

**Freedom of Information Act / Environmental Information Regulations Request**

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I**'d like to submit an FOI regarding council involvement with sports facilities in the last decade.**

**For example, a tennis court going from being free to the public to costing per hour.**

**Within the last 10 years... (5 years if the records aren't available)**

**1. How many sports facilities or areas have gone from being free to use to partially subsidised by the council?**

**2. How many have gone from partially subsided to not being subsided at all (full cost to user)?**

**3. How many have gone from being free to use to not being subsidised at all (full cost to user)?**

**4. Also include the reverse for all 3 of the above queries.**

**5. Can you include each of these examples in a breakdown with the sport, the date the costs changed, and how**

**Much the cost changed for the individual user (per hour of appropriate).**

**6. Extra question (if not breaching the maximum time/cost of the foi): how much has the council’s yearly**

**Income/outgoings changed as a direct result of these decisions. So, costs of maintaining/subsidising, compared**

**To income the public pays to use the facilities.**

**Point of clarity: if, for example, a large sports centre facilitates an array of different sports. Then each area for**

**Each different sport would count separately.**

**Please include when the council-owned facilities became private, so the moment the subsidising cost became**

**Zero, and the amount the private owners charge (for q5 + q6)**

I can confirm that Essex County Council does not hold this information. Your request should be directed to City, District and Borough Councils who may be able to provide you with the information. Please see our webpages which should help you further.

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