

TRANPARENCY CODE FOR SMALLER AUTHORITIES

Overview

Cuerden Parish Council is subject to the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities as its turnover does not exceed £25,000 per annum.

The Local Government Transparency Code 2015 came into effect on 1st 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 which provides rights for persons to inspect a local authority's accounting records and supporting documentation and to make copies of them.

The Local Government Transparency Code 2015

Cuerden Parish Council complies with the Code where applicable by publishing the required information on its website and village notice board where appropriate.

The information to be published annually is as follows:

- All items of expenditure above £100
- End of year accounts
- Annual Governance Statement
- The internal audit report
- A list of Councillors responsibilities
- Details of public land, building and other assets

The information to be published more frequently than annually:

- Agendas, minutes and meeting papers of any formal meetings.

Link for more information [Local authority accounts: A guide to your rights \(nao.org.uk\)](https://nao.org.uk/publications/local-authority-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights)