

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

### **PUBLICATION SCHEME FOR HOMERTON COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE**

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) provide rights of public access to information held by public authorities.

Adopting a publication scheme is a requirement of the FOIA. Homerton College has adopted the model publication scheme approved by the Information Commissioner.

This publication scheme commits the College to make information available to the public as part of its normal business activities. The information covered is included in the classes of information mentioned below, where this information is held by the College.

The scheme commits the College:

- Actively to publish or otherwise make available as a matter of routine, information, including environmental information, which is held by the College and falls within the classifications below.
- To specify the information which is held by the College and falls within the classifications below.
- Actively to publish or otherwise make available as a matter of routine, information in line with the statements contained within this scheme.
- To produce and publish the methods by which the specific information is made routinely available so that it can be easily identified and accessed by members of the public.
- To review and update on a regular basis the information the College makes available under this scheme.
- To produce a schedule of any fees charged for access to information which is made proactively available.
- To make this publication scheme available to the public.

#### **Classes of Information**

The scheme is arranged in the following classes:

##### **Who we are and what we do.**

Organisational information, locations and contacts, constitutional and legal governance.

##### **What we spend and how we spend it.**

Financial information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, tendering, procurement and contracts.

##### **What our priorities are and how we are doing.**

Strategy and performance information, plans, assessments, inspections and reviews.

##### **How we make decisions.**

Policy proposals and decisions. Decision making processes, internal criteria and procedures, consultations.

##### **Our policies and procedures.**

Current written protocols for delivering our functions and responsibilities.

##### **Lists and Registers.**

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

##### **The Services we offer.**

Advice and guidance, booklets and leaflets, transactions and media releases. A description of the services offered.

The classes of information will not generally include:

- Information the disclosure of which is prevented by law, or exempt under the Freedom of Information Act, or is otherwise properly considered to be protected from disclosure.
- Information in draft form.
- Information that is no longer readily available as it is contained in files that have been placed in archive storage, or is difficult to access for similar reasons.

### **The method by which information published under this scheme will be made available**

The College will indicate clearly to the public what information is covered by this scheme and how it can be obtained.

Where it is within the capability of the College, information specified in this scheme will be provided on its website. Where it is impracticable to make information available on its website or when an individual reasonably does not wish to access the information by the website, the College will indicate how the information can be obtained by other means and provide it by those means.

In exceptional circumstances some information may be available only by viewing in person. Where this manner is specified, contact details will be provided. An appointment to view the information will be arranged within a reasonable timescale.

Information will be provided in the language in which it is held or in such other language that is legally required. Where the College is legally required to translate any information, it will do so.

Obligations under disability and discrimination legislation and any other legislation to provide information in other forms and formats will be adhered to when providing information in accordance with this scheme.

### **Charges, which may be made for Information, published under this scheme**

The purpose of this scheme is to make the maximum amount of information readily available at minimum inconvenience and cost to the public. Whenever possible charges will not be made for routinely published material, however when requested they will be justified and transparent. Charges up to a maximum of £20 plus postage and packing per document may be incurred depending on the material requested and the administrative work required to source and copy the document.

Material which is published and accessed on a website will be provided free of charge.

Charges may be made for actual disbursements incurred such as:

- photocopying
- postage and packaging
- the costs directly incurred as a result of viewing information

Charges may also be made for information provided under this scheme where they are legally authorised, they are in all the circumstances, including the general principles of the right of access to information held by public authorities, justified and are in accordance with a published schedule or schedules of fees which is readily available to the public.

If a charge is to be made, confirmation of the payment due will be given before the information is provided. Payment may be requested prior to provision of the information.

## **Written Requests**

Information that may not currently be held in the publication scheme but is covered by the scheme can be requested in writing from the College Data Protection Officer.

Information held by the College that is not published under this scheme can be requested in writing to the College Data Protection Officer, when its provision will be considered in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.