

Freedom of Information

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BACKGROUND

POLICY

Ripley Town Council has adopted this Freedom of Information Policy to provide a sound structure to the way it conducts its business

Information available from Ripley Town Council under the model publication scheme

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 and/or website)	
Who's who on the Council and its Committees		

Contact details for Parish Clerk and Council members (named contacts where possible with telephone number and email address (if used))		
Location of main Council office and accessibility details		
Staffing structure		
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 and/or website)	
Annual return form and report by auditor		
Finalised budget		
Precept		
Borrowing Approval letter		
Financial Standing Orders and Regulations		
Grants given and received		
List of current contracts awarded and value of contract		
Members' allowances and expenses		
Class 3 – What our priorities are and how we are doing (Strategies and plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews)	(hard copy or website)	
Parish Plan (current and previous year as a minimum)		
Annual Report to Parish or Community Meeting (current and previous year as a minimum)		
Quality status		
Local charters drawn up in accordance with DCLG guidelines		
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, any committee/sub-committee meetings and parish meetings)		
Agendas of meetings (as above)		
Minutes of meetings (as above) – n.b. this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meeting.		
Reports presented to council meetings – n.b. this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meeting.		
Responses to consultation papers		
Responses to planning applications		
Bye-laws		
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: Procedural standing orders Committee and sub-committee terms of reference Delegated authority in respect of officers Code of Conduct Policy statements		
Policies and procedures for the provision of services and about the employment of staff: Internal 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)		
Information security policy		

Records management policies (records retention, destruction and archive)		
Data protection policies		
Schedule of charges) for the publication of information)		
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		
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)		
Register of members' interests		
Register of gifts and hospitality		
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	(hard copy or website; some information may only be available by inspection)	
Allotments		
Playing fields and recreational facilities		
Memorials		
Bus shelters		
Public conveniences		
Hanging Baskets		
Christmas Lights		
Additional Information This will provide Councils with the opportunity to publish information that is not itemised in the lists above		

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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
	Photocopying @ 25p per sheet (colour)	Actual cost
	Postage	Actual cost of Royal Mail standard 2 nd class
Statutory Fee	Nil	In accordance with the relevant legislation (quote the actual statute)
Other		