

# Model publication scheme

## Freedom of Information Act

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.

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.

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.

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- 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.

## 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.

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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.

## 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.

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## 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.

## Written requests

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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.

## Information available from Wigginton & Hopwas Parish Council under the model publication scheme issued by the Information Commissioner's Office

Information to be published	How this information can be obtained	Cost
<b>Class 1 – Who we are and what we do</b> (Organisational information, structures, locations and contacts) This will be current information only	Website	Free
Who's who on the Council	Website	Free
Contact details for Parish Clerk and Council members	Website	Free
<b>Class 2 – What we spend and how we spend it</b> (Financial Information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, procurement, contracts and financial audit) Current and previous financial year as a minimum	Clerk	£15 per hour
Annual return form and report by auditor	Website	Free
Finalised Budget	Website	Free
Precept	Website	Free
Financial Standing Orders and Regulations	Website	Free
Grants given & received	Clerk	£15 per hour
List of current contracts awarded and value of contract	Clerk	£15 per hour
Members Allowances and expenses	Clerk	£15 per hour
<b>Class 3 – What our priorities are and how we are doing</b> (Strategies, plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews)		
Parish Action Plan	Website	Free
Annual Report to Parish Meeting (current and previous year as a minimum)	Website	Free
Annual Governance Audit Review	Website	Free
<b>Class 4 – How we make decisions</b> (Decision making processes and records of decisions)		

Current and previous council year as a minimum		
Timetable of Council Meetings (next 3 months dates available on minutes)	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of every other month unless in School Holidays (May, July, September, November, January, March) Noticeboards, Website.	Free
Meeting Agendas	Website, Noticeboards	Free
Annual Parish Meeting Agenda (Usually 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday in May)	Website, Noticeboards	Free
Reports presented to council meetings (excluding any confidential matters)	Website	Free
Responses to consultation papers	Clerk	£15 per hour
Responses to planning application	LDC Website (Free)	Free
Byelaws	Clerk	£15 per hour
<b>Class 5 – Our policies and procedures</b> (Current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities – most information is available free of charge on our website) Current Information Only		
Policies and procedures for the conduct of council business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procedural Standing Orders</li> <li>• Delegated Authority in respect of officers</li> <li>• Code of Conduct</li> </ul>	Website	Free
Policies and procedures for the provision of services and about the employment of staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equality and Diversity Policy</li> <li>• Health and Safety Policy</li> <li>• Recruitment Policies</li> <li>• Policies and procedures for handling requests for information</li> <li>• Complaints procedures (including those covering requests for information and operating the publication scheme)</li> </ul>	Website	Free
Records management policies (records retention, destruction and archive)	Website	Free
Data Protection policies	Website	Free

Schedule of charges (for the publication of information)	Website	Free
<b>Class 6 – Lists and Registers</b> Currently maintained lists and registers only		
Any publicly available register or list	Clerk	£15 per hour
Asset Register	Website	Free
Disclosure Log	Clerk	£15 per hour
Register of Members Interests	Website	Free
Register of gifts and hospitality	Clerk	£15 per hour
<b>Class 7 – The Service we offer</b> (Information about the services we offer, including leaflets, guidance and newsletters produced for the public and businesses) Current information only		
Closed Churchyards	Clerk	£15 per hour
Parks, playing fields and recreational facilities	Clerk	£15 per hour
Seating, litter bins, memorials and lighting	Clerk	£15 per hour
Bus Shelters	Clerk	£15 per hour

NB: If information can be supplied via email and the applicant chooses to receive it in that format, charges for the clerk's time may still apply. Charges for consumables and the clerk's time will apply to requests for physical copies of material that is available for free on the website. These may also incur the cost of printing as shown below.

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Type of charge	Description	Basis of Charge
Disbursement Cost	Printing/photocopying @ 25p per sheet	Printing Costs
	Postage (variable)	Royal Mail Standard 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class
Clerk's time	£15 per hour	Local Government Salary Rate (rounded) – Minimum charge one hour.

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