

Information available from Nash Mills 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- the information is archived, out of date or otherwise inaccessible; or,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 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 <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
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.	website	
Who's who on the Council and its Committees	Website	

Contact details for Parish Clerk and Council members (named contacts where possible	Website	
with telephone number and email address (if used))		
Location of main Council office and accessibility details	Website	
Staffing structure	Hard copy	
Class 2 – What we spend and how we spend it	Website	
(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	
Finalised budget	website	
Precept	website	
Borrowing Approval letter	n/a	
Financial Standing Orders and Regulations	website	
Grants given and received	Via Clerk	
List of current contracts awarded and value of contract	Via Clerk	
Members' allowances and expenses	Via Clerk	
Class 3 – What our priorities are and how we are doing	Hard Copy via Clerk	
(Strategies and plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews)		
Current and previous year as a minimum		
Parish Plan as and when available	website	
Annual Report to Parish (current and previous year as a minimum)	Hard Copy Via Clerk	

Quality status	n/a
Local charters drawn up in accordance with DCLG guidelines	n/a
Class 4 – How we make decisions	website
(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
Agendas of meetings (as above)	website
Minutes of meetings (as above) – n.b. this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meeting.	Website
Reports presented to council meetings – n.b. this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meeting.	Website
Responses to consultation papers	Via Clerk
Responses to planning applications	Via Clerk/Minutes of meetings
Bye-laws	Via Clerk if applicable
Class 5 – Our policies and procedures	
(Current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities)	Website, undergoing a review for new website.
Current information only	

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	All available on the new website
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 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)	This section is currently under review for the new website
Information security policy	Being updated for website
Records management policies (records retention, destruction and archive)	Being updated for website
Data protection policies	website
Schedule of charges (for the publication of information)	See below

Class 6 – Lists and Registers	some information may only be available by inspection)
Currently maintained lists and registers only	
Any publicly available register or list (if any are held this should be publicised; in most circumstances existing access provisions will suffice)	Via Clerk
Assets register	Website
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
Register of members' interests	Via Clerk
Register of gifts and hospitality	Via Clerk
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)
Allotments	n/a
Burial grounds and closed churchyards	n/a
Community centres and village halls	n/a
Parks, playing fields and recreational facilities	website
Seating, litter bins, clocks, memorials and lighting	Website/asset list if applicable
Bus shelters	n/a
Markets	n/a
Public conveniences	n/a

Agency agreements	n/a	
Services for which the council is entitled to recover a fee, together with those fees (e.g.	n/a	
burial fees)		
Additional Information		
This will provide Councils with the opportunity to publish information that is not		
itemised in the lists above		

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SCHEDULE OF CHARGES

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

TYPE OF CHARGE	DESCRIPTION	BASIS OF CHARGE
Disbursement cost	Photocopying @ 10p per	Actual cost *
	sheet (black & white)	
	Photocopying @ 20p per	Actual cost
	sheet (colour)	

	Postage	Actual cost of Royal Mail standard 2 nd class
Statutory Fee		In accordance with the relevant legislation
Other		

* the actual cost incurred by the public authority