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Request

PART 1 (Beach Huts)

1. Does your council's area include coastline?
2. (if yes to no.1) Does your council have any Beach Hut provision within your area?
3. (if yes to no.1) Does your council manage this provision directly, or through an operational partner?
4. (if yes to no.1) Is the Beach Hut provision offered through annual licence, short/medium/long lease, casual hire or other means? (please provide all details and prices)
5. (if yes to no.1) What is your projected annual income associated with all beach hut provision for 2018/19?

PART 2 (Play Space)

1. Does your council manage public outdoor play spaces?
2. (if yes to no.1) How much S106 and CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) funding do you currently hold? (please provide full details of all S106 contributions).
3. (if yes to no.1) Does your council currently have a Play Development / Maintenance and Management Strategy?
4. (if yes to no.1) Does your council evaluate the 'Play Value' of your outdoor play spaces? (if not, how do you allocate funds for replacement / improvements)
5. (if yes to no.1) What is your annual play maintenance budget for 2018/19?

Response

Part 1

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Direct
4. Annual Licence
5. £70,594.00

Part 2

1. Yes
2. CIL & S.106 funding (last reconciled 31/3/2018)
CIL £204,250.43
S106 £2,016,232.34 (full details attached)
3. No
4. The play value of our play areas hasn't been re-assessed since 2007 when an Open Spaces, Sport and Recreation Study was carried out in-line with PPG17. However, we are very familiar with all of our play area sites and base our 5 year refurbishment and maintenance plan (not officially adopted) on this.
6. We don't have a dedicated budget for play area work. This is encompassed in our general budget for parks and open spaces. Expenditure varies from year to year. The information below which was prepared recently for a similar FOI request may be of interest in this respect.

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

how much money has been spent on maintenance of existing areas and
 how much money has been spent on building new areas.

The costs provided in relation to 'maintenance' include expenditure on refurbishment and the replacement of individual items of equipment and repairs as well as routine safety inspections, grass cutting and bin emptying within play areas. Litter picking is not included as this is calculated for entire sites and most play areas are just a small part of these bigger sites. The money spent includes funding secured through external grant providers as well expenditure through the council's own capital and revenue budgets. The costs relating to 'new' excludes refurbishment works; The only 'new' play facilities are those that were incorporated into the redevelopment of Bexhill's seafront in 2010-11 and the costs for those have not been included due to the time that would be needed to extract that information.

Year	Maintenance of existing areas	New areas	Notes
2010-2011	£31,555.50	0	Records of ad-hoc repairs carried out by the grounds maintenance contractor at this time are not available and therefore the amount shown is less than actual expenditure.
2011-2012	£32,967.07	0	
2012-2013	£378,782.86	0	This includes a Corporate Priority Project funded outside of the normal revenue budget for Parks and Open Spaces and includes external grant funding.
2013-2014	£87,755.34	0	
2014-2015	£50,585.95	0	
2015-2016	£68,423.83	0	
2016-2017	£134,898.55	0	
2017-2018	£172,059.08	0	This includes external contributions to the value of £15,335.04.