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CONSTITUTION

CHAPTER 14 PUBLICATION SCHEME

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1. Introduction

1.1. This policy lists the type of information held by Fair Oak & Horton Heath Parish Council and says what information is available to the public as part of our normal business activities. The information covered is included in the classes of information mentioned below, where this information is held by the authority.

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1.3. 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 that is made proactively available.
- To make this publication scheme available to the public.

2. Classes of information

2.1. Information that the Parish Council holds includes: -

1. Who we are and what we do.
Organisational information, locations and contacts, constitutional and legal governance.
2. What we spend and how we spend it
Financial information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, tendering, procurement, and contracts.
3. What our priorities are and how we are doing
Strategy and performance information, plans, assessments, inspections, and reviews.
4. How we make decisions
Policy proposals and decisions. Decision-making processes, internal criteria,

procedures, consultations.

5. Our policies and procedures

Current written protocols for delivering our functions and responsibilities.

6. 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 are advice and guidance, booklets and leaflets, transactions, and media releases. A description of the services offered.

2.2. 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 are difficult to access for similar reasons.

3. The method by which information is published will be made available.

3.1. The authority will indicate clearly to the public what information is covered by this scheme and how it can be obtained.

3.2. 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 through the website, a public authority will indicate how information can be obtained by other means and provide it by those means.

3.3. 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.

3.4. 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.

3.5. 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.

4. Charges which may be made for information published under this scheme.

4.1. 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.

4.2. Material that 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

4.3. 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.

4.4. 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.

5. Written requests

5.1. 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.

5.2. Information is available from Fair Oak & Horton Heath Parish Council under the Publication Scheme.

5.3. All information on the website is free, all hard copies will be charged at 20p per A4 sheet (b&w)

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained
Who we are and what we do	
Who is who on the Council and its Committees	Website/ hard copy
Contact details for the Cllrs and staff	Website/ hard copy
Location of the Parish Office/Parish buildings and accessibility details	Website/ hard copy
Staffing structure (vacancies displayed on the job page of the website)	Website/ hard copy
What we spend and how we spend it	
Financial Regulations	Website/ hard copy
Annual return forms and reports by internal and external auditors	Website/ hard copy
Annual budget and precept demand	Website/ hard copy
Expenditure and income over £500	Website/ hard copy
Income and expenditure through the financial year as part of reports submitted at Full Council	Website/ hard copy
Grants given and received	Website/ hard copy
List of current contracts awarded and value of the contract	Email / hard copy
Investment Policy	Website/ hard copy
Internal Audit reports and action plan	Website/ hard copy
What our priorities are and how we are doing	
Current Corporate Plan	Website/ hard copy
Annual Action Plan	Website/ hard copy
Annual Report to Parish (video & infographic)	Website – video Infographics – hard copy
How we make decisions	
Standing Orders - how we make decisions	Website/ hard copy
A timetable of meetings (Council, any committee/sub-committee meetings)	Website/ hard copy
Agendas of meetings (as above)	Website/ hard copy
Minutes of meetings (as above)	Website/ hard copy
Reports presented to council meetings	Website/ hard copy
Responses to consultation papers	Website/ hard copy
Responses to planning applications	Website/ hard copy
Policies of the Council (including Constitution documents)	
	Website/ hard copy

Lists and registers (including burial and allotments)	Website/ hard copy
Assets Register	Website/ hard copy
Disclosure Log	On request
Register of interest/gifts of hospitality/acceptance of office	Website/ hard copy
Media/press Releases	Social media/website
Officers delegated powers of authority	Website/ hard copy
Members' Code of Conduct	Website/ hard copy
Officer/Member Relations Protocol	Website/ hard copy
Polices & Procedures in relation to staff	Website/ hard copy
Health and Safety Policy	Website/ hard copy
Information/Data Protection/GDPR Policies	Website/ hard copy
Complaints Procedure	Website/ hard copy
Fees and Charges	Website/ hard copy