

My Ref: FOI4499

Your Ref:

Date: 04/06/2025

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 would like to request the following information from your organisation:

For each of the last five financial years (2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25), how much money was spent by the local authority on external consultants?

Please could you break the data down into a total amount and separated by year.

## Exemption

The information you have requested is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as it is reasonably accessible by other means.

The council publishes expenditure over £500 data on its website here, which can be filtered by consultancy:

https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/our-council/information-we-publish/expenditure-over-500/

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: <a href="http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints">http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints</a>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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