

# Berrick Salome Parish Council

## Model Publication Scheme

(Adopted by Parish Council at their meeting of 12 September 2019)

### Freedom of Information Act

This model publication scheme has been prepared and approved by the Information Commissioner (Version 1.2 20151023). It has been adopted without modification by Berrick Salome Parish Council with effect from 12 September 2019 without further approval and will be valid until further notice.

This publication scheme commits the parish council (the 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 the 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 the terms of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015, if they apply, and otherwise under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act section 19.

The term 'dataset' is defined in section 11(5) of the Freedom of Information Act. The term 'relevant copyright work' is 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 the terms of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015, where they apply, or with regulations made under

section 11B of the Freedom of Information Act, or with other statutory powers of the public authority.

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.

Adopted by Berrick Salome Parish Council

12 September 2019



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**Chairman**



**Parish Clerk**

## Appendix I

### Information available from Berrick Salome Parish Council under the model publication scheme

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained	Cost
<b>Class 1 - Who we are and what we do</b> (Organisational information, structures, locations and contacts)	Website	Free
Who's who on the Council and its Committees	Website	Free
Contact details for Parish Clerk and Council members	Website	Free
<b>Class 2 – What we spend and how we spend it</b> (Financial information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, procurement, contracts and financial audit)		
Annual return form and report by auditor	Website	Free
Finalised budget	Website	Free
Precept	Website	Free
Financial Regulations	Website	Free
Grants given and received	Website	Free
List of current contracts awarded and value of contract	Hard copy on request	Free
<b>Class 3 – What our priorities are and how we are doing</b> (Strategies and plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews)		
Neighbourhood Plan	Website	Free



Annual Report to Parish Meeting	Website	Free
Local charters drawn up in accordance with DCLG guidelines		
<b>Class 4 – How we make decisions</b> (Decision making processes and records of decisions)		
Timetable of meetings (Council and any committee/sub-committee meetings and parish meetings)	Website	Free
Agendas of meetings	Website	Free
Minutes of meetings	Website	Free
Reports presented to council meetings	Website	Free
Responses to planning applications	SODC website	Free
<b>Class 5 – Our policies and procedures</b> (Current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities)		
Code of Conduct Financial Regulations Privacy Notices Publication Scheme Risk Assessment Retention of Documents and Records Standing Orders	Website	Free
<b>Class 6 – Lists and Registers</b>		
Public Land and Building Assets	Website	Free
Register of members' interests	SODC website	Free

<b>Class 7 – The services we offer</b> (Information about the services we offer, including leaflets, guidance and newsletters produced for the public and businesses)		
Allotments	Website	Free
Village hall	Website	Free
<b>Additional Information</b>		
Bridleways and Footpaths	Website	Free
Ditches	Website	Free
St. Helen's Church	Website	Free
Berrick Salome Quarry Charity	Website	Free
Berrick Salome Relief In Need Charity	Website	Free
Roke and Benson Brass Band	Website	Free

## Schedule of Charges

The above information is available free on our website. Should a hard copy of any information be required please contact the parish clerk to obtain the cost of supplying this information.

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