

# BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Bingley Town Council, Myrtle Place, Bingley, BD16 2LF



## Freedom of Information Policy

**Date of review: 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

**Next review date: August 2025**

To meet the requirements of the Freedom of Information act 2000, Bingley Town Council has examined the range of documents that it holds and agreed to make many of these available to the public.

The Town Clerk has responsibility for the scheme and full contact details are given below.

Classes of information for publication are contained in the Town Council Model Publication Scheme, which is available on the Town Council website: <http://bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk/>

### Availability of Information

The details of the scheme will be available:

1. In person from Bingley Town Council, The Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley, BD16 2LF
2. On the website: [www.bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk)

The classes of information that the Council will not provide includes:

1. Information the disclosure of which is prevented by law, or exempt under the Freedom of Information Act.
2. Information that is no longer readily available because it has been archived or is difficult to access for similar reasons.

### Charges for Information

The Council will not charge for the inspection of documents or for viewing the information. However, if copies are required, these will be charged at cost and if posting is required this will be charged at the second class rate.

Procedure for applicants requesting information listed under Bingley Town Council's Model Publication Scheme.

1. Applicants requesting information in the first instance should be in writing and include the name and address of the applicant for a response.
2. Requests should include a clear statement of the information required (if the request is unclear the Town Council may ask the applicant to be more specific, which may cause delay in the Council making a response).
3. Where the information is readily accessible to the applicant via information within the Council's Publication Scheme, the applicant will be directed to the scheme.

4. The Town Clerk will aim to respond to the request for information from an applicant within five working days whether the application is sufficiently clear to enable the provision of a full response, or whether additional information is required.
5. The Town Council will aim to respond to a request for information from an applicant under the above act and regulations within 20 working days.
6. An application for personal information will not be dealt with under this procedure but will be responded to in accordance with the terms of the General Data Protection Regulations.
7. The Town Council is not obliged to comply with repeated or vexatious requests.
8. Certain information held by the Town Council will be classified as exempt under the Freedom of Information Act. The Act provides for both absolute and qualified exemptions and where information is exempt there is no obligation under the Act to provide the requested information.
9. The Town Council will review its Publication Scheme on a regular basis.
10. If an applicant is unhappy with the way Bingley Town Council has dealt with their request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 they should raise the matter in accordance with the Complaints Procedure.

The contact details for the person who is responsible for maintaining the Publication Scheme and who should be contacted should any issues arise concerning the Town Council's compliance with the Freedom of Information Act is:

Eve Haskins  
Town Clerk  
Bingley Town Council  
The Hub  
Myrtle Place  
Bingley  
BD16 2LF

Tel: 07529 222679

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