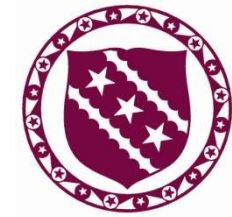


SCARISBRICK PARISH COUNCIL



INFORMATION COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE (ICO) MODEL PUBLICATION SCHEME

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.

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.

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 Scarisbrick Parish Council under the model publication scheme issued by the Office of the Information Commissioner

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> <p>N.B. Councils should already be publishing as much information as possible about how they can be contacted.</p>	<p>Website: www.scarisbrick.today</p>	<p>Free</p>
<p>Who's who on the Council and its Committees</p>	<p>Website</p> <p>Hard copy by mail (contact Parish Clerk).</p> <p>(N.B. Scarisbrick Parish Council does not have any committees).</p>	<p>Free.</p> <p>25p/sheet plus postage.</p>
<p>Contact details for Parish Clerk and Council members (named contacts where possible with telephone number and email address (if used))</p>	<p>Website</p> <p>Hard copy by mail (contact Parish Clerk).</p>	<p>Free.</p> <p>25p/sheet plus postage.</p>

Location of main Council office and accessibility details	Scarisbrick Parish Council does not have office premises.	
Staffing structure	Website Hard copy by mail (contact Parish Clerk). (N.B. The Clerk is the only employee of Scarisbrick Parish Council).	Free. 25p/sheet plus postage.
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	Clerk	
Annual return form and report by auditor	Website Hard copy by mail (contact Parish Clerk).	Free 25p/sheet plus postage.
Finalised budget	Website Hard copy by mail (contact Parish Clerk).	Free. 25p/sheet plus postage.

Precept	Website Hard copy by mail (contact Parish Clerk).	Free. 25p/sheet plus postage.
Borrowing Approval letter	Not applicable to Scarisbrick Parish Council.	
Financial Standing Orders and Regulations	Website Hard copy by mail (contact Parish Clerk).	Free. 25p/sheet plus postage.
Grants given and received	Website Electronic mail (contact Parish Clerk). Hard copy by mail (contact Parish Clerk).	Free Free 25p/sheet plus postage.
List of current contracts awarded and value of contract	Electronic mail (contact Parish Clerk). Hard copy by mail (contact Parish Clerk).	Free. 25p/sheet plus postage.
Members' allowances and expenses	Scarisbrick Parish Council does not pay allowances or expenses to Members.	

Class 3 – What our priorities are and how we are doing (Strategies and plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews)		
Parish Plan (current and previous year as a minimum)	Website Hard copy by mail (contact Parish Clerk).	Free. 25p/sheet plus postage.
Annual Report to Parish or Community Meeting (current and previous year as a minimum)	Website Hard copy by mail (contact Parish Clerk).	.Free 25p/sheet plus postage.
Quality status	Not yet achieved. For a progress report please contact the Parish Clerk.	
Local charters drawn up in accordance with DCLG guidelines	www.westlancs.gov.uk www.lancashire.gov.uk Hard copy by mail (contact Parish Clerk).	Free. Free 25p/sheet plus postage.

<p>Class 4 – How we make decisions (Decision making processes and records of decisions)</p> <p>Current and previous council year as a minimum</p>		
<p>Timetable of meetings (Council, any committee/sub-committee meetings and parish meetings)</p>	<p>Parish Notice boards.</p> <p>Website</p> <p>Hard copy by mail (contact Parish Clerk).</p> <p>(N.B. Scarisbrick Parish Council does not have any committees).</p>	<p>Free.</p> <p>Free.</p> <p>25p/sheet plus postage.</p>
<p>Agendas of meetings (as above)</p>	<p>Notice boards.</p> <p>Website</p> <p>Hard copy by mail (contact Parish Clerk).</p>	<p>Free.</p> <p>Free.</p> <p>25p/sheet plus postage.</p>
<p>Minutes of meetings (as above) – nb this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meeting.</p>	<p>Website</p> <p>Hard copy by mail (contact Parish Clerk).</p>	<p>Free.</p> <p>25p/sheet plus postage.</p>

<p>Reports presented to council meetings - nb this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meeting.</p>	<p>Electronic mail (contact Parish Clerk).</p> <p>Hard copy by mail (contact Parish Clerk).</p>	<p>Free.</p> <p>25p/sheet plus postage.</p>
<p>Responses to consultation papers</p>	<p>Electronic mail (contact Parish Clerk).</p> <p>Hard copy by mail (contact Parish Clerk).</p>	<p>Free.</p> <p>25p/sheet plus postage.</p>
<p>Responses to planning applications</p>	<p>www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning</p> <p>Hard copy by mail (contact Parish Clerk).</p>	<p>Free.</p> <p>25p/sheet plus postage.</p>
<p>Bye-laws</p>	<p>Scarisbrick Parish Council does not have any bye-laws.</p>	
<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>	<p>www.scarisbrick.today</p>	

<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 Code of Conduct Policy statements</p>	<p>Website</p> <p>Hard copy by mail (contact Parish Clerk).</p> <p>(N.B. Scarisbrick Parish Council does not have any committees).</p>	<p>Free.</p> <p>25p/sheet plus postage.</p>
<p>Policies and procedures for the provision of services and about the employment of staff:</p> <p>Internal policies relating to the delivery of services Equality and diversity policy Health and safety policy current Recruitment policies (including vacancies) Policies and procedures for handling requests for information Complaints procedures (including those covering requests for information and operating the publication scheme)</p>	<p>Website</p> <p>Hard copy by mail (contact Parish Clerk).</p>	<p>Free</p> <p>25p/sheet plus postage.</p>
<p>Information security policy</p>	<p>www.scarisbrick.today</p> <p>Hard copy by mail (contact Parish Clerk).</p>	<p>Free.</p> <p>25p/sheet plus postage.</p>
<p>Records management policies (records retention, destruction and archive)</p>	<p>www.scarisbrick.today</p> <p>Hard copy by mail (contact Parish Clerk).</p>	<p>Free.</p> <p>25p/sheet plus postage.</p>
<p>Data protection policies</p>	<p>www.scarisbrick.today</p>	<p>Free</p>

	Hard copy by mail (contact Parish Clerk).	25p/sheet plus postage.
Schedule of charges (for the publication of information)	Shown at the end of this document.	
Class 6 – Lists and Registers		
Currently maintained lists and registers only		
Any publicly available register or list (if any are held this should be publicised; in most circumstances existing access provisions will suffice)	A copy of the principal authority's electoral register for the Parish is held — available for personal inspection only (contact Parish Clerk).	Free.
Assets Register	Website Electronic mail (contact Parish Clerk). Hard copy by mail (contact Parish Clerk).	Free Free. 25p/sheet plus postage.
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)	Not held by Scarisbrick Parish Council.	

<p>Register of members' interests (it is a legal requirement that the Register of Members' Interests be published via the website)</p>	<p>Website</p> <p>Hard copy by mail (contact Parish Clerk).</p> <p>(N.B. Some information may only be available to personal inspection by arrangement).</p>	<p>Free.</p> <p>25p/sheet plus postage.</p>
<p>Register of gifts and hospitality</p>	<p>Scarisbrick Parish Councillors do not receive gifts or hospitality and as such no register exists.</p>	
<p>Class 7 – The services we offer (Information about the services we offer, including leaflets, guidance and newsletters produced for the public and businesses)</p> <p>Current information only</p>		
<p>Allotments</p>	<p>Scarisbrick Parish Council does not currently have any allotments.</p>	

Burial grounds and closed churchyards	Scarisbrick Parish Council does not currently have any burial grounds or closed churchyards.	
Community centres and village halls	Scarisbrick Parish Council does not own any Community Centres or Village Halls.	
Parks, playing fields and recreational facilities	Scarisbrick Parish Council owns land known as the 'Millennium Wood'	
Seating, litter bins, clocks, memorials and lighting	Scarisbrick Parish Council owns a number of benches – contact the Parish Clerk.	
Bus shelters	Scarisbrick Parish Council own and are responsible for bus shelters – contact the Parish Clerk.	
Markets	Scarisbrick Parish Council does not own any markets.	
Public conveniences	Scarisbrick Parish Council does not own any public conveniences.	

Agency agreements	Not applicable to Scarisbrick Parish Council.	
A summary of services for which the council is entitled to recover a fee, together with those fees (e.g. burial fees)	Not applicable to Scarisbrick Parish Council.	
Additional Information This will provide Councils with the opportunity to publish information that is not itemised in the lists above	Not applicable to Scarisbrick Parish Council.	

Contact details:

Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer:

Mrs J Smith

e-mail: scarisbrickpc@outlook.com

Website: www.scarisbrick.today

SCHEDULE OF CHARGES

This describes how the charges have been arrived at and is published as part of the guide.

TYPE OF CHARGE	DESCRIPTION	BASIS OF CHARGE
Disbursement cost	Photocopying @ 25p per sheet (black & white)	Actual cost *
	Postage	Actual cost of Royal Mail standard 2 nd class
Other	Website	Free
	Electronic mail	Free

* the actual cost incurred by the public authority