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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI427387302

Thank you for your request for information relating to Public sports and leisure facilities.

You have requested the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, can you please let me know the following? Please don't send links to council reports – I am only after the below information.

1. What was your annual net spend on public sports and leisure facilities and pitches for the 2012/13 financial year, compared to the 2021/22 financial year please?

Sports & Leisure facilities

Please be advised that there is no statutory duty to retain financial data over six years. However, to assist, we estimate the annual net expenditure on public sports and leisure facilities for 2012/13 to be approximately £1.7 million.

With regards to 2021/22, we confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. As all these facilities are managed externally, there is no expenditure by the Council.

Public Pitches

We confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. As sports and leisure facilities are provided by a number of separate council service areas, we cannot distinguish the costs.

2. How many school playing fields were there in May 2012 compared to May 2022?

May 2012: 82 school playing fields

May 2022: 84 school playing fields

3. How many free-to-use public sports fields were there in May 2012 compared to May 2022?

There are eight Council parks sites currently classified as 'Outdoor Sports Facilities.' This is the same for 2012.

The use of formal sports pitches within sports fields however are chargeable. Sports clubs pay a fee for their use.

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Yours faithfully

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