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Pirton Parish Council will make available the information detailed in the following table in order to meet its commitments under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) using the model publication scheme produced by the Information Commissioner's Office.

Pirton Parish Council is committed to providing as much information as possible on a routine basis and information categories will be regularly reviewed.

Pirton Parish Council will make the information available unless:

- it does not hold the information;
- the information is exempt under one of the FOIA exemptions or EIR 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- the information is archived, out of date or otherwise inaccessible; or,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.

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 [guidance](#) 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
<p>Class1 - Who we are and what we do Organisational information, structures, locations and contacts</p> <p>This will be current information only.</p>	Website	
Who's who on the Council and its Committees	Website	
Contact details for Parish Clerk and Council members	Website	
Location of main Council office and accessibility details	Website	
Staffing structure if applicable	Website	
<p>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</p> <p>Current and previous financial year – available from March 2003</p>	Website	
Annual return form and report by auditor	Website	
Monthly financial reports from November 2020 onwards	Website	
Finalised budget	Website (see minutes)	
Precept	Website	
Borrowing Approval letter	Website	
Standing Orders and Financial Regulations	Website	
Grants given and received	Website (see minutes)	
List of current contracts awarded and value of contract	Website	
Members' allowances and expenses	Website	

<p>Class 3 – What our priorities are and how we are doing Strategies and plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews – current and previous year available from March 2003</p>	Website	
Parish/Action/Business Plan – if and when available	Website	
Annual Report to Parish Meeting	Website	
Local charters and partnership agreements if applicable	Website	
<p>Class 4 – How we make decisions Decision making processes and records of decisions</p> <p>Current and previous council year – Agendas available from May 2014, Minutes from January 2020</p>	Website	
<p>Timetable of meetings Council and any committee/sub-committee meetings and parish meetings</p>	Website	
Agendas of meetings (as above)	Website	
Minutes of meetings (as above) – N.B. this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meeting.	Website	
Reports presented to council meetings – N.B. this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meeting.	Website (see minutes)	
Responses to consultation papers	Website as necessary	
Responses to planning applications	Website (North Herts Planning Portal)	
Bye-laws	Website as necessary	

<p>Class 5 – Our policies and procedures Current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities</p> <p>Current information only</p>	Website	
<p>Policies and procedures for the conduct of council business:</p> <p>Procedural standing orders Committee and sub-committee terms of reference Delegated authority in respect of officers</p>	Website	
<p>Code of Conduct Policy statements</p>		
<p>Policies and procedures for the provision of services and about the employment of staff (as available):</p> <p>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)</p>	Website	
<p>Information security policy</p>	Website	
<p>Records management policies Records retention, destruction and archive</p>	Website	
<p>Data protection policies</p>	Website	
<p>Schedule of charges (for the publication of information)</p>	Website (at end of this document)	

Class 6 – Lists and Registers Currently maintained lists and registers only	Information only available by inspection	
Any publicly available register or list	Information only available by inspection	
Assets register	Information only available by inspection	
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)	Information only available by inspection	
Register of members’ interests	Information only available by inspection	
Register of gifts and hospitality	Not applicable	
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	Website Some information may only be available by inspection	
Additional Information		

SCHEDULE OF CHARGES (if items supplied hardcopy, subject to council policy)

TYPE OF CHARGE	DESCRIPTION	BASIS OF CHARGE
Disbursement cost	Photocopying @ 10p 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 the relevant legislation (quote the actual statute)
Other		

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