

Freedom of Information

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Overview

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI) provides public access to information held by public authorities. It does this in two ways:

- Obliges public authorities to publish certain information about their activities.
- Entitles members of the public to request information from public authorities.

Hence, as well as responding to requests for information, Sandford Parish Council publishes information proactively. The FOI requires every public authority to have a publication scheme and to publish information covered by the scheme.

The Sandford Parish Council Publication Scheme sets out the Council's commitment to making certain classes of information routinely available, such as policies and procedures, minutes of meetings, annual reports and financial information.

Structure

Under this publication scheme there are seven types (classes) of information that the Council publishes. The seven classes of information are broad and cover all the formal types of information that the Council holds, such as information about the structure of the Council, minutes of meetings, contracts, reports, plans and policies. The seven classes of information are:

- Class 1 – Who we are and what we do.
- Class 2 – What we spend and how we spend it.
- Class 3 – What our priorities are and how we are doing.
- Class 4 – How we make decisions.
- Class 5 – Our policies and procedures.
- Class 6 – Lists and Registers.
- Class 7 – The services we offer.

The Sandford Parish Council Publication Scheme is presented in the table below following guidance provided by the Information Commissioner's Office, using the suggested template.

Information available from Sandford Parish Council under the model publication scheme

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained	Cost
<p>Class1 - Who we are and what we do (Organisational information, structures, locations and contacts) This will be current information only N.B. Councils should already be publishing as much information as possible about how they can be contacted.</p>	On the noticeboards, website and available from the Parish Clerk	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)
Who's who on the Council and its Committees	(hard copy and/or website) e mail parish clerk	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)
Contact details for Parish Clerk and Council members (named contacts where possible with telephone number and email address (if used))	(hard copy and/or website)	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)
Location of main Council office and accessibility details	No Office	
Staffing structure	Parish Clerk only	
<p>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)</p> <p>Current and previous financial year as a minimum</p>	<p>(hard copy and/or website) Available from Parish Clerk Annual Accounts on website</p>	

Annual return form and report by auditor	(hard copy and/or website)	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)
Finalised budget	(hard copy and/or website)	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)
Precept	(hard copy and/or website)	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)
Borrowing Approval letter	N/A	N/A
Financial Standing Orders and Regulations	(hard copy and/or website)	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)
Grants given and received	(hard copy and/or website)	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)
List of current contracts awarded and value of contract	(some information may only be available by inspection)	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)

Members' allowances and expenses	(some information may only be available by inspection)	
Class 3 – What our priorities are and how we are doing (Strategies and plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews)	(hard copy or website) when finalised	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)
Parish Plan (current and previous year as a minimum)	None available	
Annual Report to Parish or Community Meeting (current and previous year as a minimum)	(hard copy, website)	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)
Quality status	None	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet

		(black & white)
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) Current and previous council year as a minimum	(hard copy or website)	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)
Timetable of meetings (Council, any committee/sub-committee meetings and parish meetings)	(hard copy and/or website)	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)
Agendas of meetings (as above)	(hard copy and/or website) noticeboards	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)
Minutes of meetings (as above) – NB: this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meeting.	(hard copy and/or website)	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)
Reports presented to council meetings – NB: this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meeting.	(hard copy and/or website)	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)
Responses to consultation papers	(hard copy and/or website)	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)
Responses to planning applications	(hard copy and/or website)	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)
Bye-laws	None	

Class 5 – Our policies and procedures (Current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities) Current information only	(hard copy or website)	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)
Policies and procedures for the conduct of council business: Procedural standing orders Committee and sub-committee terms of reference Delegated authority in respect of officers Code of Conduct Policy statements	(hard copy and/or website)	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)
Policies and procedures for the provision of services and about the employment of staff: Internal policies relating to the delivery of services Equality and diversity policy Health and safety policy Recruitment policies (including current vacancies) Policies and procedures for handling requests for information Complaints procedures (including those covering requests for information and operating the publication scheme)	(hard copy and/or website)	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)
Information security policy		
Records management policies (records retention, destruction and archive)	(hard copy and/or website)	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)

Data protection policies	(hard copy and/or website)	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)
Schedule of charges)for the publication of information)	(hard copy and/or website)	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)
Class 6 – Lists and Registers		
Currently maintained lists and registers only	(hard copy or website; some information may only be available by inspection)	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)
Any publicly available register or list (if any are held this should be publicised; in most circumstances existing access provisions will suffice)	(some information may only be available by inspection)	
Assets Register	(hard copy and/or website)	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)
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)	(some information may only be available by inspection)	
Register of members' interests	(some information may only be available by inspection)	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)
Register of gifts and hospitality	(some information may only be available by inspection)	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)

Class 7 – The services we offer (Information about the services we offer, including leaflets, guidance and newsletters produced for the public and businesses) Current information only	(hard copy or website; some information may only be available by inspection)	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)
Parks, playing fields and recreational facilities ???	(hard copy and/or website)	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)
Seating,???	(hard copy and/or website)	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)
Bus shelters ???	(hard copy and/or website)	Photocopying @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)
Additional Information This will provide Councils with the opportunity to publish information that is not itemised in the lists above Anything else ?????		

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