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Our Ref : JDJ/FOI/479/18  
Your Ref :  
Date : 28 August 2018  
Ask For : Joan Jones  
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Email : [joan.jones@ambervalley.gov.uk](mailto:joan.jones@ambervalley.gov.uk)

Dear Mr Lubrano

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for your email received 21 August 2018 requesting the following information:-

- “1.How many public play facilities (including playgrounds, adventure playgrounds, skate parks, etc.) do you currently have available to the public in your LA area?
2. What was your total budget for public play facilities (including playgrounds, adventure playgrounds, skate parks, etc.) in each of the following years?
  - 2016-17
  - 2017-18
3. What is your expected total budget for public play facilities (including playgrounds, adventure playgrounds, skate parks, etc.) in each of the following years?
  - 2018-19
  - 2019-20
  - 2020-21
4. How many public playgrounds and play facilities were closed in your LA area and what proportion of your total play facilities did this represent, in each of the following years?
  - 2016-17
  - 2017-18
5. How many public playgrounds and play facilities do you expect will close and what proportion of your total play facilities will this represent, in each of the following years?
  - 2018-19
  - 2019-20
  - 2020-21.”

## **Our obligation**

The Council is treating your request as having been made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "Act").

When dealing with requests for information, the Council's obligations include:

- (1) confirming or denying whether it holds information of the description specified in the request; and
- (2) Communicating the information requested to the applicant. You should note that this is effectively a decision that the information can be released into the public domain and not simply to the specific applicant.

Under the Act, the Council is required to release any information that it holds to you unless an exemption applies.

## **Response to your request**

I confirm that the information you have requested is held and I am able to give you the following:-

1. This information is already in the public domain at:  
<https://info.ambervalley.gov.uk/docarc/docviewer.aspx?docGuid=0258b676cfe4921afa59676a3ce4a8b>
2. • 2016-17 Purchase of Games Equipment £12,000, Repairs To Games Equipment £8,000, Operatives £48,800. TOTAL = £68,800.  
• 2017-18 Purchase of Games Equipment £12,000, Repairs To Games Equipment £8,000, Operatives £45,400. TOTAL = £65,400.
3. • 2018-19 Purchase of Games Equipment £12,000, Repairs To Games Equipment £8,000, Operatives £45,300. TOTAL = £65,300.  
• 2019-20 - Not determined.  
• 2020-21 - Not determined.
4. • 2016-17 None  
• 2017-18 None
5. • 2018-19 None  
• 2019-20 N/A  
• 2020-21 N/A

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you may ask the Council for an internal review of the decision within 20 working days. Someone other than the person who took the initial decision will conduct the internal review. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Civic Links and FOI Officer at the above address. If, following the internal review, you are still not happy with the outcome; you have the right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliff House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Tel: 01625 545 745  
Fax: 01625 524 510  
Email: [mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk)

If you have any further queries, please contact me either in writing at the above address or by telephone on 01773 841601 and quote your ID No 479/18.

To help us to improve the quality of our responses to future Freedom of Information requests, any feedback you may have on this response would be appreciated. A copy of the Council's Customer Comments leaflet is attached to assist you.

Yours sincerely

Joan D Jones (Mrs)  
Civic Links & FOI Officer