

Where providing the breakdown of information listed above might indirectly identify a specific individual (for example, where a single elected member is affiliated to a specific political party within your council), please do not provide a breakdown, instead please provide overall compliance figures for each required item of training.

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

1. *The number of elected members within your authority*

Please provide the number of elected members within your authority and indicate the number of members affiliated to each political party represented within your council.

Details of elected members can be found here on the Barnet Council website: [Your Councillors](#)

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Mandatory training for new councillors

Local authorities do not have any statutory training requirements for Members. The Council's Governance, Audit, Risk Management and Standards Committee decides what training is mandatory for our Members which is as follows:

- Role of a Councillor.
- Governance Presentation.
- Code of Conduct and Register of Interests.
- Members' Enquiries and Corporate Complaints.
- Adults Safeguarding
- Children's Safeguarding
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3. *Compliance rates for each training item.*

The number of elected members who are currently complaint in each item of training.

As part of the member development programme we have a number of mandatory training sessions for all members to complete as part of their role as a councillor. This usually includes the above training sessions.

Member Development Update reports to the Governance, Audit, Risk Management and Standards Committee published here which has a section on mandatory training:

Item 12: [Agenda for Governance, Audit, Risk Management and Standards Committee \(GARMS\) on Monday 24th July, 2023, 7.00 pm](#)

Item 12: [Agenda for Governance, Audit, Risk Management and Standards Committee \(GARMS\) on Monday 15th April, 2024, 7.00 pm](#)

Item 14: [\(Public Pack\)Agenda Document for Governance, Audit, Risk Management and Standards Committee \(GARMS\), 27/11/2024 19:00](#)

For recurring training, please only include those members whose most recent completion of each training item is within that training's compliance training.

Personal data:

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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.