

Publication Scheme adopted May 2026

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Guidance from Information Commissioner's Office

This guidance/template gives examples of the kinds of information that we would expect Parish/Community Councils to provide 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- the information is archived, out of date or otherwise inaccessible; or,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 guidance on the dataset provisions in FOIA. This explains what is meant by "not appropriate" and "capable of re-use".

Shalden Parish Council Publication Scheme

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained
<p>Class 1 - Who we are and what we do (Organisational information, structures, locations and contacts) This will be current information only.</p>	
Who's who on the Council and its Committees	Hard copy and Website
Contact details for Parish Clerk and Council members (named contacts where possible with telephone number and email address (if used))	Hard copy and Website
Accessibility details	Hard copy and Website
Staffing structure	Hard copy and Website
<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) Current and previous financial year as a minimum</p>	
Annual return form and report by auditor	Hard copy and Website
Finalised budget	Hard copy and Website
Precept	Hard copy and Website
Financial Standing Orders and Regulations	Hard copy and Website
Grants given and received	Hard copy and Website
List of current contracts awarded and value of contract	Hard copy and Website
Members' allowances and expenses	Hard copy and Website
<p>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</p>	
Annual Report to Parish or Community Meeting (current and previous year as a minimum)	Hard copy and Website
<p>Class 4 – How we make decisions (Decision making processes and records of decisions) Current and previous council year as a minimum</p>	
Timetable of meetings (Council and any committee/sub-committee meetings and parish meetings)	Hard copy and Website
Agendas of meetings (as above)	Hard copy and Website
Minutes of meetings (as above) – n.b. this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meeting.	Hard copy and Website

Reports presented to council meetings – n.b. this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meeting.	Hard copy and Website
Responses to consultation papers	Hard copy and Website
Responses to planning applications	Hard copy and Website
Class 5 – Our policies and procedures (Current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities) Current information only	
Policies and procedures for the conduct of council business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedural standing orders • Committee and sub-committee terms of reference • Delegated authority in respect of officers • Code of Conduct • Policy statements 	Hard copy and Website
Policies and procedures for the provision of services and about the employment of staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) 	Hard copy and Website
Information security policy	Hard copy and Website
Records management policies (records retention, destruction and archive)	Hard copy
Data protection policies	Hard copy and Website
Schedule of charges (for the publication of information)	Hard copy and Website
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 circumstances existing access provisions will suffice)	Hard copy and Website
Assets register	Hard copy and 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)	Hard copy and Website

Register of members' interests	Hard copy and Website
Register of gifts and hospitality	Hard copy and Website
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

Contact details

Requests for information should be made in writing and will be dealt with within 20 working days. Contact the Clerk by email at clerk@shalden-pc.gov.uk or by phone 07866 443350. Alternatively, write to the Clerk c/o Meadow Barn, Wield Road, Medstead, GU34 5NH

Schedule of Charges

TYPE OF CHARGE	DESCRIPTION	BASIS OF CHARGE
Disbursement cost	Photocopying @ 15p per sheet (black & white)	Actual cost *
	Photocopying @ 60p per sheet (colour)	Actual cost
	Postage	Actual cost of Royal Mail standard 2 nd class
Statutory Fee		In accordance with the relevant legislation (quote the actual statute)

* the actual cost incurred by the public authority.