

14 September 2021
Our ref: 7587992

Thank you for your request received on 19 August 2021, for the following information:

I would like to request the following information from the Council please:

- 1. How much money has been invested in sports facilities since 2012 London Olympics?**
- 2. How many new sports facilities have been built since 2012 London Olympics?**
- 3. Since the 2012 London Olympics, has the budget for sport and leisure been cut? If so, by how much?**
- 4. Since the 2012 London Olympics, how many sport facilities have closed?**
- 5. Since 2012 London Olympics, how many swimming pools have closed?**
- 6. Of the sports facilities in the borough, how many are past their expected lifespans or overdue refurbishment?**

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. How much money has been invested in sports facilities since 2012 London Olympics?***

Circa. £48,191,000

- 2. How many new sports facilities have been built since 2012 London Olympics?***

Barnet Copthall Leisure Centre (replacement facility).

New Barnet Leisure Centre (replacing Church Farm Swimming Pool).

New Basketball, Tennis and Skate facilities within Montrose Playing Fields.

Refurbishments within Parks and Open Spaces.

- 3. Since the 2012 London Olympics, has the budget for sport and leisure been cut? If so, by how much?***

No, budgets are re-aligned to support service delivery.

4. Since the 2012 London Olympics, how many sport facilities have closed?

Church Farm Swimming Pool closed in 2019, however was re-provided (and enhanced) at New Barnet Leisure Centre.

5. Since 2012 London Olympics, how many swimming pools have closed?

Since 2012 swimming pool provision has increased within Council owned facilities, with a re-provision of Church Farm Swimming Pool to New Barnet Leisure Centre, providing an increase in 13mx8m learner pools.

6. Of the sports facilities in the borough, how many are past their expected lifespans or overdue refurbishment?

No leisure facilities are past their expected lifespan. Council owned leisure facilities are subject to an asset management programme.

46 out of 58 Parks Tennis Courts are in need for refurbishment and are under review by the Council.

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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