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2 September 2015

Dear Chris,

Request for Information: Riverside

I write in response to your request for information set out in your email received on 3rd August 2015. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You have asked for the following information relating to riverside. Below each of your questions Chelmsford City Council have provided a response:

Please supply records of the use of indoor and outdoor swimming facilities going back a number of years, it is stated in the minutes held on 15 July 2015 at 7pm that you have these. Please also supply the number of disabled people who use the facilities, you state this is known.

Please see below as requested with regard to use of the swimming pool by people with a disability. These numbers are taken directly from our computerised booking system. They should be treated with some caution as they only reflect those that claim a concession and are registered on our booking system. There are a number of people with disabilities that use the facilities in addition to the numbers shown below (for example they can claim a similar concession if they are a junior or an over 60, they attend as part of a group or club). The figures are therefore significantly understated as a result of this:

Year	Indoor	No. of visits	
		Outdoor	Disabled Pool Usage
2014-15	320,517	10,259	3,023
2013-14	342,645	12,677	3,190
2012-13	331,446	11,533	2,545
2011-12	278,252	8,299	2,518

Please supply copies of the correspondences to the Diving Club regards the future of the diving facilities dates being: 13 November 2014, 8th December 2014, 18th December 2014 and 20th January 2015.

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The copies of correspondence refer to a survey being carried out on behalf of the Council by Ethos Planning. The purpose of the survey was to assess future facility needs for Chelmsford. This was sent to hundreds of clubs and organisations and the survey received a very high response rate. The Diving Club was one of the clubs/organisations that were contacted regarding the survey that was undertaken and they were contacted via the contact details info@chelmsforddivingclub.co.uk in emails as below:

- 13th November (original invite)
- 8th December – Reminder 1
- 18th December – Reminder 2
- 20th January – Reminder 3

The Diving Club did not complete the survey so we have no correspondence received from them regarding completion of the survey.

The original invite which was sent out to the hundreds of clubs/organisations (including the Diving Club) to complete the survey is as follows:

From: [Paul Greateorex \(LandE\)](#)

Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2014 10:25 AM

Subject: SPORT CLUBS CONSULTATION - OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITIES STUDY - CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL

Dear Colleague,

OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITIES STUDY - CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL AREA

Ethos Environmental Planning have recently been commissioned by Chelmsford City Council to undertake an assessment of open space and sports facilities within Chelmsford City Council's area.

As part of the study, we are gathering information on where local sports clubs play, the provision of facilities and the quality and capacity of these facilities to meet demand from the local community and clubs for recreational play, competition and sports development.

We would greatly appreciate your views on the adequacy of local provision for your sport. This will help us to ensure that the needs of your sport feature in the study. This in turn, will enable the Council and their partners to plan effectively for future local sports provision based upon sound evidence; as well as informing the use of developer contributions and assisting with funding applications to improve facilities.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could spend a few minutes completing a short online clubs survey by following this web link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CHELMSSPORTS>

If you have any queries at all regarding this survey, please contact me, Paul Greateorex, on 07938 543736 or paul@LandE.co.uk

Many thanks. We look forward to hearing your views supplied via the survey.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Greateorex

Ethos Environmental Planning on behalf of Chelmsford City Council



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Ethos Environmental Planning
07938 543736

We have been unable to acquire copies of the reminders from Ethos Planning as the Council Officer who has been dealing with them on this matter has just returned from two weeks annual leave. I wanted to respond to you within a reasonable time and therefore can supply the reminder text if you require it.

Please supply copies of estimates of costs of providing diving pool and boards.

The cost of constructing diving boards has been carefully considered. Please find attached to the response email a report which outlines 2 options and provides capital and operating costs for both.

Also please supply copies of income vs expenditure for riverside facilities going back 5 years.

Please find attached to the response email a spreadsheet attachment containing the income and expenditure for the last 5 years

Right to Internal Review

If you are dissatisfied with this response or with the way your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act, you have the right to ask for your request to be independently reviewed by the Director of Corporate Services. You should set out your representations in writing explaining why you are dissatisfied with this response or the way your request has been handled and send to IR@chelmsford.gov.uk. The review will be conducted in accordance with the Council's internal review procedure which is published on its website at <http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/node/33297>. You will be notified of the outcome of the review as soon as possible and in any event within 20 working days from receipt of your representations.

Appeal

If you should still remain dissatisfied following the outcome of the review, you may apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision by writing to:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
Tel: 0303 1231113 or 01625 545745

Yours sincerely,



John Breen
Information Compliance Officer
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