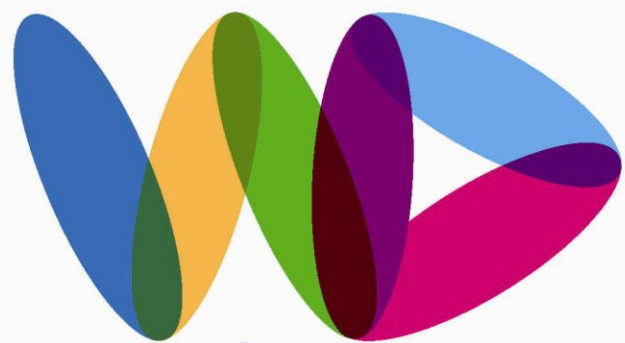


**West Dunbartonshire Leisure
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West Dunbartonshire Leisure Guide to Information

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Section 1: Introduction

The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act) requires Scottish public authorities to adopt and maintain a publication scheme which has the approval of the Scottish Information Commissioner, and publish information in accordance with that scheme. The publication scheme must:

- publish the classes of information that the authority makes routinely available
- tell the public how to access the information and whether information is available free of charge or on payment.

West Dunbartonshire Leisure has adopted the **Model Publication Scheme 2014** which has been produced and approved by the Scottish Information Commissioner. It is approved until 31 May 2018.

You can see this scheme on our website at www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/44750.aspx. It is also available on the Scottish Information Commissioner's website at www.itspublicknowledge.info/MPS

You can also contact us at the address below if you prefer a copy of the Model Publication Scheme 2014, or this Guide to Information, to be provided in a different format. The purpose of the Guide to Information is to:

- allow the public to see what information is available (and what is not available) for West Dunbartonshire Leisure in relation to each class in the Model Publication Scheme 2014
- state what charges may be applied
- explain how to find the information easily
- provide contact details for enquiries and to get help with access to the information
- explain how to request information that has not been published.

Alongside the Act, the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs) provide a separate right of access to the environmental information that we hold. This guide to information also contains details of the environmental information that we routinely make available.

Section 2: About West Dunbartonshire Leisure

West Dunbartonshire Leisure is a company limited by guarantee with charitable status. In addition to being regulated by the Companies Act (1985), the company is also subject to the charities regulator in Scotland, OSCR (Office of Scottish Charity Regulator).

There are nine members of the company who serve as Directors comprising of three (3) Councillors (Partner Directors), an Employee Representative Director and five (5) Independent Directors. They have the ultimate control of the company subject to providing and operating the services in accordance with the Legal Agreement reached with West Dunbartonshire Council and provide strategic direction to the General Manager and his Management Team.

The company was incorporated in December 2011 and started trading in April 2012 and is responsible for the strategic and operational management of the council's Sport and Leisure Facilities; Community Facilities; Sports Development; Active Schools; and Outdoor Events.

West Dunbartonshire Leisure is a registered Scottish Charity SCO42999. Company Registration No. 413707. VAT No. GB 129 7502 04.

Section 3: Accessing Information Under the Scheme

Availability and formats

The information published through this Guide to Information is, wherever possible, available on our website. We offer alternative arrangements for people who do not want to, or cannot, access the information online or by inspection at our premises. For example, we can usually arrange to send information to you in paper copy (although there may be a charge for this – see “Section 5 – Our Charging Policy”).

Information in our Guide to Information will normally be available through the routes described below. “Section 10 – Classes of Information” provides more details on the information available under the Guide, along with additional guidance on how the information falling within each “class” may be accessed.

Online:

Most information listed in our Guide to Information is available to download from our website. In many cases a link within “Section 10: Classes of Information” will direct you to the relevant page or document. If you are having trouble finding any document listed in our guide, then for further assistance please contact:

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Alexandria, G83 0NU
Tel: 01389 757806
Email: kevin.murphy@west-dunbarton.gov.uk
Website: www.wdleisure.net

By email:

If the information you seek is listed in our Guide to Information but is not published on our website, we can send it to you by email, wherever possible.

When requesting information from us, please provide a telephone number so that we can telephone you to clarify details, if necessary.

By phone:

All information in the guide will be available in hard copy form e.g. paper copies. Hard copies of information can be requested from us over the telephone. Please call us to request information available under this scheme.

By post:

You can also request hard copies of any information in the Guide by post. Please address your request to

Kevin Murphy
West Dunbartonshire Leisure
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When writing to us to request information, please include your name and address, full details of the information or documents you would like to receive, and any fee applicable (see “Section 5: Our Charging Policy” for further information on fees). Please also include a telephone number so we can telephone you to clarify any details, if necessary.

Personal visits:

If you prefer to visit us to inspect the information, in limited cases you may be required to make an appointment to view the information. In such cases, this will be set out within “Section 10 – Classes of Information”, and contact details will be provided within the relevant class.

Advice and assistance:

If you have any difficulty identifying the information you want to access, then please contact us to help you.

Exempt information

We will publish all the information we hold that falls within the classes of information in Section 10. If a document contains information that is exempt under Scotland’s freedom of information laws (for example sensitive personal information or a trade secret), we will remove or redact (black out) the information before publication and explain why.

Section 4 Information that we may withhold

All information covered by our Guide to Information can either be accessed through our website, or will be provided promptly following our receipt of your request.

Our aim in adopting the Commissioner's Model Publication Scheme 2014 and in maintaining this Guide to Information is to be as open as possible. You should note, however, that there may be limited circumstances where information will be withheld from one of the classes of information listed in "Section 10 – Classes of Information". Information will only be withheld, however, where the Act (or, in the case of environmental information, the EIRs) expressly permits it.

Information may be withheld, for example, where its disclosure would breach the law of confidentiality, harm an organisation's commercial interests, or endanger the protection of the environment.

Information may also be withheld if it is another person's personal information, and its release would breach the data protection legislation.

Whenever information is withheld we will inform you of this, and will set out why that information cannot be released. Even where information is withheld it will, in many cases, be possible to provide copies with the withheld information edited out. If you wish to complain about any information which has been withheld from you, please refer to "Section 8 – Contact details for enquiries, feedback and complaints".

Section 5 Our Charging Policy

Unless otherwise stated in "Section 10 – Classes of Information", all information contained within our scheme is available from us free of charge where it can be downloaded from our website or where it can be sent to you electronically by email.

We reserve the right to impose charges for providing information in paper copy or on computer disc. Charges will reflect the actual costs to West Dunbartonshire Leisure of supplying the information to you, e.g. photocopying and postage, as set out below.

In the event that a charge is to be levied, you will be advised of the charge and how it has been calculated.

Information will not be provided to you until payment has been received.

There is no charge to view information on our website or at our premises.

Reproduction Charges

We may charge for providing information to you e.g. photocopying and postage, but we will charge you no more than it actually costs us to do so. We will always tell you what the cost is before providing the information to you.

Black & White Photocopying

Size of Paper	Pence per sheet
A4	10p
A3	20p

Colour Photocopying

Size of Paper	Pence per sheet
A4	20p
A3	40p

Alternative Formats

Format	Charge
Computer Discs	£1.00 per CD-ROM / DVD

Postage Costs

Postage costs may be recharged at the rate we paid to send the information to you. Our charge is for sending information by Royal Mail First Class.

When providing copies of pre-printed publications, we will charge no more than the cost per copy of the total print run.

We do not pass on any other costs to you in relation to our published information.

Section 6 – Our Copyright Policy

Where West Dunbartonshire Leisure holds the copyright in its published information, the information may be copied or reproduced without formal permission, provided that:

- It is copied or reproduced accurately
- It is not used in a misleading context, and
- The source of the material is identified

Where West Dunbartonshire Leisure does not hold the copyright in information we publish, we will make this clear.

Section 7: Records Management Policy

West Dunbartonshire Leisure regards its records as a major asset of the Company. It confirms that its records are one of the essential resources which support management in the efficient and effective fulfilment of its governance, business and legal responsibilities. West Dunbartonshire Leisure Records Management Policy can be found in “Section 10 Classes of Information” - Class 5.

Section 8: Contact details for enquiries, feedback and complaints

The Act requires that we review our publication scheme from time to time. As we have adopted the Model Publication Scheme 2014, this means we will review our Guide to Information from time to time.

As a result, we welcome feedback on how we can develop our Guide further. If you would like to comment on any aspect of this Guide to Information, then please contact us.

You may, for example wish to tell us about:

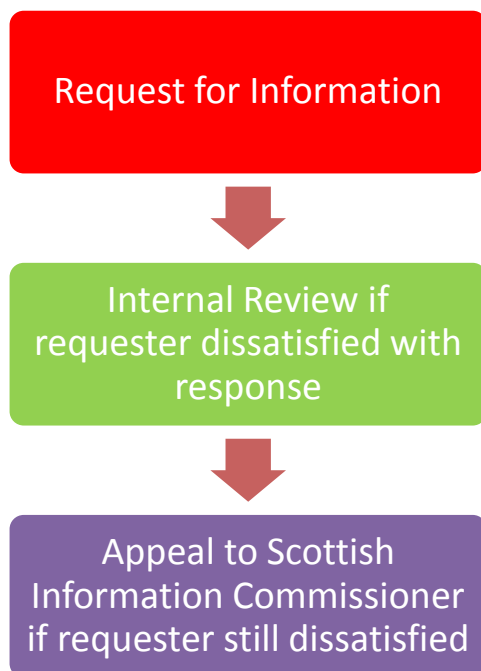
- other information that you would like to see included in the guide
- whether you found the guide easy to use
- whether you found the guide to information useful
- whether our staff were helpful
- other ways in which our guide to information can be improved.

Our aim is to make our Guide to Information as user-friendly as possible, and we hope that you can access all the information we publish with ease. If you do wish to complain about any aspect of the Guide then please contact us and we will try and resolve your complaint as quickly as possible.

Any complaint will be acknowledged within 10 working days of receipt and we will respond in full within twenty working days.

You have legal rights to access information under the Model Publication Scheme 2014 (as described in this Guide to Information) and a right of appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner if you are dissatisfied with our response.

These rights apply only to information requests made in writing¹ or another recordable format. If you are unhappy with our responses to your request you can ask us to review it and if you are still unhappy, you can make an appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner.



The Commissioner's website has a guide to this three step process, and she operates an enquiry service on Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Her office can be contacted as follows:

Scottish Information Commissioner

Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
Fife
KY16 9DS
Tel: 01334 464610
Email: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info
Website: www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights

All enquiries, feedback and complaints relating to this Guide to Information, or any other aspect of Freedom of Information, Data Protection and the EIRs should be directed to:

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Section 9: How to Access Information which is not available in the Guide to Information

If the information you are seeking is not available via the Model Publication Scheme 2014 (as described in this Guide) then you may wish to request it from us.

The Act provides you with a right of access to the information we hold, subject to certain exemptions. The EIRs separately provide a right of access to the environmental information we hold, while the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) provides a right of access to any personal information about you that we hold.

Again, these rights are subject to certain exceptions or exemptions. Should you wish to request a copy of any information that we hold that is not available under the Model Publication Scheme 2014 (and described in this Guide), please write to:

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Charges for information which is not available under the scheme:

The charges for information which is available under West Dunbartonshire Leisure Guide to Information are set out under "Section 5 – Our Charging Policy".

If you submit a request to us for information which is not available in this Guide the charges will be based on the following calculations:

General information requests:

- There will be no charge for information requests which cost us £100 or less to process.
- Where information costs between £100 and £600 to provide you may be asked to pay 10% of the cost. That is, if you were to ask for information that cost us £600 to provide, you would be asked to pay £50 calculated on the basis of a waiver for the first £100 and 10% of the remaining £500.
- We are not obliged to respond to requests which will cost us over £600 to process.
- In calculating any fee, staff time will be calculated at actual cost per staff member hourly salary rate to a maximum of £15 per person per hour.
- We do not charge for the time to determine whether we hold the information requested, nor for the time it takes to decide whether the information can be released. Charges may be made for locating, retrieving and providing information to you.

- In the event that we decide to impose a charge we will issue you with notification of the charge (a fees notice) and how it has been calculated. You will have three months from the date of issue of the fees notice in which to decide whether to pay the charge. The information will be provided to you on payment of the charge. If you decide not to proceed with the request there will be no charge to you.

Charges for environmental information:

Environmental information is provided under the EIRs rather than the Act. The rules for charging for environmental information are slightly different.

We do not charge for the time to determine whether we hold the environmental information requested, or deciding whether the information can be released. Charges may be made for locating, retrieving and providing information to you e.g. photocopying and postage. In the event that we decide to impose a charge we will issue you with notification of the charge and how it has been calculated. The information will be provided to you on payment of the charge. If you decide not to proceed with the request there will be no charge to you.

Charges are calculated on the basis of the actual cost to West Dunbartonshire Leisure of providing the information.

- Photocopying is charged at 10p per A4 sheet for black and white copying, 20p per A4 sheet for colour copying.
- Postage is charged at actual rate for Royal Mail First Class.
- Staff time is calculated at actual cost per staff member hourly salary rate to a maximum of £15 per person per hour.

The first £100 worth of information will be provided to you without charge.

Where information costs between £100 and £600 to provide, you will be asked to pay 10% of the cost. That is, if you were to ask for information that cost us £600 to provide, you would be asked to pay £50, calculated on the basis of a waiver for the first £100 and 10% of the remaining £500.

Where it would cost more than £600 to provide the information to you, however, we will ask you to pay the full cost of providing the information, with no waiver for any portion of the cost.

Charge for request for your own personal data

The charge is a standard fee of £10.00 plus any reproduction and postage costs (both on the same basis as for FOI requests).

Section 10: Classes of Information

The classes of information that we publish

We publish all the information that we hold within the following classes. Once information is published under a class we will continue to make it available for the current and previous two financial years.

Where information has been updated or superseded, only the current version will be published. If you would like to see previous versions, you may make a request to us for that information.

The classes are:

Class 1: About West Dunbartonshire Leisure

Class 2: How we deliver our functions and services

Class 3: How we take decisions and what we have decided

Class 4: What we spend and how we spend it

Class 5: How we manage our human, physical and information resources

Class 6: How we procure goods and services from external providers

Class 7: How we are performing

Class 8: Our commercial publications