

## Sourton Parish Council Freedom of Information Publication Scheme

The 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**

#### **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 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.

# Information available from Sourton Parish Council under the Freedom of Information Act model publication scheme

This template guide covers only information we currently hold. If we do not hold some of the information listed below, we will mark it as 'not held' in the table.

<b>Information to be published</b>	<b>How the information can be obtained</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<p><b>Class 1 - Who we are and what we do.</b> (Organisational information, structures, locations and contacts)</p> <p>Current information only</p>	Hard Copy and or website	
<p>List of Council members and their responsibilities as well a list of Council Committees</p> <p>Details of any representation on local public bodies</p>	Hard copy and website	5p per sheet/free
<p>Postal and email address</p> <p>Contact details for Parish Clerk and Council members.</p> <p>Where possible, provide named contacts including contact phone numbers and email addresses</p>	Hard copy and website	5p per sheet/free
Location of main Council office and accessibility details	n/a	
Staffing structure	n/a	
<p><b>Class 2 – What we spend and how we spend it.</b> (Financial information about projected and actual income and expenditure, procurement, contracts and financial audit) Current and previous financial year as a minimum</p>	(Hard copy or website)	
Statement of accounts and internal audit report in the format included in the Annual Return form.	Hard copy and website	5p per sheet/free
Finalised budget	Hard copy and website	5p per sheet/free
Precept	Hard copy and website	5p per sheet/free

Borrowing Approval letter	n/a	
All items of expenditure above £100	Hard copy and website	5p per sheet/free
Financial Standing Orders and Regulations	Hard copy	5p per sheet
Grants given and received	Hard copy	5p per sheet
List of current contracts awarded and value of contract.	Hard copy	5p per sheet
Members' allowances and expenses	n/a	
<b>Class 3 – What our priorities are and how we are doing</b> (Strategies and plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews) Current and previous year as a minimum	(Hard copy or website)	
Annual governance statement in format included in the Annual Return form.	Hard copy and website	5p per sheet/free
Parish Plan	n/a	
Annual Report to Parish or Community Meeting	Hard copy and website	5p per sheet/free
Quality status	n/a	
Local charters drawn up in accordance with DLUHC's guidelines.	n/a	
Data Protection impact assessments (in full or summary format) or any other impact assessment (e.g. Health & Safety Impact Assessment, Equality Impact Assessments etc), as appropriate and relevant	n/a	
<b>Class 4 – How we make decisions.</b> (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)	Hard copy and website	5p per sheet/free
Agendas of meetings (as above)	Hard copy and website	5p per sheet/free
Minutes of meetings (as above) – exclude material that is properly considered to be exempt from disclosure.	Hard copy and website	5p per sheet/free
Reports presented to council meetings – exclude material that is properly considered to	Hard copy and website	5p per sheet/free

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Responses to consultation papers	Hard copy	5p per sheet
Responses to planning applications	Hard copy	5p per sheet
Byelaws	n/a	
<b>Class 5 – Our policies and procedures</b> (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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procedural standing orders</li> <li>• Committee and sub-committee terms of reference</li> <li>• Delegated authority in respect of officers</li> <li>• Code of Conduct</li> <li>• Policy statements</li> </ul>	Hard copy & website Hard Copy & website  Hard Copy & website  Hard Copy & website Hard Copy	5p per sheet/free 5p per sheet  5p per sheet/free  5p per sheet/free 5p per sheet
Policies and procedures for the provision of services and about the employment of staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internal instructions to staff and policies relating to the delivery of services</li> <li>• Equality and diversity policy</li> <li>• Health and safety policy</li> <li>• Recruitment policies and details of current vacancies</li> <li>• Policies and procedures for handling requests for information</li> <li>• Complaints procedures (including those covering requests for information and operating the publication scheme)</li> </ul>	Hard copy and website	5p per sheet/free
Records management, personal data and access to information policies Include information security policies, records retention, destruction and archive policies, and data protection (including data sharing and CCTV usage) policies	n/a	
<b>Class 6 – Lists and Registers</b> Currently maintained lists and registers only.	(Hard copy or website; some information may only be available by inspection)	
Information legally required to hold in publicly available registers (in most circumstances existing access provisions will suffice)	Hard copy	5p per sheet
Assets register, including details of public land and building assets	Hard copy and website	5p per sheet/free

Disclosure log indicating the information provided in response to FOIA and EIR requests. These are recommended as good practice.	Hard copy - if available	5p per sheet
Register of members' interests	Hard copy and website	5p per sheet/free
Register of gifts and hospitality	n/a	
<b>Class 7 – The services we offer</b> (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	Hard copy and website	5p per sheet/free
Community centres and village halls	n/a	
Parks, playing fields and recreational facilities	n/a	
Seating, litter bins, clocks, memorials and lighting	Hard copy and website	5p per sheet/free
Bus shelters	Hard copy and website	5p per sheet/free
Markets	n/a	
Public conveniences	n/a	
Agency agreements	n/a	
Services for which we are entitled to recover a fee and details of those fees (e.g., burial fees)	n/a	
<b>Additional Information</b> Information not itemised in the lists above	Hard copy	5p per sheet
<p>Contact Details:  Mrs Abi Horn, Parish Clerk, Lake Farm Cottage, Lake, Sourton, Okehampton, Devon, EX20 4HQ  01837861120 parishclerk@sourtonpc.org.uk</p>		

## Schedule of charges

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

<b>TYPE OF CHARGE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>BASIS OF CHARGE</b>
<b>Disbursement cost</b>	Photocopying @ 5p per sheet (black & white)	Actual cost *
	Photocopying @ 10p per sheet (colour)	Actual cost
	Postage	Actual cost of Royal Mail standard 2 <sup>nd</sup> class
<b>Statutory Fee</b>		In accordance with the relevant legislation (quote the actual statute)

\* The actual cost incurred

This policy was adopted on	April 2022
Signature Of Chairman	S Eberle
Date of next review	April 2024