



Huntingdon Town Council

Freedom of Information Policy

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Model publication scheme

Freedom of Information Act

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.
- To publish any dataset held by the authority that has been requested, and any updated versions it holds, unless the authority is satisfied that it is not appropriate to do so; to publish the dataset, where reasonably practicable, in an electronic form that is capable of re-use; and, if any information in the dataset is a relevant copyright work and the public authority is the only owner, to make the information available for re-use under a specified licence. The term 'dataset' is defined in section 11(5) of the Freedom of Information Act. The terms 'relevant copyright work' and 'specified licence' are defined in section 19(8) of that Act.

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 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.

Charges may also be made for making datasets (or parts of datasets) that are relevant copyright works available for re-use. These charges will be in accordance with either regulations made under section 11B of the Freedom of Information Act or other enactments.

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 Huntingdon Council under the model publication scheme

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained	Cost
Class 1 - Who we are and what we do (Organisational information, structures, locations and contacts)	www.huntingdowntown.gov.uk	
Who's who on the Council and its Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of Councillors • Committee Membership Grid • Council Representatives to Outside Bodies 	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE
Contact details for Parish Clerk and Council Members (named contacts with telephone number and email address)	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE
Location of main Council office and accessibility details	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE
Staffing structure	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE
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)		
Financial accounts approved by the Council (Year ended March 2013 and March 2014)	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE

Estimates of Income & Expenditure approved by the Council (For year 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16)	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE
Annual return form and report by auditor (Year ended March 2013 and March 2014)	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE
Internal audit reports (Internal Audit 2013 and 2014)	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE
Precept (For year 2013/14 and 2014/15)	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE
Financial Standing Orders and Regulations	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE
Grants awarded	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE
Grants received	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE
List of current contracts awarded and value of contract	Hard Copy Only – Appointment Required	FREE
Class 3 – What our priorities are and how we are doing (Strategies and plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews)		
Best value performance plan	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE
Annual Report to Parish or Community Meeting (Report and Minutes 2013 and 2014)	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE
Quality status	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE

Local charters drawn up in accordance with DCLG guidelines	Hard Copy Only – Appointment Required	FREE
Class 4 – How we make decisions (Decision making processes and records of decisions)		
Meetings schedule (Council, any committee/sub-committee meetings and parish meetings) for 2014/15 and 2015/16	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE
Agendas of all Council meetings (for the last two years)	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE
Minutes of all Council meetings (for the last two years) (private and confidential items not published online)	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE
Reports presented to council meetings (for the last two years) (private and confidential reports not published online)	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE
Responses to consultation papers	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE
Responses to planning applications	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE
Bye-laws	Hard Copy Only – Appointment Required	FREE
Class 5 – Our policies and procedures (Current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities)		
Policies and procedures for the conduct of council business: • Procedural standing orders	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee and sub-committee terms of reference • Delegated authority in respect of officers • Code of Conduct • Policy statements 	<p>Website and/or Hard Copy Hard Copy Only – Appointment Required</p> <p>Website and/or Hard Copy Hard Copy Only – Appointment Required</p>	<p>FREE FREE</p> <p>FREE FREE</p>
<p>Policies and procedures for the provision of services and about the employment of staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment policies (disciplinary, bullying and harassment, equal opportunities, grievance policy, training policy, whistleblowing policy) • Internal policies relating to the delivery of services • Health and safety policy • Recruitment policies and current vacancies • Policies and procedures for handling requests for information • Complaints procedures (including those covering requests for information and operating the publication scheme) 	<p>Website and/or Hard Copy</p> <p>Hard Copy Only – Appointment Required</p> <p>Website and/or Hard Copy Website and/or Hard Copy Website and/or Hard Copy Website and/or Hard Copy</p>	<p>FREE</p> <p>FREE</p> <p>FREE FREE FREE FREE</p>
<p>Information security policy</p>	<p>Website and/or Hard Copy</p>	<p>FREE</p>
<p>Records management policies (records retention, destruction and archive)</p>	<p>Website and/or Hard Copy</p>	<p>FREE</p>
<p>Data protection policies</p>	<p>Website and/or Hard Copy</p>	<p>FREE</p>

Schedule of charges for the publication of information	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE
Class 6 – Lists and Registers		
Any publicly available register or list	Hard Copy Only – Appointment Required	FREE
Assets Register	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE
Register of members' interests	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE
Register of gifts and hospitality	Hard Copy Only – Appointment Required	FREE
Class 7 – The services we offer (Information about the services we offer, including leaflets, guidance and newsletters produced for the public and businesses)		
Allotments	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE
Cemeteries and closed churchyards	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE
Community centres and halls	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE
Parks, open spaces and sports pitches	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE

Sports facilities	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE
Public clocks and memorials	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE
Lighting	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE
Events and entertainment	Website and/or Hard Copy	FREE
Agency agreements	Hard Copy Only – Appointment Required	FREE
Community magazine – About Town	Website	FREE

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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 @ 10p per sheet (black & white)	Actual cost *0.049p
	Photocopying @ 10p per sheet (colour)	Actual cost *5.039p
	Postage – n/a	Actual cost of Royal Mail standard 2 nd class
Statutory Fee	n/a	In accordance with the relevant legislation (quote the actual statute)
Other		

* the actual cost incurred by the public authority