



My Ref: FOI/ 5320
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: -

- 1. Does your council have a written anti-poverty strategy (this may also be referred to as a 'poverty strategy')? This may be an all-age strategy, or one focusing on a specific group of the population, such as a child poverty strategy. If so, please provide a link to the strategy if it is available publicly, or a copy via email.**

No, Barnsley Council does not have an anti-poverty strategy

- 2. If your council does not have an anti-poverty strategy in place, does it plan to develop one within the next 12 months? If so, please provide a link to any public facing document detailing this commitment.**

Barnsley Council does not intend to publish an anti-poverty strategy in the next 12 months

- 3. Has your council voluntarily adopted the socio-economic duty? Please answer yes or no, and provide more detail if necessary. For example, you may answer "no, but we recognise socio-economic disadvantage as an additional factor in Equality Impact Assessments".**

Barnsley Council has not formally adopted the socio-economic duty. Socio-economic disadvantage is not a protected characteristic, but Barnsley Council:

- Includes socio-economic status in its Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) template.
- Treats socio-economic disadvantage as a "golden thread" in strategic decision-making, reflecting Barnsley's ranking as the 38th most deprived area in England (Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019).

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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