



My Ref: FOI/ 4832
Your Ref:
Date: 17th 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: -

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting the following information relating to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council's involvement with the charity/organisation *City of Sanctuary* between 1 January 2020 and 31 August 2025:

1. Funding

- **The total amount of money provided by Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council to City of Sanctuary (or any local/regional City of Sanctuary group), whether directly or indirectly, in each financial year from 2020/21 to 2024/25 (and any amounts in 2025/26 up to 31 August 2025).**
- **Please include grants, donations, commissioned services, partnership funding, or any other financial contributions.**

City of Sanctuary have received 3 separate payments to date

£500 from the Supporting Unity and Inclusion fund to support the Celebrating our Communities event in November 2024

£249 in February 2025 from the Worsbrough Ward Alliance engagement budget for reimbursement of costs related to the flavours of Christmas event

£680 from the Better Barnsley Bond to hold a series of events as part of the Refugee Week in June 2025

2. Agreements and Contracts

- **Copies of any agreements, contracts, memoranda of understanding, or other formal partnership documents between Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and City of Sanctuary (or any local/regional City of Sanctuary group) in the above period.**

Each payment was accompanied with an award letter which stipulated the terms and conditions of the award – an extract of which is provide below

- Any award made will be used only for purposes for which it is granted, if it is found during monitoring that any item(s) funded are ineligible, I will return any money requested immediately.
- The monitoring information required by BMBC will be provided as and when requested. All financial records, receipts etc. will be kept for at least 7 years following any award. Applicants will be required to provide copies of receipts of expenditure within 6 months of any award or evidence of action if an order is placed.
- Any unspent monies must be returned within 6 months. Please contact the team to arrange a BACs transfer.
- That arrangements for any insurance that is needed for your activity has been put in place
- Any media or promotional work must include the 'BMBC', 'Love Where You Live', and 'Funded by UK Government' logos that are provided alongside this letter
- Groups receiving awards may be required to report to future events about the benefits received from the grant.

I am not requesting personal data. I am happy to receive the information in digital format (PDF, Word, or Excel).

If any part of this request is likely to exceed the cost limit under Section 12 of the Act, please prioritise providing the funding totals and a list of agreements first, and advise me on how the scope could be narrowed for the remainder.

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:

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Information Requests Team
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Barnsley
S70 9GG
email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

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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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