

13 September 2021  
Our ref: 7519952

Thank you for your request received on 28 July 2021, for the following information:

**I am emailing to request information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (2000)**

- 1. Please state the annual revenue accrued from commercial events held in the borough's parks and green spaces each year for the previous 5 years, in yearly intervals, and including a projection for 2021 if this is available.**
- 2. Over the same period, how many days each year did commercial events take place in the borough's parks and green spaces? If events happened simultaneously in different parks on the same day, please count this as one day.**
- 3. Please list which specific parks and green spaces were used for commercial events over the same period.**
- 4. Please list annual spending on parks and green spaces over the same period.**
- 5. As part of the borough's budget, is revenue from commercial events ring-fenced for spending on the area's parks and green spaces (or more specifically, the park that the event was held in), or does it contribute to the borough's budget in general?**

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

## **Response**

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below.

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***1. Please state the annual revenue accrued from commercial events held in the borough's parks and green spaces each year for the previous 5 years, in yearly intervals, and including a projection for 2021 if this is available.***

2021-22 - £49,500.12

2020-21 - £6,236.68

2019-20 - £39,381.40

2018-19 - £39,383.83

2017-18 - £55,054.60

**2. Over the same period, how many days each year did commercial events take place in the borough's parks and green spaces? If events happened simultaneously in different parks on the same day, please count this as one day.**

2021-22 - 56

2020-21 - 11

2019-20 - 47

2018-19 - 54

2017-18 - 75

**3. Please list which specific parks and green spaces were used for commercial events over the same period.**

2021-22 - Victoria Park, Byng Road Playing Fields, Montrose Playing Fields, Barnet Playing Fields, Oak Hill Park

2020-21 - Victoria Park

2019-20 - Clitterhouse Playing Fields, Victoria Park, Mill Hill Park, Friary Park

2018-19 - Clitterhouse Playing Fields, Victoria Park, Oak Hill Park, Friary Park

2017-18 - Victoria Park, Hendon Park, Clitterhouse Playing Fields, Copthall Playing Fields, Friary Park, Montrose Playing Fields

**4. Please list annual spending on parks and green spaces over the same period.**

Below is a breakdown of expenditure for the management and maintenance of the boroughs Greenspaces Service. Grounds Maintenance costs are excluded as these sit within another service.

2021-22 - £1,428,687

2020-21 - £1,439,145

2019-20 - £1,329,131

2018-19 - £1,348,068

2017-18 - £1,219,021

Below is a breakdown of Grounds Maintenance expenditure. Please note that the total budget in each year includes Parks, Highways, Barnet Homes and other costs including recharges. The Grounds Maintenance budget can not be broken down to Parks and Green spaces annual spending only.

2017/2018 - £4,353,189

2018/2019 - £4,090,668

2019/2020 - £4,178,680

2020/2021 - £4,391,075

2021/2022 - £4,406,427

***5. As part of the borough's budget, is revenue from commercial events ring-fenced for spending on the area's parks and green spaces (or more specifically, the park that the event was held in), or does it contribute to the borough's budget in general?***

All income received from events in parks goes into the Greenspaces Budget and contributes towards the upkeep and maintenance of the boroughs parks and open spaces. The budget is managed on a portfolio basis as opposed to a park specific budget.

### **Further information**

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

**For the avoidance of doubt the provision of council (and other) officer names and contact details under FOI does not give consent to receive direct marketing via any media and expressly does not constitute a 'soft opt-in' under PECR.**

### **Your rights**

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