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Ref: FOI / 6543

17th August 2026

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Children's Playground Provision and Investment

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

Please provide the following recorded information concerning publicly accessible equipped children's playgrounds owned, managed or maintained by Derry City and Strabane District Council.

For this request, "children's playground" means a publicly accessible outdoor play area containing fixed play equipment primarily intended for children.

Please exclude school playgrounds, privately owned facilities, standalone outdoor gyms, standalone skateparks and standalone multi-use games areas, unless they form part of an equipped children's playground included in the council's records.

If the council uses a different recorded definition, please answer using that definition and briefly explain it.

Please provide:

1. **Current playground provision**

   The number of equipped children's playgrounds currently owned, managed or maintained by the council, and the date on which this figure was correct.

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2. **Openings and closures**

   For each completed financial year from 2021/22 to 2025/26:

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a. **The number of equipped children's playgrounds opened.**

   5

b. **The number permanently closed.**

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Please do not count temporary closures for maintenance or refurbishment as permanent closures.

If annual figures are not held for the full period, please provide the years that are available and state which years are not held.

3. **Playground expenditure**

For each financial year from 2021/22 to 2025/26, please provide the recorded figure held by the council.

a. **Recorded revenue expenditure on the inspection, routine maintenance and repair of equipped children's playgrounds.**

   Please see the information requested in the attached spreadsheet under tab "3a".

b. **Recorded capital expenditure on the creation, replacement or major refurbishment of equipped children's playgrounds.**

   Please see the information requested in the attached spreadsheet under tab "3b".

   Please provide revenue and capital expenditure separately where possible.

If playground expenditure cannot be separated from a wider parks or leisure budget, please provide the relevant figure as held and briefly explain what it includes. We are not asking the council to undertake a new calculation.

Where the 2025/26 figure has not been finalised or audited, please provide the latest provisional figure and identify it as provisional.

4. **Inclusive playground provision**

   The number of council-maintained playgrounds currently recorded or designated by the council as having inclusive play facilities.

   If readily available, please provide the definition or criteria used by the council to classify a playground as inclusive. If the council does not maintain this classification, please state that the information is not held.

   Council do not hold this breakdown on play areas

5. **Accessible equipment**

   The number of council-maintained playgrounds currently recorded as containing at least one item of accessible play equipment.

   If readily available, please provide the definition or criteria used to classify equipment as accessible. If the council does not maintain this classification, please state that the information is not held.

   Council do not hold this breakdown on play areas

6. **Playgrounds awaiting repair**

   As of the date the information is extracted:

   a. **The number of individual playgrounds affected by an open or outstanding equipment repair.**

      Council do not hold this breakdown on play areas

   b. **The date on which this figure was correct.**

      Council do not hold this breakdown on play areas

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly, our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie
Chief Executive
Derry City and Strabane District Council
98 Strand Road
Derry BT48 7NN
Tel: 028 71253253 or email: john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
CHESHIRE SK9 5AF
Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: casework@ico.org.uk

I would however advise that the Information Commissioner has indicated that a review will not be undertaken unless the Council has first had an opportunity to re-consider its decision.

Yours sincerely

Colin Kennedy
Natural Environment Regeneration Manager

Year	*Asset No*	*Cost Centre*	*Project*	*Amount*
2021-2022 Total				£995,950.24
2022-2023 Total				£53,124.69
2023-2024 Total				£4,734.37
2024-2025 Total				£863,155.64
2025-2026 Total				£621,678.10
Grand Total				**£2,538,733.04**

Year	*Amount*
2021/2022	£211,150.57
2022/2023	£208,285.94
2023/2024	£177,418.74
2024/2025	£191,184.83
2025/2026	£226,177.28

Year	*Asset No*	*Cost Centre*
2021-2022	002293	2033
2021-2022	002323	2406
2021-2022	002299	2423
2021-2022	002266	2016
2021-2022	001703	2019
2021-2022	001717	2022
2021-2022 Total		
2022-2023	002126	2507
2022-2023	001926	2525
2022-2023 Total		
2023-2024	002293	2033
2023-2024 Total		
2024-2025	002461	2059
2024-2025	002469	2805
2024-2025	002470	2804
2024-2025 Total		
2025-2026	002498	2038
2025-2026	001846	2960
2025-2026 Total		
Grand Total		

Capital Playground Investment

Project	***Amount***
EGLINTON PLAY	308,617.20
MAGHERAMASON PLAY	345,652.20
SION MILLS PLAY AREA (RDP)	327,531.54
RURAL VILLAGES - DRUMAHOE TRIM TRAIL	7,019.30
RURAL VILLAGES - ARDSTRAW PLAY AREA	2,944.00
RURAL VILLAGES - ARTIGARVAN PLAY AREA	4,186.00
	995,950.24
BALLYMAGROARTY PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT (14 SHAW COURT)	6,847.62
STRATHFOYLE PLAY AREA	46,277.07
	53,124.69
EGLINTON PLAY	4,734.37
	4,734.37
KILLEN PLAY AREA - ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS	9,800.00
CASTLE PARK (DERG ACTIVE -2805)	450,000.00
CLAUDY COUNTRY PARK (2804)	403,355.64
	863,155.64
BALLYNAGARD	398,437.50
Patrician Villas MUGA and Play Area	223,330.60
	621,768.10
	2,538,733.04