

KIRK LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Freedom of Information Policy

Information available from Kirk Langley Parish Council under the model publication scheme

This guidance gives examples of the kinds of information that ICO would expect our Parish Council to provide in order to meet their commitments under the model publication scheme.

ICO would expect KLPC 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- the information is archived, out of date or otherwise inaccessible; or,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)	On the Notice Boards and on the Website and available from the Parish	15/20p per sheet for
This will be current information only.	Clerk	any photocopied material or
N.B. Councils should already be publishing as much information as possible about how they can be contacted.		free by email
Who's who on the Council and its Committees	Notice Boards/Website/ Parish Clerk	
Contact details for Parish Clerk and Council members (named contacts where possible with telephone number and email address (if used))	Notice Boards/Website/ Parish Clerk	
Location of main Council office and accessibility details	No Office	
Staffing structure	Parish Clerk only	
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	From Parish Clerk Annual accounts on the website	
Annual return form and report by auditor	From Parish Clerk/Website	
Finalised budget	From Parish Clerk/Website	
Precept	From Parish Clerk/Website	

Borrowing Approval letter	No borrowing
Financial Standing Orders and Regulations	From Parish Clerk/Website
Grants given and received	From Parish Clerk/Website
List of current contracts awarded and value of contract	From Parish Clerk/Website
Members' allowances and expenses	None paid
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	From Parish Clerk/Website
Parish Plan (current and previous year as a minimum)	None available
Annual Report to Parish or Community Meeting (current and previous year as a minimum)	From Parish Clerk/Website
Quality status	None
Local charters drawn up in accordance with DCLG guidelines	None
Class 4 – How we make decisions (Decision making processes and records of decisions)	
Current and previous council year as a minimum	From Parish Clerk/Website
Timetable of meetings (Council and any committee/sub-committee meetings and parish meetings)	From Parish Clerk/Website or the notice boards
Agendas of meetings (as above)	From Parish Clerk/Website or

	the notice boards
Minutes of meetings (as above) – n.b. this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meeting.	From Parish Clerk/Website
Reports presented to council meetings – n.b. this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meeting.	From Parish Clerk/Website
Responses to consultation papers	From Parish Clerk/Website
Responses to planning applications	From Parish Clerk/Website and occasionally, for larger housing site applications on the website
Bye-laws	None
Class 5 – Our policies and procedures (Current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities)	
Current information only	All from the Parish Clerk or available on the website
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 from the Parish Clerk or available on the 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)	All from the Parish Clerk or available on the website
Information security policy	From Parish Clerk/Website
Records management policies (records retention, destruction and archive)	From Parish Clerk/Website
Data protection policies	From Parish Clerk/Website
Schedule of charges (for the publication of information)	See above
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)	
Assets register	From Parish Clerk/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)	None
Register of members' interests	From Parish Clerk/Website
Register of gifts and hospitality	From Parish Clerk/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	Few of these are offered – ask the Parish Clerk in the first instance or look at the website
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Allotments	N/A
Burial grounds and closed churchyards	N/A
Community centres and village halls	N/A
Parks, playing fields and recreational facilities	Play facilities on GB Barrington Playing Field
Seating, litter bins, clocks, memorials and lighting	Some seating
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. burial fees)	N/A
Additional Information	
This will provide Councils with the opportunity to publish information that is not itemised in the lists above	

Contact details: Parish Clerk – Mrs Margaret Matthews 01332 824872 or clerk@kirklangleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Website: kirklangleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

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 @ 15p per sheet (black & white)	Actual cost *
	Photocopying @ 20p per sheet (colour)	Actual cost
	Postage	Actual cost of Royal Mail standard 2 nd class
Statutory Fee		In accordance with
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	the relevant legislation
Other	

* the actual cost incurred by the public authority

This policy was reviewed and adopted on September 14th 2021

Signed: L Baker (Chair)

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