



My Ref: FOI 5983
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 respectfully request the following:

1. 2. A complete list of services funded by Council Tax, including but not limited to:

Waste collection and disposal

Road maintenance

Social care

Education

Emergency services

Administrative costs

Payments to third-party contractors or external bodies

The total annual cost of each service, with:

Clear identification of which services are statutory and which are discretionary

Disclosure of any additional funding sources (e.g. central government grants, private partnerships)

Please see link to the 2026/27 Budget guide and Council Tax Leaflet

[BMBC Budget and Council Tax 2026-2027](#)

3. The method used to calculate each household's contribution, including:

The formula or model used to apportion costs

The average cost per household for each service

Any variations based on property band, occupancy, or exemptions

Personal Position

I want to make it clear: I am not refusing to contribute to my community. I would be happy to

pay for the services I need, when I need them provided those services are transparent,

accountable, and lawfully delivered. What I will not do is blindly fund a system that refuses to

explain where my money goes, or how it is used.

Please see link to the council tax base report which provides the method of calculating the total number of properties liable for council tax

[Calculation Council Tax Base 2026-2027.pdf](#)

Please also find the 2026-29 suite of budget papers and particularly paper 2a Council Tax Options which shows how each band of council tax is calculated

[\(Public Pack\)Agenda Document for Full Council, 26/02/2026 10:00](#)

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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