



My Ref: FOI/ 4885
Your Ref:
Date: 19th 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: -

1. Please confirm the current level of external debt held by Barnsley Council as of the most recent financial quarter (or latest available figures).

See separate spreadsheet for figures.

2. Please provide details of any external consultants, advisory firms, or contractors engaged by Barnsley MBC since 2020 to advise on, manage, restructure, or support debt-related matters, including but not limited to:

- The name(s) of the organisation(s) engaged (e.g., Arum or others).
- The nature and scope of the services provided.
- The total fees paid or payable to date.
- The length/duration of the contract(s).
- Whether the arrangement(s) remain active at the present time.

Enforcement Agents, collect council tax and business rates. Also work as Debt Collection Agents for Sundry Debt and Housing Benefit Overpayments. In contract from 1 February 2025, contract terms 3 years, plus 1 year plus 1 year:

- CDER Group Ltd, Floor 9, Peninsular House, 30-36 Monument Street, London EC3R 8LJ
- Jacobs Enforcement Ltd, 6 Europa Boulevard, Birkenhead, CH41 4PE
- Newlyn Plc, Century House, Wargrave Road, Henley-On-Thames, Oxfordshire RG9 2LT
- Dukes Bailiff Ltd, 7 Newcastle Street, Stone, Staffordshire ST15 8JT

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- Marston (Holdings) Ltd, 8th Floor Rutland House, 148 Edmund Street, Birmingham B3 2JR

Fees for Enforcement Agent cases are paid/collected as outlined in the Taking Control of Goods (Fees) Regulations 2014.

Debt Collection – no charge/fees

Solicitors used for Insolvency work:

- Wilkin Chapman Rollits, Cartergate House, 26 Chantry Lane, Grimsby DN31 2LJ
- Greenhalgh Kerr Solicitors, Olympic House, 8 Beecham Court, Wigan WN3 6PR

Fees for Insolvency are paid by Barnsley MBC upon receipt of the invoices (30 day payment terms) and then many of the costs are then recovered by the solicitors and forwarded to the Council.

3. If no external debt management or collections consultants are currently engaged, please confirm whether BMBC's debt management is conducted entirely in-house.

Not applicable.

I would like this information broken down by financial year where applicable

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
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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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