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Freedom Of Information Request

I have received your Freedom of Information request dated 8 December for the following information:

1. What leisure or culture facilities does the Local Authority provide?
2. What organisation(s) currently manage the Local Authority Leisure facilities?
2b What organisations(s) currently manage the Theatre facilities
3. Are these considered in-house organisations, charitable Trusts or private operator(s) or a mix
4. When did these contracts start and when are they due to come to an end
5. Is there an option to extend these contracts with the current operator(s) and if so, for what term?
6. What are the current turnover(s) of these contracts
7. What is the current subsidy or surplus from each of these contracts?

Ilminster Town Council does not currently have any leisure facilities in the form of theatres, sports centres, leisure centres, sports halls or swimming pools; it does own approximately 48 acres of open spaces / amenity land and leases a further 8 acres – this includes recreation areas, children's' play areas and sports pitches all of which are maintained by the Town Council. These outdoor amenity areas are maintained by Ilminster Town Council staff, all are open, unrestricted and accessible by the public free of charge; there are lease / licence agreements in place with the football and cricket clubs for their pitches and associated facilities.

Working in partnership with Ilminster Football Club, who have raised all the funding, we are currently building a football and community facility which will be owned by the Town Council and leased for a minimum of 25 years to the Football Club.

Our website, <http://www.ilminster.gov.uk/about-ilminster/finances/> contains information on all our budgets and expenditure. The webpage <http://www.ilminster.gov.uk/about-ilminster/finances/payments-information/> gives more detailed information about single payments in excess of £500.00 or cumulative payment to a single supplier that exceed £500.00.

I believe that this letter provides the information that you have requested or tells you where information is published should you require clarification on anything that has been made available as part of this disclosure or would like further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

This council does not have a complaints procedure regarding FOI so if you wish to make a complaint you should contact The Information Commissioner, using their website <http://ico.org.uk/concerns> or their helpline 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely

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Town Clerk