

Ryton and Grindle Parish Council

Freedom Of Information - Model Publication Scheme

May 2026

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.

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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.

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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.

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Information available from Ryton and Grindle Council
under the Freedom of Information Model Publication Scheme

Web Site: <https://www.rytonandgrindle-pc.gov.uk>

Email: clerk@rytonandgrindle-pc.gov.uk

Older information may not be readily available in electronic format but can be requested in alternative format requests will be considered in accordance with this scheme.

Class 1

Who we are and what we do: Organisational information, structures, locations and contacts

- Who's Who on the Council & Contact details for Parish Clerk & Council Members - *available on website/ contact Parish Clerk*
- Location of main Council office and accessibility details – *contact Parish Clerk*
- Staffing Structure – *contact Parish Clerk*

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

- Annual Return form and Auditor's Report - *available on website/ contact Parish Clerk*
- Budget and Precept - *available on website via minutes / contact Parish Clerk*
- Standing Orders and Financial Regulations - *available on website / contact Parish Clerk*
- Contracts and tender documents – *available on website / contact Parish Clerk*
- Neighbourhood Fund - *available on website / contact Parish Clerk*
- Members Allowances and expenses – *contact Parish Clerk*
- Grants given and received – *available on website via minutes / contact Parish Clerk*

Class 3 – What our priorities are and how we are doing: Strategies and plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews

- Annual Audit - *available on website / contact Parish Clerk*
- Strategic Plan – *contact Parish Clerk*

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Class 4 – How we make decisions

Decision making processes and records of decisions

- Timetable of meetings (Council, any committee/sub-committee meetings and parish meetings) - *available on website / contact Parish Clerk*
- Agendas and minutes of meetings (as above) - *available on website / contact Parish Clerk*
- Reports presented to council meetings – *contact Parish Clerk*
- Responses to consultations – *available on website via minutes/ contact Parish Clerk*
- Responses to planning applications – *available on website via minutes/ contact Parish Clerk*

Class 5 – Our policies and procedures

Current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities

- Policies and procedures for the conduct of council business – *available on website/ contact Parish Clerk*

Class 6 – Lists and Registers: Currently maintained lists and registers only

- Asset Register – available on website / contact Parish Clerk
- Register of interests – available via website/ contact Parish Clerk
- Register of gifts and hospitality – contact Parish Clerk

Class 7 – The services we offer: information about the services we offer, including leaflets, guidance and newsletters produced for the public and businesses

- Play areas – *contact Parish Clerk*
- Noticeboards – *contact Parish Clerk*
- Defibrillator – *contact Parish Clerk*

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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 @ 10p per sheet (black & white)	Copying 0.5p. Paper and administration costs 9.5p
	Postage – all costs for hard copies are exclusive of postage which will be charged at 2 nd class Royal mail rate.	Actual cost of Royal Mail standard 2 nd class
Supply of information not listed in the publication scheme.	Free up to 1 hour, then £10 per hour for responding to requests for information not listed in the Council's publication scheme	To cover administration costs.