

Barnet in full

The council tax bill and who receives it, spending by service, payments over £500, senior pay, the report card and how the council compares.

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Executive summary

The key figures from each part of this report, with the change on a year earlier where the source gives one.

Barnet: your area

£2,133

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+£97 (+4.8%) vs 2025-26
As of 6 April 2026

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27.8%

Household waste recycled,
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As of 6 April 2026

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Band D against the England
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Below average
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Where your council tax goes in Barnet

£2,132.60

Band D bill, 2026-27
As of 6 April 2026

£1,591.19

Goes to Barnet itself (75%)
As of 6 April 2026

£616.33

Largest line: adult social care
As of 17 September 2026

Parking income in Barnet

£14.93m

Parking surplus
-£0.40m (-2.6%) vs 2024-25
2025-26

£32.35m

Parking income
+£5.08m (+18.6%) vs 2024-25
2025-26

£17.42m

Spending on parking
+£5.49m (+46.0%) vs 2024-25
2025-26

Barnet: spending over £500

£714.9m

Paid in payments of £500 or more,
latest year

82,473

Payments

2,340

Suppliers

Barnet: senior pay and councillor allowances

£262,345

Chief Executive, 2025-26

71

Staff paid £100,000 or more,
2025-26

£977,000

Members' allowances, 2025-26

Barnet: your area

[Your area](#) · Last updated 27 September 2026 · <https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/your-area/barnet/>

Barnet sets a Band D council tax of **£2,133** for 2026-27, 281 of 296 councils in England from the highest. Police: Metropolitan Police. Fire and rescue: London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority. Health: NHS North Central London Integrated Care Board. This page links to everything the site holds on the area; the full bill, the report card and parking each have a page of their own.

Key figures

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Parking surplus, 2025-26
As of 6 April 2025

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Household waste recycled,
2024-25

10%

A roads where maintenance
should be considered, 2024-25

20%

Reserves as a share of spending,
2025-26

What is the council tax in Barnet?

Band D is **£2,133** a year for 2026-27, and Band A, the lowest, **£1,422**. That is £278 below the England average of £2,411, 281 of 296 in England from the highest.

Of a Band D bill, **£1,622** goes to Barnet.

[Every band, who gets the money and how Barnet compares](#)

[Where your council tax goes: from your bill to each service](#)

[Every payment over £500 that Barnet publishes](#)

[Barnet: senior pay and councillors' allowances](#)

How does the council compare?

- Council tax rise this year 4.8% Lower than the England figure of 4.9%
- Council tax per head £832 Higher than the England figure of £796
- Ombudsman uphold rate 83% (33 of 40) Lower than the England figure of 86%
- Reserves as a share of net spending 20% Lower than the England figure of 50%
- Borrowing per home £8,320 Higher than the England figure of £3,474
- Accounts, 2024-25 Delivered by backstop 92% of bodies had an opinion delivered by the backstop date
- Ofsted, children's services Good 73% of English councils are good or outstanding
- CQC, adult social care Good 62% of assessed councils are good or outstanding
- A roads needing maintenance considered 10% Higher than the England figure of 5%
- Recycling rate 27.8% Lower than the England figure of 42.0%
- Major planning decisions on time 95.6% Higher than the England figure of 91.0%

Each figure is set against the figure for England as a whole. They are plain comparisons, one measure at a time: there is no overall score and no ranking of councils. Higher is not always better or worse; what each measure does and does not show is on the [methodology page](#).

[The full report card: complaints, finances, audit, pay and services](#)

Roads, bins and planning

Roads, recycling and planning in Barnet

Measure	Figure	Period
A roads where maintenance should be considered	10%	2024-25
B and C roads where maintenance should be considered	14%	2024-25
Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered	12%	2024-25
Household waste reused, recycled or composted	27.8%	2024-25
Major planning decisions made on time	95.6%	24 months to end of June 2026

Road condition is from the Department for Transport; each figure is compared with England as a whole in the [report card](#).

What does the council make from parking?

Parking income and surplus for Barnet

Authority	Year	Income	Surplus
Barnet	2025-26	£32.4m	£14.9m

What the law lets a council spend a parking surplus on is on [parking fines and council parking income](#).

Who is your MP?

A council area can span several constituencies, so your MP depends on your address. Enter your postcode in the box at the top of this page to see your MP and what their office cost, [find any MP by name or constituency](#), or see every constituency and its MP on [the MP map](#).

How much crime is recorded here?

In the 12 months to June 2026, police recorded **71.4 crimes per 1,000 residents** in Barnet, excluding anti-social behaviour, against 82.4 across England.

[Barnet on the crime map, down to streets of a few hundred homes](#)

Your police precept

In London the police precept is part of the Mayor's precept on your bill. It funds **Metropolitan Police**, which has £4.0bn in all for 2026-27. The precept is set once for the whole force area and spent across the whole force area, so the crime figures above for Barnet are not what its precept bought.

[Metropolitan Police: funding, precept and results for the whole force](#)

Who runs police, fire, health and ambulances here?

The bodies that serve Barnet, and their latest money

Service	Body	Latest	Per resident
Police	Metropolitan Police	£4.0bn (2026-27)	£440
Fire and rescue	London Fire Brigade	£576m (2025-26)	£63.15
Ambulance	London Ambulance Service NHS Trust	£756m (2024-25)	£82.58
NHS	NHS West and North London Integrated Care Board	£12.6bn (2028-29)	£3,482
Roads	Barnet	£8m (2025-26)	£19.36
Schools	Barnet	£374m (2026-27)	£916
Council spending	Barnet	£805m (2025-26)	£1,973
Social care	Barnet	£294m (2024-25)	£723
Housing	Barnet	£30m (2025-26)	£73.10
Waste and recycling	Barnet	not published	—

Each body serves a wider area than Barnet, and its money is for the whole of that area. Its page has its funding over time and what is recorded alongside it; [public services near you](#) looks them up for any postcode. Water is not covered yet: see [Discover Water](#).

Which bodies cover Barnet: ONS lookups of local authorities to police force areas, fire and rescue authorities, integrated care boards and local health boards (Open Government Licence v3.0); where an area is split between integrated care boards, the one covering most residents is named.

How does Barnet look against other councils?

See Barnet on [the council map](#), alongside every other council on council tax, complaints, reserves, audit and inspections, or [browse every council](#).

Common questions

- How much is council tax in Barnet? Band D is £2,133 a year for 2026-27. [Every band](#).
- Which police force covers Barnet? Metropolitan Police police force area. Fire and rescue: London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority.

Council tax in Barnet

Your area · Last updated 27 September 2026 · <https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/council-tax/england/barnet/>

Council tax in Barnet for 2026-27 is **£2,133 a year for a Band D home**, £1,422 for Band A and £4,265 for the top band. That is £278 below the England average of £2,411. It ranks 281 of 296 billing areas in England. Figures are the council's own set rates.

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Rank in England, highest first
As of 6 April 2026

What is the bill for each band?

Council tax by band in Barnet, bands A to H

Band	A year	A month
Band A	£1,421.73	£118.48
Band B	£1,658.69	£138.22
Band C	£1,895.64	£157.97
Band D	£2,132.60	£177.72
Band E	£2,606.51	£217.21
Band F	£3,080.42	£256.70
Band G	£3,554.33	£296.19
Band H	£4,265.20	£355.43

Who gets the money?

Band D bill in Barnet by receiving body

Who receives it	Band D	Share
Barnet	£1,622	76%
Other precepting bodies	£511	24%

Each body sets its own precept and the council simply collects them together. The council that sends the bill keeps only its own share.

[Where your council tax goes: from your bill to each service](#)

How does it compare?

Band D here is **£278 below** the England average, 281 of 296 councils from the highest.

Barnet among the England councils nearest it, Band D 2026-27

Merton	£2,147
Dudley	£2,145
Bromley	£2,140
Ealing	£2,139
Barnet (Barnet)	£2,133
Islington	£2,108
Greenwich	£2,108
Hackney	£2,060
Isles of Scilly	£2,048

Ranked highest first. Every council is in the full table.

How does Barnet compare? The report card

Official figures on complaints, finances, audit, pay and services for Barnet, each from the body that published it and set against the figure for England. See every council on the [council map](#).

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What do complaints to the ombudsman show?

Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman: Barnet, 2025-26

Measure	Barnet	For comparison
Complaints and enquiries received	287	—
Complaints and enquiries decided	222	187 in 2024-25
Detailed investigations	40	—
Upheld	33	—
Uphold rate	83%	86% for every body the Ombudsman covers; 88% for similar councils
Upheld cases where the council had already offered a satisfactory remedy	15%	13% for every body the Ombudsman covers
Ombudsman's recommendations the council complied with	100%	99.9% for every body the Ombudsman covers
Uphold rate in 2024-25	81%	—

An uphold rate depends on how many complaints reach a detailed investigation. With few investigations, one decision moves it a long way.

Source: [Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman, Annual review of local government complaints](#), 2025-26.

The Housing Ombudsman, which handles complaints from council tenants, made 1 finding of severe maladministration against London Borough of Barnet in 2025-26, out of 80 findings in 31 determinations. Its maladministration rate for this landlord was 80%.

Source: [Housing Ombudsman Service, Annual complaints review: landlord tables](#), 2025-26.

How healthy are its finances?

Reserves, spending and borrowing: Barnet

Measure	Barnet	For comparison
Net revenue spending, 2025-26	£328.6m	—
Reserves at the end of 2025-26	£65.3m	—
Reserves as a share of net spending	20%	50% for England; 18% in 2024-25
Outstanding borrowing at 30 June 2026	£1.34bn	—
Borrowing per home on the valuation list	£8,320	£3,474 across English billing authorities

Earmarked and unallocated revenue reserves at the end of the year, excluding schools and public health, as a share of net revenue expenditure. Much of any council's reserves is set aside for particular purposes. Borrowing is total outstanding loans of every kind; councils borrow mainly to pay for buildings, roads and housing, and the figure does not show what the borrowing was for.

Source: [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Local authority revenue expenditure and financing: revenue outturn time series](#), 2025-26; [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Local authority borrowing and investment live table](#), 30 June 2026; [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Council Taxbase statistics](#), 2025.

The council has issued a section 114 report since 2018. It was agreed Exceptional Financial Support for 2025-26, 2026-27. Each is dated and linked in the events below.

What have the auditors said?

Audit of the accounts: Barnet

Accounts year	Status recorded by PSAA	Opinion signed
2024-25	Delivered by backstop	24 February 2026
2023-24	Post backstop opinion delivered	30 September 2025

“Delivered by backstop” means the auditor gave an opinion by the statutory backstop date. Many opinions given that way were disclaimed or qualified because the deadline cut the audit short; PSAA publishes which type of opinion each council received only as national totals, so it is not shown here. Auditors’ value-for-money findings are in each auditor’s annual report on the council’s website.

Source: [Public Sector Audit Appointments, Monthly audit opinion data](#), 2024-25.

What are senior staff and councillors paid?

Pay and allowances: Barnet, from the statement of accounts

Measure	2025-26	2024-25
Employees paid £50,000 or more	1,480	1,384
Councillors’ allowances	£977,000	£1,001,000

The count is up 96 on the year before. 'The number of employees who received taxable remuneration more than £50,000, excluding employer's pension contributions for the year and excluding employees in senior employee table (including teachers)'. Single total column (1,480 in 2025/26; 1,384 in 2024/25); top band '>£150,000'. The accounts describe the allowances figure as “Members’ Allowances 977 (2024/25 1,001); Total 977 (1,001) £’000”. These are draft accounts and may change at audit. Thresholds are not adjusted for inflation, so more staff cross them each year as pay rises.

Source: [Barnet, 2025/26 Statement of Accounts \(2025/26 Draft Statement of Accounts\)](#), PDF page 108, Note 27. Checked 24 September 2026.

How are its services rated?

Service ratings and performance: Barnet

Measure	Barnet	For comparison
Children's services, Ofsted overall effectiveness	Good	23 July 2024. 73% of English councils judged good or outstanding
Adult social care, CQC assessment	Good	10 January 2025. 62% of assessed councils rated good or outstanding
A roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	10%	5% in England
B and C roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	14%	7% in England
Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	12%	17% in England
Household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting, 2024-25	27.8%	42.0% for England
Major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of June 2026	95.6%	91.0% for England
Non-major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of June 2026	94.9%	90.7% for England

Inspections happen at different times, so a rating can be several years old; the date is shown with each. Planning figures are measured differently in each nation: share of decisions made within the statutory time (13 weeks for major, 8 for non-major) or an agreed extension, over 24 months. Recycling rates are measured differently in England, Scotland and Wales, so compare within a nation.

Source: [Ofsted, Children's social care: local authority inspection outcomes](#), as at 31 March 2026; [Care Quality Commission, Local authority assessments](#), latest assessment; [Department for Transport, Road condition statistics: data tables \(RDC\)](#), 2024-25; [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Local authority collected waste management: annual results](#), 2024-25; [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Live tables on planning application statistics \(P151, P153\)](#), 24 months to end of June 2026.

What has happened recently?

Decisions and publications by official bodies about Barnet, newest first. Each links to the body that made or published it. News reports are not included.

- 7 May 2026 Election [Local election: 63 seats won](#) Conservative and Unionist Party 31, Labour Party 31, Green Party 1 Democracy Club
- 1 April 2026 Council tax [Council tax for 2026-27: Band D £2,133, up 4.8% on the year before](#) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
- 24 February 2026 Audit [Auditor's opinion on the 2024-25 accounts signed](#) PSAA records the status as "Delivered by backstop"; auditor Grant Thornton UK LLP. Public Sector Audit Appointments
- 23 February 2026 Exceptional Financial Support [Exceptional Financial Support agreed in principle for 2026-27](#) £79.6m (support agreed in-principle) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
- 20 February 2025 Exceptional Financial Support [Exceptional Financial Support agreed in principle for 2025-26](#) £55.7m (support agreed in-principle) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
- January 2025 Section 114 report [Section 114\(2\) report issued](#) The House of Commons Library gives the month only. House of Commons Library, CBP-8520
- 28 March 2023 Ombudsman [Ombudsman report: upheld, council tax](#) Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 21-017-371. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
- 5 May 2022 Election [Local election: 63 seats won](#) Labour Party 36, Conservative and Unionist Party 22, Labour and Co-operative Party 5 Democracy Club

Does the council think something here is wrong?

If you represent Barnet and think a figure here is wrong, out of date or unfairly presented, email hello@whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk with this page's address and the source you would point to. Every correction is logged, with its date, on the [corrections page](#).

How much of the council's spending does this cover?

Council tax paid for 18.8% of the money Barnet had to spend in 2025-26. The rest came from government grants (47.5%), business rates (4.6%) and fees, charges and other income (27.9%), with 1.2% taken from reserves. That is why a grant cut can raise your bill even when the council has not changed what it does. [See where it goes.](#)

Where can I find out more?

[What council tax is and why it works this way](#), including why the bands are still based on 1991 property values in England and Scotland, and [how every area compares](#), everything else on [Barnet: parking, roads, your MP and local services](#), and [Barnet on the council map](#).

Common questions

- How much is council tax in Barnet? Band D is £2,133 a year for 2026-27. Band A is £1,422 and the top band £4,265.
- Is council tax in Barnet higher than average? No. Band D here is £278 below the England average of £2,411.

Where your council tax goes in Barnet

Your area · Last updated 27 September 2026 · <https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/council-tax/england/barnet/where-it-goes/>

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Key figures

£2,132.60

Band D bill, 2026-27
As of 6 April 2026

£1,591.19

Goes to Barnet itself (75%)
As of 6 April 2026

£616.33

Largest line: adult social care
As of 17 September 2026

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Of the council's money that comes
from council tax, 2025-26
As of 17 September 2026

Who gets your bill

Figures are for a **Band D** home. Bands A to H pay a fixed fraction of this, set in law.

And where does that bit go?

Choose any part of the bill to see how it divides, then keep going as far as the published returns allow. Every level has its own link you can share.

An interactive map or explorer appears here on the live page.

Parks, street cleaning and roads here

What Barnet spent, net of income, on the lines readers ask about most. Roads and street cleaning are also shown per mile of road the council looks after, where it is the highway authority. Gully cleaning and verge cutting are inside routine maintenance; no return splits them out.

Barnet, 2025-26

Line	Net spending	Per resident	Similar councils, per resident	Per mile of road	Change
Parks and open spaces (including play areas)	£4.1m	£10	£13	—	down 3.1% on 2024-25
Street cleaning	£7.0m	£17	£24	£14,936 (similar: £23,020)	down 5.1% on 2024-25
Road and bridge maintenance	£3.8m	£9.41	£11	£8,170 (similar: £11,464)	down 2.5% on 2024-25
Environmental, safety and routine maintenance	£1.6m	£3.87	£6.76	£3,357 (similar: £7,966)	down 14.1% on 2024-25
Structural maintenance (resurfacing, bridges)	£2.3m	£5.54	£4.05	£4,813 (similar: £3,940)	up 7.7% on 2024-25
Street lighting (including energy)	£4.1m	£10	£6.86	£8,706 (similar: £7,486)	down 11.4% on 2024-25

Miles of road: Department for Transport road lengths, 2025; locally managed major roads and all minor roads. More on [what council tax does and doesn't pay for](#).

What it adds up to

Barnet: net spending per resident by service, 2025-26, against the median for London boroughs

Service	Per resident	Median
Education	£1,033	£952
Adult social care	£449	£438
Children's social care	£235	£306
Housing (not council homes)	£73	£149
Environment and regulation	£56	£105
Public health	£51	£89
Roads and transport	£32	£-2.33
Planning and development	£21	£24
Parks, leisure, libraries and culture	£16	£40
Running the council	£7.18	£69

- Barnet spent **39.0%** of its gross service spending on its own staff in 2025-26 (median for London boroughs: 33.2%); the rest went on suppliers, contractors, grants, benefits and other running costs.
- Its published payments of £500 or more came to **£714.9m** between 2025-09 and 2026-08. These include capital and council housing spending, so they are not a share of the figures above.
- Payments we classify as consultancy and agency staff came to **3.9%** of its staff costs (median among the 5 other London boroughs whose £500 data is read: 14.0%). The two come from different sources and periods, so this is a guide to scale, not an exact share.

What this data does and doesn't show

- These are each body's own figures, as reported to government in its revenue outturn return. Net spending is after the fees, charges and grants a service brings in.
- Your bill is for 2026-27; it is shared out using the latest published return, which covers an earlier year. The mix of spending changes little from one year to the next, but it does change.
- Council tax is not ring-fenced: this shows your bill in proportion to spending, not what your money bought. Where a precept is set aside for adult social care, it is shown against adult social care.
- No council publishes spending at street or property level, so nothing here says what was spent near you.
- Sub-service lines are the ones the national returns itemise. Councils describe their own budgets differently; their budget books and statements of accounts have more detail.

Sources

- Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, [Council Tax levels set by local authorities in England: Table 10, local authority level data](#), published 25 March 2026. Open Government Licence v3.0.
- Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, [Local authority revenue expenditure and financing: Revenue Outturn multi-year data set](#), published 17 September 2026. Open Government Licence v3.0.

How the split is worked out, and how the three nations' returns are matched to one list of services, is on the [methodology page](#). The dataset is on the [data page](#). See also [council tax in Barnet](#) and [everything else about Barnet](#).

Common questions

- **What does council tax pay for in Barnet?** A Band D bill of £2,132.60 is split between Barnet, Barnet: adult social care precept, this year's increase, Greater London Authority (Mayor, TfL, London Fire Brigade), Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime. In proportion to spending, the largest line is adult social care, £616.33.
- **Is council tax ring-fenced for particular services?** No. Council tax is pooled with grants, business rates and fees. The adult social care precept is the exception: councils raise it for adult social care.

Parking income in Barnet

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In 2025–26 Barnet took **£32.4m** in parking income and spent **£17.4m**, a **surplus of £14.9m** against **£15.3m** in 2024–25 (–3%), the 27th largest of 290 councils in England. Penalty charges brought in **£1.0m**. Figures are from the council's own return to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Key figures

£14.93m

Parking surplus
–£0.40m (–2.6%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£32.35m

Parking income
+£5.08m (+18.6%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£17.42m

Spending on parking
+£5.49m (+46.0%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£1.01m

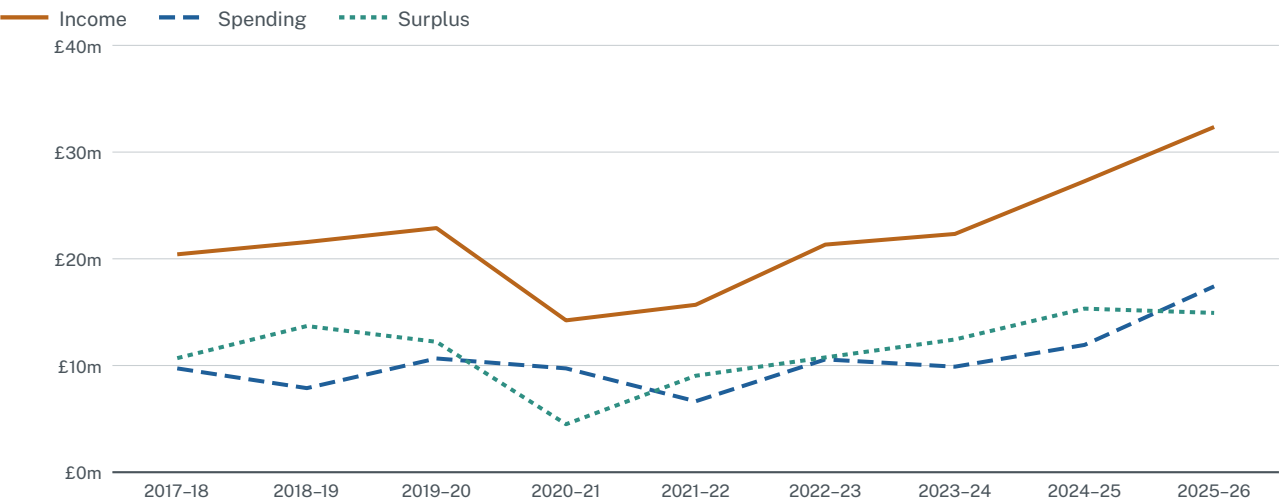
Penalty charge income
–£3.56m (–77.8%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

27 of 290

Rank in England, largest surplus
first
2025–26

How much has Barnet made from parking each year?

Barnet: parking income, spending and surplus, £ million



Barnet: parking income, spending and surplus, £ million. Income: £20.42m in 2017–18, £32.35m in 2025–26. Spending: £9.73m in 2017–18, £17.42m in 2025–26. Surplus: £10.69m in 2017–18, £14.93m in 2025–26.

Barnet: on-street and car park accounts

Year	On-street income	On-street spending	Car park income	Car park spending	Penalty income
2017-18	£19.43m	£9.31m	£0.99m	£0.42m	£8.29m
2018-19	£20.61m	£7.49m	£0.96m	£0.39m	£7.92m
2019-20	£21.89m	£10.22m	£0.99m	£0.44m	£0.00m
2020-21	£13.82m	£9.34m	£0.41m	£0.40m	£0.00m
2021-22	£14.92m	£6.17m	£0.78m	£0.48m	£3.09m
2022-23	£20.34m	£9.94m	£0.99m	£0.64m	£3.47m
2023-24	£21.25m	£9.34m	£1.08m	£0.55m	£4.12m
2024-25	£26.07m	£11.37m	£1.20m	£0.56m	£4.57m
2025-26	£31.09m	£16.91m	£1.25m	£0.52m	£1.01m

All figures are cash, in the council's own return. The most recent year is a first release and may be revised. Barnet is recorded as: London.

What can Barnet spend a surplus on?

On-street parking charges and all council parking penalty charges (England and Wales)

Ring-fenced by law a ring-fenced parking account. A surplus may only be spent on parking, public transport, highway and environmental improvements and similar purposes; a deficit is made good from the general fund.

[Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s55, as applied in England by SI 2022/71, regs 25 and 27](#)

Council car park (off-street) tariffs

Kept by the body that collects it the council's general fund. Section 55 covers on-street parking and enforcement income, not car park fees. Not verified

[Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s55\(1\), and DfT statutory guidance on civil parking enforcement](#)

How does Barnet compare with other councils?

Barnet among the England councils nearest it, parking surplus 2025-26



Ranked largest surplus first; a negative figure is a deficit. Every council is in the full tables.

[Every council's parking surplus](#), penalty charge levels and the national trend.

Barnet: spending over £500

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Barnet published **82,473** payments of £500 or more between September 2025 and August 2026, worth **£714.9m** in all, to 2,340 suppliers. The largest total went to The Barnetgroup Limited: £124.9m across 257 payments. These are the council's own published records; the gaps in them are listed below.

Key figures

£714.9m

Paid in payments of £500 or more, latest year

82,473

Payments

2,340

Suppliers

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Months with payments published

What the council published

1. Septpublished
2. Octpublished
3. Novpublished
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5. Janpublished
6. Febpublished
7. Marpublished
8. Aprpublished
9. Maypublished
10. Junpublished
11. Julpublished
12. Augpublished

Gaps and problems in the data, as published:

- The council publishes every payment, whatever its size; payments under £500 are left out here so councils compare on the same footing.
- 21.2% of payments (£36,341,949) have the supplier name withheld or redacted by the council, usually because the payee is an individual.
- 2086 credits and refunds (negative amounts, £22,203,510 in all) are included, so totals are net.

Top 50 suppliers by value

Barnet: the 50 suppliers paid most, September 2025 to August 2026

Supplier	Paid	Payments
The Barnetgroup Limited	£124,881,458	257
Names withheld by the council	£36,341,949	17,448
GLA Levies	£28,963,504	12
Capita Business Services Limited	£25,599,348	109
Barnet Education and Learning Service Limited	£23,890,643	140

Supplier	Paid	Payments
Tarmackier Joint Venture	£17,623,453	2,000
Matrix Scm Limited	£14,154,634	11,449
Mclaughlin and Harvey Limited	£10,084,759	17
Greater London Authority	£10,051,130	9
Whittington Hospital NHS Trust	£8,326,240	28
TBG Mosaic	£8,323,462	2,984
North London Waste Authority	£8,283,793	20
St Michael's Catholic Grammar School	£7,999,538	110
Marlborough Highways Limited	£6,811,545	89
London Borough of Harrow	£6,297,067	28
Barnet Lighting Services Limited	£6,210,681	12
London Borough of Barnet Pension Fu	£6,148,109	8
Affinity Water Limited	£5,447,491	6
Dimensions UK	£5,208,263	465
Danegrove Primary School	£4,778,235	48
Norwood Ravenswood Schools Limited	£4,630,208	642
Oak Lodge School Academy	£4,490,123	20
Provide Care Solutions Limited	£4,208,168	9
TBG Open Door Limited	£4,090,670	220
Change Grow Live Services Limited	£3,854,190	13
Midco Care Limited	£3,450,013	346
Barnet and Southgate College	£3,257,739	42
APCOA Parking UK Ltd	£3,224,859	8
Arthur J Gallagher	£3,151,650	11
Transport For London	£3,141,166	27
Jewish Care	£2,926,789	697
Central and North West London NHS Ft	£2,687,988	46
NSL Limited	£2,607,340	6
Caretech Community Services Limited	£2,606,770	444
London Borough of Islington	£2,513,121	15
Next Steps Limited	£2,472,185	113
NHS North Central London Icb	£2,454,982	13
Wates Property Services Limited	£2,392,178	23
Self Unlimited-London Region	£2,160,075	362
Wernick Construction	£2,120,666	2
Kisharon Day School	£2,110,654	24
Gentle Hands Care Homes Limited	£2,009,108	267
FM Conway Limited	£1,976,950	8
Barnet Special Education Trust	£1,945,589	23
Nwando Care Limited	£1,942,526	378
Saracens Broadfields	£1,889,727	72
Volkerfitzpatrick Limited	£1,713,611	3
Langdon Community Limited	£1,663,157	516
THE GESHER TRUST	£1,651,505	10
Nancy Reuben Primary School	£1,638,136	38

Spending by category (our classification)

Payments this site classifies into each category from the supplier and the council's description; most payments fall into none. The rules are on the [methodology page](#).

Barnet: payments by category (our classification)

Payments to other councils and public bodies		£37,422,440
Large outsourcing and contracting firms		£26,294,755
Consultancy and agency staff		£17,847,308
IT and software		£12,762,257
Legal fees		£1,057,648
Travel and accommodation		£935,863
Communications and PR		£660,503
Conferences and events		£150,982
Catering and hospitality		£7,930

The supplier is another council, a police, fire or NHS body, a government department or agency, or a pension fund.

1. Whittington Hospital NHS Trust: £8,326,240 (28 payments)
2. London Borough of Harrow: £6,297,067 (28 payments)
3. London Borough of Barnet Pension Fu: £6,148,109 (8 payments)
4. Central and North West London NHS Ft: £2,687,988 (46 payments)
5. London Borough of Islington: £2,513,121 (15 payments)
6. NHS North Central London Icb: £2,454,982 (13 payments)
7. Kent County Council (Kcs): £1,493,750 (569 payments)
8. London Borough of Camden: £1,329,588 (10 payments)
9. London Borough of Brent: £1,135,030 (32 payments)
10. London Borough of Enfield: £936,748 (14 payments)

The supplier is one of a named list of large firms that run council services under contract. A payment to one is often a routine instalment on a long contract.

1. Capita Business Services Limited: £25,599,348 (109 payments)
2. Liberata UK Limited: £378,209 (12 payments)
3. Equans E and S Infrastructure UK L: £212,594 (20 payments)
4. Glendale Countryside Limited: £79,419 (15 payments)
5. Compass contract services(uk) ltd: £12,989 (3 payments)
6. Tarmac Trading Limited: £7,412 (10 payments)
7. Serco Group plc: £1,850 (1 payment)
8. G4S Investigation Solutions (UK) Ltd trading as Allied Universal: £1,450 (2 payments)
9. Sopra Steria Limited: £750 (1 payment)
10. Lafarge Tarmac Trading Limited: £733 (1 payment)

The supplier is a law firm or chambers, or the council describes the payment as legal fees, counsel or court fees.

1. Weightmans LLP: £219,898 (71 payments)
2. Browne Jacobson Sols: £185,468 (40 payments)
3. Morrish Solicitors LLP: £94,107 (1 payment)
4. McKeag & Co Solicitors LLP: £57,449 (2 payments)
5. Eversheds LLP: £52,477 (13 payments)
6. Fletchers Solicitors Ltd: £45,289 (4 payments)
7. The Barnetgroup Limited: £40,413 (1 payment)
8. Prince Evans Solicitors LLP: £38,640 (1 payment)
9. Jowett Kennedy Fidler LLP T/A Tyr Law: £30,202 (2 payments)

10. Copyright Licensing Agency Limited: £27,391 (1 payment)

The supplier is a recruitment agency or consultancy on a named list, or the council describes the payment as consultancy, agency or interim staff, or professional fees.

1. Matrix Scm Limited: £14,154,634 (11449 payments)
2. Grant Thornton UK LLP: £685,897 (9 payments)
3. Peopletoo Limited: £636,795 (11 payments)
4. Pricewaterhouse Coopers: £277,424 (13 payments)
5. WSP UK Limited: £266,367 (52 payments)
6. Groundwork London: £140,000 (1 payment)
7. Young Barnet Foundation: £140,000 (1 payment)
8. The Barnetgroup Limited: £125,211 (13 payments)
9. Concerto Support Services Ltd: £118,150 (14 payments)
10. Lazari Investments Limited: £106,297 (4 payments)

The supplier is on a named list of IT and telecoms firms, or the council describes the payment as software, licences, IT, hardware, hosting or telephony.

1. TBG Mosaic: £8,323,462 (2984 payments)
2. Oracle Corporation UK Limited: £909,214 (23 payments)
3. Marston (Holdings) Ltd: £644,338 (4 payments)
4. Chipside Ltd: £610,950 (56 payments)
5. Softcat PLC: £372,656 (31 payments)
6. Idox Software Limited: £268,608 (3 payments)
7. British Telecommunications Plc: £180,072 (15 payments)
8. Mastek Systems Company Limited: £125,275 (2 payments)
9. Access UK Limited: £108,810 (12 payments)
10. Version 1 Solutions Limited: £96,523 (4 payments)

The council describes the payment as advertising, marketing, publicity or public relations. Recruitment and statutory notices are left out.

1. Financial Data Management Limited: £467,952 (21 payments)
2. Can Digital Solutions Limited: £38,500 (8 payments)
3. Royal Airforce Museum Enterprises Limited: £37,500 (2 payments)
4. Global Media Group Services Limited: £25,491 (9 payments)
5. Good Impressions Limited: £20,295 (18 payments)
6. CNS Media Ltd: £10,200 (3 payments)
7. Meltwater (UK) Ltd: £9,838 (1 payment)
8. Brickwall Films Limited: £9,105 (2 payments)
9. Bay Media Limited: £7,080 (1 payment)
10. Starr Brothers Films Limited: £4,389 (1 payment)

The council describes the payment as a conference, seminar, exhibition, event or venue hire.

1. Learning Pool: £59,756 (1 payment)
2. Barnet Education and Learning Service Limited: £24,000 (3 payments)
3. Cyber Centre of Excellence Limited: £16,800 (1 payment)
4. ASE Corporate Eyecare Limited: £12,226 (12 payments)
5. South East Employers: £9,000 (2 payments)
6. Association of Electoral Administra: £7,615 (2 payments)
7. University of Westminster: £5,500 (2 payments)
8. Link Support Services (UK) Limited Link Support Services (UK) Limited: £3,350 (1 payment)

9. Act Now Training Limited: £2,399 (1 payment)

10. The Care Leaders Online Ltd: £1,920 (1 payment)

The council describes the payment as travel, fares, flights, subsistence or hotels. Homeless and temporary accommodation, and home to school and client transport, are left out.

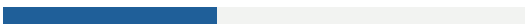
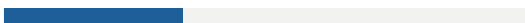
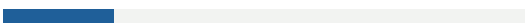
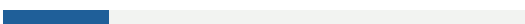
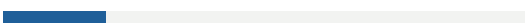
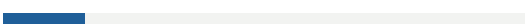
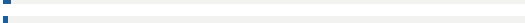
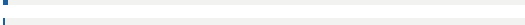
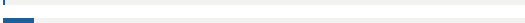
1. Names withheld by the council: £706,221 (671 payments)
2. Prospero Teaching: £27,424 (6 payments)
3. CTM (North) Limited: £25,652 (28 payments)
4. Your Family Services Ltd: £25,021 (18 payments)
5. Avc Wise Limited: £19,668 (10 payments)
6. Resurrection Life Centre Ltd: £18,670 (13 payments)
7. CHANCES GIVES CHOICES: £11,862 (10 payments)
8. Precious Child Contact Services Limited: £10,910 (7 payments)
9. Lnrs Data Services Limited: £10,780 (1 payment)
10. Hing Kuen Man Esq: £10,596 (10 payments)

The council describes the payment as catering, hospitality or refreshments. School meals are left out.

1. ISS Mediclean: £4,669 (3 payments)
2. Royal Airforce Museum Enterprises Limited: £2,661 (1 payment)
3. Bread N Butter London Cic: £600 (1 payment)

Spending by the council's own service areas

Barnet: payments by service area, as the council labels them

L5 Adults & Health (B2020D)		£176,979,983
L5 Childrens Services DSG (B3000D)		£134,735,492
L5 LBB Capital (B1300D)		£106,304,088
L5 Childrens Family Services (B2004D)		£72,375,323
L5 Growth (B4000D)		£60,643,207
L5 LBB Collection Fund (B1000D)		£37,401,950
L5 HRA (B3021D)		£35,637,893
L5 Environment (B4002D)		£34,777,539
L5 Strategy & Innovation (B4001D)		£27,459,264
L5 Strategy & Resources (B2660D)		£25,826,807
L5 Assurance (B2001D)		£8,919,190
L5 LBB Control Accounts (B1200D)		£2,404,841
L5 LBB Balance Sheet (B0000D)		£1,642,656
L5 Unknown -No Hierachy (B2000D)		£35,147
L5 SCHOOLDM (B3010D)		–£10,238,859

Who is paid for grounds, street cleaning, roads and bins?

The suppliers paid most for each kind of work, where the council's own labels say what the payment was for (our matching). A council that does the work with its own staff pays mostly wages, which are not in this data, so a short list here can mean the work is done in-house.

Parks and open spaces (including play areas): largest suppliers

Gristwood and Tom Limited	£956,362
Bush Wheeler Services Limited	£138,978
Woodvale Tree Care Ltd	£123,664
Thor's Trees	£123,131
Glendale Countryside Limited	£79,419
CSG (Ushers) Ltd	£65,508
Liam McGough Tree Services	£61,347
Anglo Trees LTD	£43,777
HTRB Services LTD	£38,190
Integrated Water Services Limited	£36,808

Waste collection: largest suppliers

IPL Plastics (UK) Ltd	£376,468
North London Waste Authority	£274,508
Storm Environmental Limited	£221,452
Softcat PLC	£171,608
Wastestream Services Limited	£102,341
SSI Schaefer Plastics UK	£88,602
Permiserv Limited	£51,173
City of London	£39,798
Ridley Recycling Limited T/A Peter Ridley Waste Systems	£26,111
Ricardo Aea Limited	£24,935

Consultancy and agency against the pay bill

Payments we classify as consultancy and agency staff came to 3.9% of Barnet's own staff costs in its 2025-26 revenue return, against a median of 14.0% for the other London boroughs read so far. The payments and the staff costs come from different sources and periods, so this is a guide to scale.

Search every payment

Searching needs JavaScript. Every payment is in [one JSON file](#).

Every payment, as the council published it, is in [one JSON file](#); the search can download any selection as CSV.

What this data does and doesn't show

- It is the council's own record of payments of £500 or more. It leaves out salaries, most staff costs and many internal costs, so it is not the council's whole spending.
- Descriptions are the council's own and vary in quality; some are codes, some are blank, and some supplier names are withheld to protect individuals.
- A large payment to one supplier is often a routine instalment on a long contract that was tendered openly.
- The categories and the matching to services are this site's classification from keywords, not the council's. The rules are on the [methodology page](#).

Sources

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Barnet: senior pay and councillor allowances

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In its draft statement of accounts for 2025-26, Barnet reports total remuneration of **£262,345** for its chief executive (including employer pension contributions), a year in which the post changed hands, **71** employees paid £100,000 or more, and **£977,000** paid in members' allowances.

Key figures

£262,345 Chief Executive, 2025-26	71 Staff paid £100,000 or more, 2025-26	£977,000 Members' allowances, 2025-26
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Chief Executive

Total remuneration of **£262,345** in 2025-26, including employer pension contributions. The post changed hands, or the figure covers part of a year, so it is not compared with the year before. The median among the 3 other London boroughs collected so far is £286,502.

Every line the council printed for the post

As printed	Year	Total
Cath Shaw, Chief Executive	2025-26	£262,345
Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service) - John Hooton	2024-25	£65,205
Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service) - Cath Shaw	2024-25	£206,388
Deputy Chief Executive - Cath Shaw	2024-25	£36,110

From the accounts: 'John Hooton left his role at the council in June 2024, and Cath Shaw took up the post of Chief Executive.' Expenses and compensation are nil on these lines. Total excluding pension is not printed.

PDF pages 109-110

Employees paid £50,000 or more

1,480 employees in 2025-26, up 6.9% on 2024-25 (1,384). 71 were paid £100,000 or more, 17.4 per 100,000 residents. The median among the 5 other London boroughs collected so far is 33.2 per 100,000.

Barnet: employees by pay band, as printed

Band	2025-26	2024-25
£50,000 to £54,999	403	444
£55,000 to £59,999	233	285
£60,000 to £64,999	227	195
£65,000 to £69,999	309	155
£70,000 to £74,999	65	60
£75,000 to £79,999	59	58
£80,000 to £84,999	38	42
£85,000 to £89,999	32	38
£90,000 to £94,999	24	23
£95,000 to £99,999	19	31
£100,000 to £104,999	33	15
£105,000 to £109,999	6	5
£110,000 to £114,999	2	8
£115,000 to £119,999	4	8
£120,000 to £124,999	6	7
£125,000 to £129,999	9	3
£130,000 to £134,999	3	4
£135,000 to £139,999	4	1
£140,000 to £144,999	2	1
£145,000 to £149,999	0	1
£150,000 and over	2	0

Includes schools staff. Senior officers listed separately are not in these counts. From the accounts: 'The number of employees who received taxable remuneration more than £50,000, excluding employer's pension contributions for the year and excluding employees in senior employee table (including teachers)'. Single total column (1,480 in 2025/26; 1,384 in 2024/25); top band '>£150,000'.

Source: Barnet, [2025/26 Statement of Accounts \(2025/26 Draft Statement of Accounts\)](#) (draft), PDF page 108, Note 27. Read by hand; checked 2026-09-24.

Councillors' allowances

£977,000 in 2025-26, down 2.4% on 2024-25 (£1,001,000), or £2.39 per resident. The median among the 5 other London boroughs collected so far is £5.35 per resident.

From the accounts: "Members' Allowances 977 (2024/25 1,001); Total 977 (1,001) £'000" (PDF page 107, Note 26)

Published allowances: .

What this data does and doesn't show

- Every figure is as Barnet printed it, in accounts that have not yet been audited. Counts in the £100,000 figure are our sum of the council's bands.
- Comparisons are with the other London boroughs read so far; no national figure is published for England.
- Barnet's website blocked access to its councillors' allowances page ('Access denied') and to direct downloads; the accounts were read in a browser. No annual allowances-paid publication or 2025/26 scheme amount could be retrieved in the time available.

Sources and licences

Every dataset behind the figures in this document, with its publisher, the date its figures are as of, and the licence they are used under.

Source	Publisher	Figures as of	Licence	Used in
Council Tax levels set by local authorities in England	Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government	the 2026–27 financial year	Open Government Licence v3.0	Barnet: your area; Council tax in Barnet; Where your council tax goes in Barnet
https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/council-tax-statistics				
Local authority revenue expenditure and financing: revenue outturn multi-year data set (RO2 parking)	Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government	the 2025–26 financial year	Open Government Licence v3.0	Barnet: your area; Parking income in Barnet
https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/local-authority-revenue-expenditure-and-financing-england-revenue-outturn-multi-year-data-set				
Local authority revenue expenditure and financing: Revenue Outturn multi-year data set	Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government	17 September 2026	Open Government Licence v3.0	Where your council tax goes in Barnet
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