

Potential Parks and Playing Fields Service with further reductions of £1m.

Details of reduced service	Current arrangements	Following proposed Budget reduction (£1m)
Reduced frequency of Highways grass cutting – Essential Safety related work only	4 cuts of all areas on strategic routes per season 2 single swathe cuts of A and B roads per season	Main strategic highway routes : 3 cuts of vision splays per season 2 cuts of other areas Other A and B roads : 1 single swathe cut per season
Reduced cutting of Verges/Open Spaces in residential areas	7 monthly cuts per season	3 two monthly cuts per season
Reduction/ Rationalisation of equipped Children’s Play Areas – close all play areas in the Local tier of the play area hierarchy	121 play areas – 73 Local (small sites typically catering for parents and young toddlers/children), 40 Neighbourhood (medium sites covering a broad age range) and 8 Strategic sites (larger facilities catering for an extended area	48 play areas – 40 Neighbourhood and 8 Strategic play areas
Safety Critical Inspections and maintenance infrastructure relating to Parks, Playing Fields and Children’s Play Areas and Trees.	Pro-active maintenance and replacement regimes currently in place.	Reactive service - corrective/remedial/decommissioning work as appropriate
Reduced regimes of maintenance at Parks and Playing Fields sites	Targeted and specific regimes of maintenance/management to provide fit for purpose rugby and football pitches, cricket squares and outfield, bowling greens, putting course, biodiverse naturalised habitats, formal horticultural areas, areas for general recreation etc..	Basic grass cutting and vegetation management regimes only – no pitch care or specialised turf care operations.
Reduced litter picking of Parks and Playing Fields sites inc Children’s Play Areas.	Targeted proactive litter picking of sites based on historical knowledge of littering patterns on a site by site basis. Frequencies range from daily at well used locations through to once weekly on those with reduced usage patterns.	Reactive litter picking arrangements with frequencies of visit being weekly at best.
Much reduced horticultural/floral displays	Summer and limited Spring bedding displays provided at selected location along	Limited pollinator friendly sown displays only

	with sown floral pollinator friendly displays at key strategic sites	
Limited financial support for self-managing and self-maintaining users/clubs	All facilities maintained and managed by the Council.	Facilities that remain 'open' to be self-managed and/or maintained by users/clubs with the support of limited grants from the Council.

What the Parks and Playing Fields Service will not be able to provide/deliver if budget reductions of £1m are implemented.

- Sports pitches – facilities for the playing of rugby, football and cricket
- Bowling Greens
- The approved hierarchy of children’s play areas
- Green Flag Parks/Sites
- Sports pavilions
- Flower bedding displays
- Naturalised areas managed for biodiversity
- Clean litter free facilities
- Well maintained open spaces, verges and commons
- Welcoming highway network approaches to the County Borough