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Request and Response:

1) Parks budget in each of the last three financial years, in real terms.

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The capital budget is for the Lake Dredge and associated works, such as those on the banks.

2) For each of the last three financial years, how many commercial bookings have been made for each park, and the total number of days this equates to. And how many of those have led to a park, in whole or in part, being closed to the public - unless they pay.

The only park closure was in 2012 when one park was closed for three days for a borough council celebration.

3) What minimum standards does the council have in terms of park and green space maintenance, security, access, etc., and how many parks and green spaces fall below those standards?

I have selected the main maintenance frequencies for general park areas;

Grass areas cut 15 times between March and November
Lawns cut weekly between March and November
Shrub beds monthly visit between March and November
Litter collection three times per week in winter November to March, four times per week for the remainder of the year including weekends.

During last summer the grass cutting programme fell behind by up to three weeks due to the excessive grass growth. By July this backlog had been caught up and remained on target for the remainder of the year.