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LGOIMA No. 8140005281
(Please quote this in any correspondence)

Damian Light
By Email: fyi-request-10890-f81096db@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Damian

Local Government Official Information And Meetings Act 1987

Park maintenance for Auckland

I refer to your request which we received on 4 August 2019, regarding a copy of the current park maintenance schedule for Auckland.

I also refer to my colleague Saree Biddick's email to you seeking clarification and refinement of your request, you replied on 6 August 2019 confirmed that you are trying to understand if Auckland Council has a plan to maintain the equipment in all local parks on a regular basis or if maintenance is done on an ad-hoc, as required basis, and requested a list of parks in the Howick Local Board and when the maintenance on the equipment is next scheduled.

Our response to your request is set out below:

Please find **attached** a list of 265 local parks in the Howick Local Board area.

Please note Local parks (LP) include premier parks, neighbourhood parks, esplanades and coastal areas, historic places and natural spaces.

The maintenance of parks is delivered in two ways - general maintenance or renewal/upgrade programmes.

Maintenance

Maintenance across the Auckland region operates under a full facilities contract model. Full facilities contracts are outcome-based rather than prescriptive. This means that contractors are required to meet standard outcomes as opposed to following a schedule of works for areas for mowing, cleaning, edging, rubbish collection etc.

The contract's key performance indicators track quality and timeliness of maintenance work for categories like the maintenance of grass, gardens and buildings; upkeep of paths, tracks and hard surfaces; maintenance and servicing of public toilets and changing rooms; sports field maintenance and litter and rubbish bin management. Contractors are also required to meet social and environmental targets and demonstrate a reduction in agri-chemical use.

Consequently, there is no "maintenance schedule" as such for local parks in Auckland.

Renewals and upgrades

Renewals will ensure that the asset and/or site are renewed to a modern-day level of service. Play equipment may be renewed with improved equipment e.g. a slide may be replaced with a module that better suits the needs of the children using the playground.

If a playground is programmed for renewal, the project team from Community Facilities will provide the local board with options of the works to be delivered.

Please note, all local boards' community facilities work programmes are publicly available in the respective business meeting agendas. Please refer to [the Agendas and Minutes](#) (Infocouncil¹) website for more details.

There is also the option for a local board to allocate Locally Driven Initiatives – capital expenditure (LDI capex) to deliver an improved level of service. For instance, a local board may decide that, due to demographic changes, they would like to contribute LDI funds to extend the age range of children benefiting from a playground currently designed for young children. There may also be a desire to add new pieces of equipment.

Please refer to the **attached** Community Facilities work programmes for Howick Local Board for the financial year 2018/19 and 2019-22 for your reference.

In Howick, Community Facilities will be renewing play spaces at Cackle Bay, Rogers and Raphoe parks. Cackle Bay and Rogers park renewals sought additional LDI funding for improved levels of service. The additional funding will be considered as part of the local board's LDI work programme which will be considered for approval by the board in September.

I hope you find this information useful. Should you believe Auckland Council has not responded appropriately to your request you have the right to seek a review of the decision from the Ombudsman.

If you have any further queries please contact me on 09 301 0101, quoting LGOIMA No. 8140005281.

Yours sincerely



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¹ All information on the Infocouncil website is searchable. On our Auckland Council website is the link to instructions on how to search - <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/about-auckland-council/how-auckland-council-works/meetings-council-bodies/Pages/agendas-minutes-website.aspx>