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Information available from Overthorpe 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- the information is archived, out of date or otherwise inaccessible; or,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

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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 [guidance](#) 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.	(hard copy or website)	
Who's who on the Council and its Committees	Website Hard copy	Free 10p per sheet
Contact details for Parish Clerk and Council members (named contacts)	Website	Free

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where possible with telephone number and email address (if used))		
Location of main Council office and accessibility details	Website	Free
Staffing structure	Website Hard copy	Free 10p per sheet
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) Current and previous financial year as a minimum	(hard copy or website)	
Annual return form and report by auditor	Website Hard copy	Free 10p per sheet
Finalised budget	Website Hard copy	Free 10p per sheet
Precept	Website Hard copy	Free 10p per sheet
Borrowing Approval letter	Hard copy	10p per sheet
Grants given and received	Hard copy	10p per sheet
List of current contracts awarded and value of contract	Hard copy	10p per sheet
Members' allowances and expenses	Hard copy	10p per sheet
Class 3 – What our priorities are and how we are doing (Strategies and plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews) Current and previous year as a minimum	(hard copy or website)	
Parish Plan (current and previous year as a minimum)	Not applicable	

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Annual Report to Parish or Community Meeting (current and previous year as a minimum)	Website Hard copy	Free 10p per sheet
Quality status	Not applicable	
Local charters drawn up in accordance with DCLG guidelines	Not applicable	
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)	
Timetable of meetings (Council and any committee/sub-committee meetings and parish meetings)	Website Hard copy	Free 10p per sheet
Agendas of meetings (as above)	Website Noticeboard Hard copy	Free Free 10p per sheet
Minutes of meetings (as above) – n.b. this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meeting.	Website Noticeboard Hard copy	Free Free 10p per sheet
Reports presented to council meetings – n.b. this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meeting.	Hard copy	10p per sheet
Responses to consultation papers	Hard copy	10p per sheet
Responses to planning applications	SNC website Hard copy	Free 10p per sheet
Bye-laws	Hard copy	10p per sheet
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:		

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<p>Grievance Policy Disciplinary Policy Scheme of Delegation Complaints Procedure Freedom of Information Policy Subject Access Request Procedure General Privacy Notice Data Breach Policy Role Holder Privacy Notice Records Retention Policy Data Protection Policy Standing Orders Publication Scheme Risk Assessment Financial Regulations Code of Conduct</p>	<p>Website Hard copy</p>	<p>Free 10p per sheet</p>
<p>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)</p>	<p>Those applicable: Website Hard copy</p>	<p>Free 10p per sheet</p>
<p>Information security policy</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	

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Records management policies (records retention, destruction and archive)	Not applicable	
Data protection policies	Not applicable	
Schedule of charges (for the publication of information)	Website Hard copy	Free 10p per sheet
Class 6 – Lists and Registers		
Currently maintained lists and registers only	(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)	Not applicable	
Assets register	Website Hard copy	Free 10p per 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)	Not applicable	
Register of members' interests	SNC website Hard copy	Free 10p per sheet
Register of gifts and hospitality	Not applicable	
Class 7 – The services we offer		
(Information about the services we offer, including leaflets, guidance and newsletters produced for the public and businesses)	(hard copy or website; some information may only be available by inspection)	
Current information only		
Allotments	Not applicable	
Burial grounds and closed churchyards	Not applicable	
Community centres and village halls	Not applicable	
Parks, playing fields and recreational facilities	Not applicable	
Seating, litter bins, clocks, memorials and lighting	Hard copy	10p per sheet

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Bus shelters	Hard copy	10p per sheet
Markets	Not applicable	
Public conveniences	Not applicable	
Agency agreements	Not applicable	
Services for which the council is entitled to recover a fee, together with those fees (e.g. burial fees)	Not applicable	

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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 @ 0.10p per sheet (black & white)	Actual cost *
	Photocopying @ 0.20p per sheet (colour)	Actual cost *

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	Postage	Actual cost of Royal Mail standard 2 nd class. If 1 st class is requested it will be charged at the appropriate rate.
Statutory Fee	Not applicable	In accordance with the relevant legislation (quote the actual statute)

* the actual cost incurred by the public authority including any third party charges and Clerks time in producing or preparing the requested information.

