



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION PUBLICATION SCHEME

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.

Classes of Information: (see "Information Available" schedule below)

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.

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.

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. 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:

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.

This publication scheme (revised) was re-adopted by St Helens Parish Council at a meeting of the Council on 8 May 2017.

ST HELENS PARISH COUNCIL

Information available from the Council under the model publication scheme as at February 2011.

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained	Cost
Class1 - Who we are and what we do		
Who's who on the Council and its Committees	Website	none
Contact details for Parish Clerk and Council members (named contacts where possible with telephone number and email address (if used))	Website and notice board	none
Location of main Council office and accessibility details	Website	none
Staffing structure	Website	none
Class 2 – What we spend and how we spend it		
Annual return form and report by auditor	Website	none
Finalised budget	Website	none
Precept	Website	none
Borrowing Approval letter	N/A	
Financial Standing Orders and Regulations	Website	none
Grants given and received	Hard copy	5p/sheet
List of current contracts awarded and value of contract	Hard copy	5p/sheet
Members' allowances and expenses	No provision	N/A
Class 3 – What our priorities are and how we are doing		
Parish Plan (current and previous year as a minimum)	None prepared	
Annual Report to Parish or Community Meeting (current and previous year as a minimum)	Website	none
Quality status	Not applied for	
Local charters drawn up in accordance with DCLG guidelines	None	
Class 4 – How we make decisions		
Timetable of meetings (Council, any committee/sub-committee meetings and parish meetings)	Website	none
Agendas of meetings (as above)	Website next meeting Hard copy from Clerk for previous	None 5p/sheet
Minutes of meetings (as above) – nb this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meeting.	Website	none
Reports presented to council meetings - nb this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meeting.	Hard copy from Clerk	5p/sheet
Responses to consultation papers	Hard copy from Clerk	5p/sheet
Responses to planning applications	Hard copy from Clerk	5p/sheet
Bye-laws (1952)	Hard copy from Clerk	5p/sheet
Class 5 – Our policies and procedures		
Policies and procedures for the conduct of council business:		
Procedural standing orders	Website	
Committee and sub-committee terms of reference	Website	

Delegated authority in respect of officers	N/A	
Code of Conduct	Website	
Policy statements	Website	
Policies and procedures for the provision of services and about the employment of staff:		
Internal policies relating to the delivery of services	None	
Equalities and Inclusion policy	Website	
Health and safety policy	Website	
Recruitment policies (including current vacancies)	Website for vacancies	
Policies and procedures for handling requests for information	Website	
Complaints procedures (including those covering requests for information and operating the publication scheme)	Website	
Information security policy	Hard copy from Clerk	5p/sheet
Records management policies (records retention, destruction and archive)	Hard copy from Clerk	5p/sheet
Data protection policies	Website	
Schedule of charges (for the publication of information)	Website	
Class 6 – Lists and Registers	(hard copy or website; some information may only be available by inspection)	
Any publicly available register or list (if any are held this should be publicised; in most circumstances existing access provisions will suffice)	Inspection with Clerk	
Assets Register	Hard copy from Clerk	5p/sheet
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	Website	
Register of gifts and hospitality	Inspection with 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	N/A	
Seating, litter bins, clocks, memorials and lighting	Website	
Bus shelters	N/A	
Markets	N/A	
Public conveniences	Website	
Agency agreements	Hard copy from Clerk	5p/sheet
A summary of services for which the council is entitled to recover a fee, together with those fees (e.g. burial fees)	None provided	
Additional Information This will provide Councils with the opportunity to publish information that is not itemised in the lists above		

Contact details:

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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/printing @ 5p per sheet (black & white)	Actual cost *
	Photocopying/printing @ 20p per sheet (colour)	Actual cost
	Postage	Actual cost of Royal Mail standard 2 nd class
Statutory Fee		In accordance with the relevant current legislation
Other		

* the actual cost incurred by the public authority