



Cowfold Parish Council Transparency Code

The Local Government Transparency Code 2015 (the code) came into effect on 1 April 2015. The code is issued by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in exercise of powers under section 2 of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980, and replaces any previous codes issued in relation to authorities in England under those powers.

The code does not replace or supersede the existing framework for access to and re-use of public sector information provided by the:

- Freedom of Information Act 2000 (as amended by the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012)
- Environmental Information Regulations 2004
- Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2005
- Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community regulations 2009
- Sections 25 and 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 provide rights for persons to inspect a local authority's accounting records and supporting documentation, and to make copies of them.

It is not a statutory requirement to follow the requirements of the Local Government Transparency Code as Cowfold Parish Council's income and expenditure exceeds £25,000 however it is considered best practice to do so.

The code requires local authorities in England to publish the following information quarterly:

- Expenditure Exceeding £500
- Government Procurement Card transactions
- Procurement information

Additionally, local authorities are required to publish the following information annually:

- Local Authority Land
- Grants to Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Organisations
- Parking Account and Parking Spaces
- Senior Salaries
- Constitution
- Pay Multiple
- Fraud

Cowfold Parish Council complies with the requirements of the code by publishing the information on its website. Hard copies are available on request from the Parish Council office.

Full details of the code can be found by searching Local Government Transparency Code 2015