



Publication Scheme Policy

This Policy sets out the Parish Council's position and procedure regarding the Publication Scheme

Adopted from SLCC's Model Publication Scheme

Version Control

Version	Date	Description of Change
V.1	15.1.2019	
V.2	15/5/2025	6.1 Charges for Information (amended to include)

PUBLICATION SCHEME

1. This model publication scheme has been prepared and approved by the Information Commissioner. It may be adopted without modification by any public authority without further approval and will be valid until further notice.
2. This publication scheme commits an authority to make information available to the public as part of its normal business activities. The information covered is included in the classes of information mentioned below, where this information is held by the authority. Additional assistance is provided to the definition of these classes in sector specific guidance manuals issued by the Information Commissioner.
3. The scheme commits an authority:
 - To proactively publish or otherwise make available as a matter of routine, information, including environmental information, which is held by the authority and falls within the classifications below.
 - To specify the information which is held by the authority and falls within the classifications below.
 - To proactively publish or otherwise make available as a matter of routine, information in line with the statements contained within this scheme.
 - To produce and publish the methods by which the specific information is made routinely available so that it can be easily identified and accessed by members of the public.
 - To review and update on a regular basis the information the authority makes available under this scheme.
 - To produce a schedule of any fees charged for access to information which is made proactively available.
 - To make this publication scheme available to the public.
 - To publish any dataset held by the authority that has been requested, and any updated versions it holds, unless the authority is satisfied that it is not appropriate to do so; to publish the dataset, where reasonably practicable, in an electronic form that is capable of re-use; and, if any information in the dataset is a relevant copyright work and the public authority is the only owner, to make the information available for re-use under the terms of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015, if they apply, and otherwise under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act section 19. The term 'dataset' is defined in section 11(5) of the Freedom of Information Act. The term 'relevant copyright work' is defined in section 19(8) of that Act.

4. Classes of Information

Who we are and what we do.

Organisational information, locations and contacts, constitutional and legal governance.

What we spend and how we spend it.

Financial information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, tendering, procurement and contracts.

What our priorities are and how we are doing.

Strategy and performance information, plans, assessments, inspections and reviews.

How we make decisions.

Policy proposals and decisions. Decision making processes, internal criteria and procedures, consultations.

Our policies and procedures.

Current written protocols for delivering our functions and responsibilities.

Lists and Registers.

Information held in registers required by law and other lists and registers relating to the functions of the authority.

The Services We Offer.

Advice and guidance, booklets and leaflets, transactions and media releases. A description of the services offered.

The classes of information will not generally include:

- Information the disclosure of which is prevented by law, or exempt under the Freedom of Information Act, or is otherwise properly considered to be protected from disclosure.
- Information in draft form.
- Information that is no longer readily available as it is contained in files that have been placed in archive storage, or is difficult to access for similar reasons.

5. The method by which information published under this scheme will be made available.

The authority will indicate clearly to the public what information is covered by this scheme and how it can be obtained.

Where it is within the capability of a public authority, information will be provided on a website. Where it is impracticable to make information available on a website or when an individual does not wish to access the information by the website, a public authority will indicate how information can be obtained by other means and provide it by those means.

In exceptional circumstances some information may be available only by viewing in person. Where this manner is specified, contact details will be provided. An appointment to view the information will be arranged within a reasonable timescale.

Information will be provided in the language in which it is held or in such other language that is legally required. Where an authority is legally required to translate any information, it will do so.

Obligations under disability and discrimination legislation and any other legislation to provide information in other forms and formats will be adhered to when providing information in

accordance with this scheme.

6. Charges which may be made for Information published under this scheme

The purpose of this scheme is to make the maximum amount of information readily available at minimum inconvenience and cost to the public. Charges made by the authority for routinely published material will be justified and transparent and kept to a minimum.

Material which is published and accessed on a website will be provided free of charge. Charges may be made for information subject to a charging regime specified by Parliament.

Charges may be made for actual disbursements incurred such as:

- photocopying
- postage and packaging
- the costs directly incurred as a result of viewing information

Charges may also be made for information provided under this scheme where they are legally authorised, they are in all the circumstances, including the general principles of the right of access to information held by public authorities, justified and are in accordance with a published schedule or schedules of fees which is readily available to the public.

Charges may also be made for making datasets (or parts of datasets) that are relevant copyright works available for re-use. These charges will be in accordance with the terms of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015, where they apply, or with regulations made under section 11B of the Freedom of Information Act, or with other statutory powers of the public authority.

If a charge is to be made, confirmation of the payment due will be given before the information is provided. Payment may be requested prior to provision of the information.

6.1 Publishing datasets for re-use

Public authorities must publish under their publication scheme any dataset they hold that has been requested, together with any updated versions, unless they are satisfied that it is not appropriate to do so. So far as reasonably practicable, they must publish it in an electronic form that is capable of re-use.

If the dataset or any part of it is a relevant copyright work and the public authority is the only owner, the public authority must make it available for re-use under the terms of a specified licence. Datasets in which the Crown owns the copyright or the database rights are not relevant copyright works.

The Datasets Code of Practice recommends that public authorities make datasets available for re-use under the Open Government Licence.

The term 'dataset' is defined in section 11(5) of FOIA. The terms 'relevant copyright work' and 'specified licence' are defined in section 19(8) of FOIA. The ICO has published guidance on the dataset provisions in FOIA. This explains what is meant by "not appropriate" and "capable of re-use".

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained ¹	Cost
Class1 - Who we are and what we do (Organisational information, structures, locations and contacts)		
Who's who on the Council and its Committees		
Contact details for Parish Clerk and Council members (named contacts where possible with telephone number and email address (if used))	Website	Free
Location of main Council office and accessibility details	Website	Free
Staffing structure – Clerk/RFO	Website	Free
Class 2 – What we spend and how we spend it (Financial information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, procurement, contracts and financial audit) Current and previous financial year as a minimum		
Annual return form and report by auditor	Website	Free
Finalised budget	Website	Free
Precept	Website	Free
Borrowing Approval letter	N/A	N/A
Financial Standing Orders and Regulations	Website	Free
Grants given and received	Email Copy Available from the clerk	Free
List of current contracts awarded and value of contract	Email Copy Available from the clerk	Free
Members' allowances and expenses	Email Copy Available from the clerk	Free
Class 3 – What our priorities are and how we are doing (Strategies and plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews)		
Parish Plan (current and previous year as a minimum)	N/A	N/A
Annual Report to Parish or Community Meeting (current and previous year as a minimum)	Website	Free
Quality status	N/A	N/A

¹ Please note that information may be provided as a hard copy but charges will apply as per the below SCHEDULE OF CHARGES table.

Local charters drawn up in accordance with DCLG guidelines	N/A	N/A
Class 4 – How we make decisions (Decision making processes and records of decisions)		
Timetable of meetings (Council and any committee/sub-committee meetings and parish meetings)	Website Noticeboard	Free Free
Agendas of meetings (as above)	Website Noticeboard	Free Free
Minutes of meetings (as above) – n.b. this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meeting.	Website	Free
Reports presented to council meetings – n.b. this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meeting.	Website Or Email Copy available from the clerk	Free Free
Responses to consultation papers	Website	Free
Responses to planning applications	Website	Free
Bye-laws	N/A	N/A
Class 5 – Our policies and procedures (Current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities)		
Policies and procedures for the conduct of council business:		
Procedural standing orders	Website	Free
Committee and sub-committee terms of reference	Website	Free
Delegated authority in respect of officers	N/A	N/A
Code of Conduct	Website	Free
Policy statements	Website	Free
Policies and procedures for the provision of services and about the employment of staff:		
Internal instructions to staff and policies relating to the delivery of services	Website	Free
Equality and diversity policy	Website	Free
Health and safety policy	Website	Free
Recruitment policies (including current vacancies)	Email Copy available from the clerk	Free

Policies and procedures for handling requests for information	Website	Free
Complaints procedures (including those covering requests for information and operating the publication scheme)	Website	Free
Information security policy/GDPR	Website	
Records management policies (records retention, destruction and archive)	Email Copy available from the clerk	
Data protection policies	Website	
Schedule of charges (for the publication of information)	Website or Email Copy available from the clerk	
Class 6 – Lists and Registers		
Any publicly available register or list (if any are held this should be publicised; in most circumstances existing access provisions will suffice)	N/A	N/A
Assets register	Email Copy available from the clerk	Free
Disclosure log (indicating the information that has been provided in response to requests; recommended as good practice, but may not be held by parish councils)	N/A	N/A
Register of members' interests	Available from RVBC Website	Free
Register of gifts and hospitality	N/A	N/A
Class 7 – The services we offer (Information about the services we offer, including leaflets, guidance and newsletters produced for the public and businesses)		
Allotments	N/A	N/A
Burial grounds and closed churchyards	Website or Email Copy available from the clerk	
Community centres and village halls	N/A	N/A
Parks, playing fields and recreational facilities	N/A	N/A
Seating, litter bins, clocks, memorials and lighting	N/A	N/A
Bus shelters	N/A	N/A
Markets	N/A	N/A
Public conveniences	N/A	N/A
Agency agreements	N/A	N/A
Services for which the council is entitled to recover a fee, together with those fees (e.g. burial fees)	Email Copy available from the clerk	Free

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SCHEDULE OF CHARGES

This describes how the charges have been arrived at and are published as part of this guide.

TYPE OF CHARGE	DESCRIPTION	BASIS OF CHARGE
Disbursement cost	Photocopying @ 10p per sheet (black & white)	Actual cost* 10p
	Photocopying @ 15p per sheet (colour)	Actual cost 15p
	Postage	Actual cost of Royal Mail standard 2 nd class
Statutory Fee		In accordance with the relevant legislation
Other		N/A

* the actual cost incurred by the Parish Council

7. Written Requests

Information held by a public authority that is not published under this scheme can be requested in writing, when its provision will be considered in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.