



My Ref: FOI4772
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: -

The total amount paid by Barnsley Council to Barnsley Chronicle (or its publishing entity) in each of the financial years ending 31 March 2023, 2024, and 2025.

2022/23 £154,527
2023/24 £152,082
2024/25 £204,603

A breakdown of payments for each year, if possible, showing category (e.g. advertising, public notices, subscriptions, or other services).

This information is not recorded however the majority of payment relate to public notices. Each individual payment would need to be reviewed to categorise accurately. There are over 250 separate transactions spanning the 3-year period. Each transaction would take at least 5 mins to review meaning the allowable time would be exceed. Should you wish to narrow your requirement we can consider your request

Whether any contracts or agreements exist between the council and the Barnsley Chronicle with details of start/end dates, value, and services specified.

No contracts exist

If this information is already published or available elsewhere (e.g. in your quarterly "Expenditure over £500" disclosure logs or a disclosure log), please provide the URLs or guidance to access it. I would prefer this information in an electronic format (e.g. Excel or CSV)

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests Via email.

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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