23 March 2018

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 309/18

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request & Response:

1. The number of children’s play areas that were managed by the local authority in each year since 2009-10.

Answer:
2009/10 - 14
2010/11 - 14
2011/12 - 14
2012/13 - 14
2013/14 - 14
2014/15 - 14
2015/16 - 14
2016/17 - 15
2017/18 - 15

2. The number of children’s play areas that have been built or refurbished by the local authority in each year since 2009-10.

Answer:
Two play areas have been fully refurbished by Rutland County Council since 2009/10. Other minor works have taken place in a number of other play areas. None have been built by Rutland County Council as this is usually done as part of the development that is then adopted by the Council.

3. The number of children’s play areas (existing or planned) that have been closed or cancelled because of cuts to the local authority’s budget in each year since 2009-10.

Answer:
None

4. The amount spent by the Local Authority on children’s play areas in each year since 2009-10, broken down by:

a. how much money has been spent on maintenance of existing areas

and
b. how much money has been spent on building new areas.

Answer:
The Rutland County Council budget for the maintenance of play areas has remained at £4,700 since 2013/14.

Rutland County Council does not hold information on this budget amount prior to 2013/14.

No money has been spent on building new play areas during this period.

5. A list of the children's play areas for which the local authority has introduced usage charges, and for each of those the date that the charge was introduced and value of the charge in each year since 2009-10.

Answer:
Nil / N/A

6. The number of children's play areas proposed for closure within the next year.

Answer:
None

7. The estimated number of children in the local authority area.

Answer:
This information is not held by Rutland County Council.

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Yours faithfully

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