

## Information available from Binfield Parish Council under the model publication scheme

This guidance/template gives examples of the kinds of information that we would expect Parish/Community Councils to provide in order to meet their commitments under the model publication scheme.

We would expect Parish/Community Councils to make the information in this definition document available unless:

- it does not hold the information;
- the information is exempt under one of the FOIA exemptions or Environmental Information Regulations exceptions, or its release is prohibited by another statute;
- the information is readily and publicly available from an external website; such information may have been provided by the public authority or on its behalf. The authority must provide a direct link to that information;
- the information is archived, out of date or otherwise inaccessible; or,
- it would be impractical or resource-intensive to prepare the material for routine release.

The guidance is not meant to give an exhaustive list of everything that should be covered by a publication scheme. The legal commitment is to the model publication scheme, and public authorities should look to provide as much information as possible on a routine basis.

## 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 <u>Open</u> <u>Government Licence</u>.

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 <u>guidance</u> 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	Cost
<b>Class1 - 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 and its Committees	Website	Free
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	Website	Free

Information for Binfield Parish Council:

Class 2 – What we spend and how we spend it	Hard copy or website	Free
(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	
Financial Standing Orders and Regulations	Website	Free
Grants given and received	Website	Free
List of current contracts awarded and value of contract	Website	Free
Members' allowances and expenses	N/A	
Class 3 – What our priorities are and how we are doing	Website	Free
(Strategies and plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews)		
Current and previous year as a minimum		
Parish Plan (current and previous year as a minimum)	N/A	
Annual Report to Parish or Community Meeting (current and previous year as a	Hard Copy at meeting	Free
minimum)		
Quality status	N/A	
Local charters drawn up in accordance with DCLG guidelines	N/A	
Class 4 – How we make decisions		
(Decision making processes and records of decisions)		
Current and previous council year as a minimum		

Timetable of meetings (Council and any committee/sub-committee meetings and parish meetings)	Website & public notice boards	Free
Agendas of meetings (as above)	Website and public notice board (Main)	Free
Minutes of meetings (as above) — n.b. this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meeting.	Website Hard Copy on request	Free
Reports presented to council meetings – n.b. this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meeting.	Hard copy at meeting	Free
Responses to consultation papers	On request	Free
Responses to planning applications	Include in Minutes – available on website and on Bracknell Forest Council website	Free
Bye-laws	Website	Free
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)	
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	Website Website Upon request Website	Free
Code of Conduct Policy statements	Website	

Internal instructions to staff and policies relating to the delivery of services	Website	
Equality and diversity policy	Website	Free
Health and safety policy	Website	
Recruitment policies (including current vacancies)	Website	
Policies and procedures for handling requests for information	Website	
Complaints procedures (including those covering requests for information and operating	Website	
the publication scheme)		
Information security policy	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
Class 6 – Lists and Registers		
Currently maintained lists and registers only		
Any publicly available register or list (if any are held this should be publicised; in most	N/A	
circumstances existing access provisions will suffice)		
Assets register	Website	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)	Upon Request	free
Register of members' interests	Bracknell Forest Council Website	free
Register of gifts and hospitality	Upon Request	free
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		

Website	free
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N/A Website	free
Website	free
Upon request	free
Upon request	free
N/A	
N/A	
N/A	
Sales of garden waste bags	£1.10 each
	Website   Upon request   Upon request   N/A   N/A   N/A

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