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List of Documents for Retention or Disposal

Details

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Purpose of the Policy

Framwellgate Moor Parish Council recognises the importance of maintaining, retaining and disposing of records appropriately in accordance with legal, operational, audit and historical requirements.

This policy supports compliance with:

- UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR);
- Data Protection Act 2018;
- Freedom of Information legislation;
- Local Government transparency requirements;
- The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015;
- and other relevant statutory obligations.

The Council will ensure records are retained securely, disposed of appropriately, and only kept for as long as necessary.

Document	Minimum Retention Period	Reason	Location Retained	Disposal
Minutes	Indefinite	Archive	The Pavilion / DCC archive	Original signed paper copies of Council minutes of meetings must be kept indefinitely in safe storage. At regular intervals of not more than 5 years they must be archived and deposited with the Higher Authority
Agendas	5 years	Management	Clerks computer	Bin (shred confidential waste)
Accident/incident reports	20 years	Potential claims		Confidential waste A list will be kept of those documents disposed of to meet the requirements of the GDPR regulations.
Scales of fees and charges	6 years	Management		Bin
Receipt and payment accounts	Indefinite	Archive	Audit file	N/A
Receipt books of all kinds	6 years	VAT	N/A	Bin
Bank statements including deposit/savings accounts	Last completed audit year	Audit	The Pavilion	Confidential waste
Bank paying-in books	Last completed audit year	Audit	The Pavilion	Confidential waste
Cheque book stubs	Last completed audit year	Audit	The Pavilion	Confidential waste
Quotations and tenders	6 years	Limitation Act 1980 (as amended)	The Pavilion	Confidential waste A list will be kept of those documents

				disposed of to meet the requirements of the GDPR regulations.
Paid invoices	6 years	VAT	The Pavilion	Confidential waste
Paid cheques	6 years	Limitation Act 1980 (as amended)	The Pavilion	Confidential waste
VAT records	6 years generally but 20 years for VAT on rents	VAT	The Pavilion	Confidential waste
Wages books/payroll	12 years	Superannuation	The Pavilion	Confidential waste
Insurance policies	While valid (but see next two items below)	Management	The Pavilion	Bin
Insurance company names and policy numbers	Indefinite	Management	The Pavilion	N/A
Certificates for insurance against liability for employees	40 years from date on which insurance commenced or was renewed	The Employers' Liability (Compulsory Insurance) Regulations 1998 (SI 2753) Management	The Pavilion	Bin
Park equipment inspection reports	21 years		The Pavilion / Clerks computer	
Investments	Indefinite	Audit, Management		N/A
Title deeds, leases, agreements, contracts	Indefinite	Audit, Management	The Pavilion / Clerks computer	N/A
Members' allowances register	6 years	Tax, Limitation Act 1980 (as amended)	N/A	Confidential waste. A list will be kept of those documents disposed of to meet the requirements of the GDPR regulations.
Information from other bodies e.g. circulars from county associations, NALC, principal authorities	Retained for as long as it is useful and relevant		The Pavilion	Bin

Local/historical information	Indefinite – to be securely kept for benefit of the Parish	Councils may acquire records of local interest and accept gifts or records of general and local interest in order to promote the use for such records (defined as materials in written or other form setting out facts or events or otherwise recording information).	The Pavilion	N/A
Magazines and journals	Council may wish to keep its own publications For others retain for as long as they are useful and relevant.	The Legal Deposit Libraries Act 2003 (the 2003 Act) requires a local council which after 1 st February 2004 has published works in print (this includes a pamphlet, magazine or newspaper, a map, plan, chart or table) to deliver, at its own expense, a copy of them to the British Library Board (which manages and controls the British Library). Printed works as defined by the 2003 Act published by a local council therefore constitute materials which the British Library holds.	The Pavilion	Bin if applicable
Record-keeping				
To ensure records are easily accessible	Electronic records are securely	Management		Documentation no longer

it is necessary to comply with the following: • A list of files stored in cabinets will be kept. • Electronic files will be saved using relevant file names.	backed up using cloud-based storage arrangements provided through Net Power Creative and additional secure backup arrangements where appropriate.			required will be disposed of, ensuring any confidential documents are destroyed as confidential waste. A list will be kept of those documents disposed of to meet the requirements of the GDPR regulations.
General correspondence	Unless it relates to specific categories outlined in the policy, correspondence, both paper and electronic, should be kept. Records should be kept for as long as they are needed for reference or accountability purposes, to comply with regulatory requirements or to protect legal and other rights and interests.	Management		Bin (shred confidential waste) A list will be kept of those documents disposed of to meet the requirements of the GDPR regulations.
Council email accounts and correspondence	As required operationally and in accordance with relevant record category	Governance / audit / legal obligations	Secure electronic storage	Secure deletion
Correspondence relating to staff.	If related to Audit, see relevant sections above. Should be kept securely and personal data in relation to staff should not be kept for longer	After an employment relationship has ended, a council may need to retain and access staff records for former staff for		Confidential waste A list will be kept of those documents disposed of to meet the requirements of the GDPR

	than is necessary for the purpose it was held. Likely time limits for tribunal claims between 3–6 months Recommend this period be for 3 years.	the purpose of giving references, payment of tax, national insurance contributions and pensions, and in respect of any related legal claims made against the council.		regulations.
	Documents from legal matters, negligence, and other torts Most legal proceedings are governed by the Limitation Act 1980 (as amended). The 1980 Act provides that legal claims may not be commenced after a specified period. Where the limitation periods are longer than other periods specified the documentation should be kept for the longer period specified. Some types of legal proceedings may fall within two or more categories. If in doubt, keep for the longest of the three limitation periods.			
Negligence	6 years			Confidential waste. A list will be kept of those documents disposed of to meet the requirements of the GDPR regulations.
Defamation	1 year			Confidential waste. A list will be kept of those documents disposed of to meet the requirements of the GDPR regulations.
Contract	6 years			Confidential waste. A list will be kept of those documents disposed of to meet the requirements of the GDPR

				regulations.
Leases	12 years			Confidential waste.
Sums recoverable by statute	6 years			Confidential waste.
Personal injury	3 years			Confidential waste.
To recover land	12 years			Confidential waste.
Rent	6 years			Confidential waste.
Breach of trust	None			Confidential waste.
Trust deeds	Indefinite		The Pavilion / Clerks computer	N/A
For Halls, Centres, Recreation Grounds				
• Application to hire. • Invoices • Record of tickets issued	6 years	VAT	The Pavilion	Confidential waste A list will be kept of those documents disposed of to meet the requirements of the GDPR regulations.
Lettings diaries	Electronic files linked to accounts	VAT		N/A
Terms and Conditions	6 years	Management	The Pavilion	Bin
Event Monitoring Forms	6 years unless required for claims, insurance, or legal purposes	Management		Bin. A list will be kept of those documents disposed of to meet the requirements of the GDPR regulations.
	For Allotments			
Register and plans	Indefinite	Audit, Management	Allotment association	N/A
Minutes	Indefinite	Audit, Management	Allotment association	N/A
Legal papers	Indefinite	Audit, Management	Allotment association	N/A

	For Burial Grounds			
• Register of fees collected. • Register of burials • Register of purchased graves. • Register/plan of grave spaces • Register of memorials • Applications for interment • Applications for right to erect. memorials • Disposal certificates • Copy certificates of grant of exclusive right of burial	Indefinite	Archives, Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977 (SI 204)	N/A	N/A
	Planning Papers			
Applications	1 year	Management	Retained by DCC	Bin
Appeals	1 year unless significant development	Management	Retained by DCC	Bin
Trees	1 year	Management	Retained by DCC	Bin
Local Development Plans	Retained as long as in force	Reference	Retained by DCC	Bin
Local Plans	Retained as long as in force	Reference	Retained by DCC	Bin
Town/Neighbourhood Plans	Indefinite – final adopted plans	Historical purposes	N/A	N/A
	CCTV			
Daily notes	Daily	Data protection	N/A	Confidential waste
Radio rotas	1 week	Management	N/A	Confidential waste
Work rotas	1 month	Management	N/A	Confidential waste
Observation sheets	3 years	Data protection	N/A	Confidential waste
Stats	3 years	Data protection	N/A	Confidential waste

Signing in sheets	3 years	Management	N/A	Confidential waste
Review requests	3 years	Data protection	N/A	Confidential waste
Discs – master and working	For as long as required	Data protection	N/A	Confidential waste
Internal Operations Procedure Manual	Destroy on renewal. Review annually	Management	N/A	Confidential waste
Code of Practice	Destroy on renewal. Review annually	Management	N/A	Confidential waste
Photographs/digital prints	31 days	Data protection	N/A	Confidential waste
Emails				
Council Emails	Retain while operationally required or linked to specific records/categories within this policy	Governance, FOI, audit, legal obligations	N/A	Secure deletion.
Website/Publication Records				
Website accessibility statements	Superseded version + 6 years	Legal compliance	Council website / Clerk's secure electronic storage	Secure deletion
AGAR and public rights notices	6 years minimum	Audit / statutory compliance	Council website / AGAR audit file / secure electronic storage	Secure deletion
Published agendas and minutes (electronic copies)	Indefinite	Historical archive / governance	Council website / cloud storage / DCC archive where applicable	N/A
IT/Cyber Incident Records				
Data breach / cyber incident records	6 years minimum	GDPR / legal / insurance / audit	Clerk's secure	Secure deletion

			electronic storage	
Password/access continuity records	Retained while current	Business continuity / governance	Secure confidential storage accessible to authorised persons only	Secure confidential destruction
IT support / backup records	Current year + 3 years	Operational management	Clerk's secure electronic storage	Secure deletion

Adopted May 2026 – to be reviewed annually in March 2027

This policy shall be reviewed annually by Framwellgate Moor Parish Council or sooner where required by legislative, operational or technological changes.

The Clerk/RFO is responsible for monitoring compliance with this policy and recommending updates where necessary.

The Clerk/RFO shall oversee the secure disposal of records in accordance with this policy.