

## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Commemorative Benches***

#### **Request:**

1. Have you sent any correspondence since 1.4.15 to the families/representatives of people who have paid for commemorative benches on council property such as parks and viewpoints in which you inform them that they may be liable to pay the council extra money for the upkeep of the bench? If so, please state how many letters have been sent out and please provide me with an anonymised copy of one of the letters.  
[No](#)
2. If the council does have a fee in place whereby families/representatives are asked to pay for the upkeep of a bench, how much is the fee and how many years does the fee cover? When was the fee last increased and what was the rise, or when was the fee first introduced?  
[Families are not asked to pay for the upkeep of donation benches. Benches are donated to the Council who then maintain them until such a time they become uneconomical to repair.](#)
3. What is the total estimated annual saving to the council of having such a fee system in place?  
[N/A](#)
4. What is the procedure if a family/representative cannot be contacted or decline to pay the additional fee?  
[N/A](#)