# Freedom of Information Act 2000 Publication Scheme

# Information available under the Publication Scheme

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### Introduction to the Publication Scheme

The Freedom of Information Act (2000) received Royal Assent in November 2000 and came fully into force in January 2005. The Freedom of Information Act provides for a general right of access to information held by public authorities. A requirement of the Freedom of Information Act is to adopt, maintain and review a Publication Scheme.

From January 2009, the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea will be adopting the Information Commissioner's Model Publication Scheme. The Publication Scheme sets out what information the local authority publishes or intends to publish as a matter of course, how this information will be published, and whether the information is available free of charge or on payment.

The Publication Scheme is intended to promote an increasing culture of openness by encouraging the proactive publication of material held by the authority. The purpose of the Scheme is to make sure that a significant and growing amount of information is easily available without the need for individuals to make a specific request.

The Royal Borough will publish information under the following information classes:

- Who we are and what we do
- What we spend and how we spend it
- What our priorities are and how we are doing
- How we make decisions
- Our policies and procedures
- Lists and registers
- Services provided by the Council

It is important to us that the scheme meets your needs. We therefore welcome any questions or comments you might have.

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## Key to locating the information

This document lists information which available to the public under the Publication Scheme from January 2009. This list will be continually amended as new information is made available.

There are three ways in which information will be available via the Publication Scheme:

- 1. A web page, searchable database or a downloadable document via the Royal Borough's Internet site at <a href="https://www.rbkc.gov.uk">www.rbkc.gov.uk</a>;
- 2. A printed copy from one of the Council's <u>information offices or contact</u> points.
- 3. A printed copy available for inspection at Council premises.

The following pages provide detail on the format in which a document is available.

In line with the Government's e-Government agenda, the Council aims to make an increasing proportion of its information available electronically on the Internet. In fact the Council's website will be the primary means for distributing information about the Publication Scheme.

However, we recognise that not everyone has the means or the capability to access information via the Internet. Therefore, where possible, we will endeavour to make paper copies available for inspection and upon request.

Where the list on the following pages indicates that a document can be obtained via the web-site, these can be obtained via the Public Access Internet PCs housed in the Libraries. There may be a charge for printing documents using these facilities.

The following symbols are used on the following pages to identify the format in which a document is available.

4	The information is available via the Council's Internet site at <a href="https://www.rbkc.gov.uk">www.rbkc.gov.uk</a>
	The information is available in hardcopy form from the information offices or contact points.
GS.	The information is available for inspection at the Town Hall at the contact point indicated.

All the information included in the Publication Scheme is available free of charge unless otherwise stated.

## Who we are and what we do

Organisational information, structures, locations and contacts.

Information	How to access the information	Cost
Council constitution	<u></u>	
	Services. See contact points	
Council directorate structure	<u>↑</u>	
Council telephone numbers	<u>^</u>	
and email addresses		
Key contacts	<u>↑</u>	
Currently elected councillors'	<u>^</u>	
information and contact details		
Meet your councillor		
Most recent election results	<b>♣</b>	
Kensington and Chelsea	<u></u>	
<u>Partnership</u>		
Cabinet portfolios	<b>♣</b>	
Executive Directors and	<u></u>	
Business Groups		
Council aims	<b>4</b>	

What we spend and how we spend it
Financial information about projected and actual income and expenditure,
procurement, contracts and financial audit.

Information	How to access the information	Cost
Council finances	<b>♣</b>	
How we spent your money 2007/2008	4	
Revenue budget 2008/2009	<b>♣</b>	
Capital programme 2008/2009	4	
Report to Taxpayers 2008	4	
Statement of accounts 2007/2008	4	
Credit rating report	<b>♣</b>	
Vital finances 2008	4	
Pension fund report and accounts 2007/2008	4	
Pension fund documents	4	
Members allowance scheme	4	
Pay and grading scale	4	
Procurement procedures	4	
Council's current contracts and suppliers	4	
Funding	<b>↑</b>	

What our priorities are and how we are doing Strategies and plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews.

Information	How to access the information	Cost
Cabinet business plan	<u></u>	
	G√ Town Hall, Governance	
	Services. See contact points	
Transportation, environment	4	
and leisure services service		
delivery plan 2009/2012		
Forward plan	<u></u>	
	Town Hall, Governance Services.	
	See contact points	
Measuring and reporting	<u></u>	
performance		
Comprehensive performance	<u></u>	
assessment Equality impact assessments	<u></u>	
2007/2008		
Best value performance plans	<u></u>	
Community Safety Strategy		
Community strategy	<u>^</u>	
Housing strategies	4	
Supporting people strategy	4	
Unitary development plan	4	
Environment strategy 2006-	<u></u>	
<u>2011</u>		
Environmental action plans	<u></u>	
Air quality action plan		
Play strategy	<u></u>	
10 year parks strategy	<u></u>	
Domestic violence strategy	<u></u>	
2007-2010		
Procurement strategy	<u></u>	

## How we make decisions

Decision-making processes and records of decisions.

Information	How to access the information	Cost
Timetable of council meetings	<b>4</b>	
08/09 Key decision tracking	Governance Services. See contact points	
How we make decisions	Services. See contact points	
Committees, agendas, and	<u></u>	
<u>reports</u>		
Public consultations	<u></u>	

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

Information	How to access the information	Cost
Employment policies	<u>^</u>	
Here to help	<b>^</b>	
Comments, complaints, and compliments	4	
Environmental Health and Trading Standards Department enforcement policy	<b>◆</b>	
Statement of licensing policy	<u>^</u>	
Data Protection Policy Statement	4	
Crime and Disorder Information Sharing Protocol	4	
Sharing Children's Information Protocol	4	
<u>Local Area Agreement –</u> <u>Delivering for Our Community</u>	4	
Local Land Charges fees	4	Yes
Licensing Fees Schedule of Fees	<b>4</b>	Yes

**Lists and registers**Information held in registers required by law and other lists and registers relating to the functions of the Council.

Information	How to access the information	Cost
Members' interests	<b>4</b>	
	Services. See contact points	
Weekly list of planning	<u></u>	
<u>applications</u>		
Register of electors (edited list	G√ Town Hall, Electoral	Yes
available for sale)	Services. Telephone 020 7361	
	3444. See contact points	
Licensing applications	4	

**Services provided by the council**Information about the services the council provides including leaflets, guidance and newsletters.

Information	How to access the information	Cost
Chelsea register office	<b>↑</b>	
	G→ Chelsea Registry Office.	
	Telephone 020 7361 4100. See	
	contact points	
Recycling, rubbish and litter	<u></u>	
Council tax	<b>↑</b>	
Education psychology	<b>↑</b>	
consultation service		
Services for older people	<u>^</u>	
<u>Libraries</u>	<b>↑</b>	
Forthcoming events Arts and museums	Various leaflets available	
Parks and gardens	from reference libraries and	
Sports and leisure	venues. See <u>contact points</u>	
Places of interest		
Child and adolescent mental	<b>♣</b>	
health leaflets		
Social services leaflets	<u>^</u>	
Housing leaflets	<u>^</u>	
<u>e-business newsletter</u>	<b>♣</b>	
Building control newsletter	<b>↑</b>	
Event organisers guide	<b>↑</b>	
	Booklet available from	
	reference libraries. See contact	
	points	
<u>Venues for hire</u>	<u> </u>	
<u>Press releases</u>	<b>♣</b>	
Council newspaper	<b>↑</b>	
	Available from reference	
	libraries. See contact points	
Community safety	<u>^</u>	
Community relations	4	
publications	Community relations team.	
	Telephone 020 7598 4633.	
Race equality booklets	100pmin 020 1000	
Dog control and animal	<u> </u>	
warden service		
Cemeteries service	<u></u>	

Clinical waste	4
Fault reporting	4
Licensing and gambling	4
Noise nuisance service	4
	Various leaflets available from Environmental Services. See
	contact points
Pest control	
Street trading	4
Social services	4
Adoption and fostering	<u></u>
Business rates	4
<u>Trading standards</u>	4