BARNSLEY
Metropolitan Borough Council

My Ref: FOI/ 4957
Your Ref:
Date: 22nd September 2025
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

Employment of Unemployed Residents on Direct Council Contracts Has Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council ever considered, proposed, or operated any scheme to directly employ unemployed residents (on short-term contracts or otherwise) to carry out community/public works (e.g., street cleaning, park maintenance, estate/environmental improvements, or other municipal tasks)? If yes, please provide: The title and description of the scheme(s). Dates of operation (or consideration). Total budget allocated and spent. Number of participants employed. Evaluation reports, outcomes, or monitoring information (including whether the scheme reduced local unemployment or improved public services). If no such scheme has been operated, please confirm whether any feasibility studies, cost-benefit analyses, or policy papers have been commissioned by BMBC or its contractors regarding the potential for such a model. Please also provide any correspondence, reports, or meeting minutes from 2015 to present in which a scheme of this type was discussed at Council, Cabinet, or officer level.

I can confirm that the Council has not considered, proposed or operated any schemes as set out in your request for information.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

Barnsley MBC
Information Requests Team
PO Box 634
Barnsley
S70 9GG
email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: -

Customer Services Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Email: http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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