



My Ref: FOI4892
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: -

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I would like to request the following information:

How much money has BMBC paid / spent for services to advertise in the local paper the Barnsley Chronicle. Please can you supply data from April to April from dates 2020,2021,2022,2023,2024,2025

Statutory Public Notices:

We are bound by law to publish Statutory Public Notices in a newspaper. Statutory Public Notices are legally required public announcements under the Local Government Act 2000, informing the public about significant decisions, changes in services, or proposals that may affect their lives.

We have no control over whether to place these advertisements. The act states that they must be published in one or more newspapers circulating in their area. The Barnsley Chronicle is the only legitimate newspaper circulating in the Barnsley borough. We also publish these on our website barnsley.gov.uk/public-notices/

Date	Cost of Statutory Public Notices
April 2020 - March 2021	£42,867
April 2021 - March 2022	£71,599
April 2022 - March 2023	£88,167
April 2023 - March 2024	£107,978
April 2024 - March 2025	£98,336
April 2025 to date	£122,394

Advertising targeted at residents

This includes marketing and advertising of services to provide information to residents. It includes both online and paper advertising. This includes advertising, which will have been funded by external grants such as COVID-19 funding from the Government.

Date	Cost of advertising targeted at residents
April 2020 - March 2021	£876.66
April 2021 - March 2022	£8,153.20
April 2022 - March 2023	£8,693.20
April 2023 - March 2024	£1,687.50
April 2024 - March 2025	£5,874.37
April 2025 to date	£1,860.00

Recruitment and job opportunities advertising

Date	Cost of advertising for residents
April 2020 - March 2021	£100
April 2021 - March 2022	£200
April 2022 - March 2023	£3,900
April 2023 - March 2024	£300
April 2024 - March 2025	£0
April 2025 to date	£0

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

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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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