

NAVENBY WITH SKINNAND PARISH COUNCIL

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT POLICY

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Introduction: What a publication scheme is and why it has been developed

1. This publication scheme commits Navenby with Skinnand Parish Council 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, and where Navenby with Skinnand Parish Council holds this information. The scheme commits Navenby with Skinnand Parish Council to:
 - a. Proactively publish or otherwise make available as a matter of routine, information including environmental information, which is held by Navenby with Skinnand Parish Council and falls within the classifications below.
 - b. Specify the information which is held by Navenby with Skinnand Parish Council and falls within the classifications below.
 - c. Proactively publish or otherwise make available as a matter of routine, information in line with the statements contained within this scheme.
 - d. 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.
 - e. Review and update on a regular basis the information the authority makes available under this scheme.
 - f. Produce a schedule of fees charged for access to information which is made proactively available.
 - g. Make this publication scheme available to the public.

Classes of Information: Who we are and what we do

2. Organisational information, locations and contacts, constitutional and legal governance.
 - a. What we spend and how we spend it. Financial information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, tendering, procurement and contracts.

- b. What our priorities are and how we are doing. Strategy and performance information, plans, assessments, inspections and reviews.
- c. How we make decisions. Policy proposals and decisions. Decision making processes, internal criteria and procedure, consultations.
- d. Our Policies and Procedures. Current written protocols for delivering our functions and responsibilities.
- e. Lists and Registers. Information held in registers required by law and other lists and registers relating to the functions of Navenby with Skinnand Parish Council.
- f. The services we offer. Advice and guidance, booklets and leaflets, transactions and media releases. A description of the services offered.

3. The classes of information will not generally include:

- a. 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.
- b. 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

4. Navenby with Skinnand Parish Council will indicate clearly to the public what information is covered by the scheme and how it can be obtained.

- a. Where it is within the capability of Navenby with Skinnand Parish Council, 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, Navenby with Skinnand Parish Council will indicate how information can be obtained by other means and provide those means.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.

d. 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

5. The purpose of the scheme is to make the maximum amount of information readily available at minimum inconvenience and cost to the public. Charges made by Navenby with Skinnand Parish Council for routinely published material will be justified and transparent and kept to a minimum.

6. 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:

- a. Photocopying, postage and packing.
- b. The costs directly incurred as a result of viewing information.

7. 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. Price on application.

8. 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

9. Information held by Navenby with Skinnand Parish Council 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.

Contact Details

10. If you require a paper version of any information or want to ask whether information is available, please contact The Clerk to Navenby with Skinnand Parish Council by telephone, email or letter.

Email: office@navenbypc.org.uk

Telephone: 01522 811132

Address: Navenby Parish Council, The Venue, Grantham Road, Navenby, LN5 0JJ

This model publication scheme has been prepared and approved by the Information Commissioner to be adopted without modification by any public authority without further approval and will be valid until further notice.