Local Government Transparency Code

The Government has published a code of recommended practice in relation to information to be published by local authorities in England, including parish councils with a gross annual income or expenditure exceeding £200,000.

Part 2 of the code sets out the recommended practice for the publication of information, but this is not mandatory for parish councils with a gross annual income or expenditure (whichever is the higher) between £200,000 and £6.5 million. It is mandatory for parish councils above the £6.5 million threshold and for all principal authorities (i.e. district, borough, county and unitary authorities).

Hadley and Leegomery Parish Council falls within the band (£200,000 to £6.5 million) to which the code of recommended practice applies but is not mandatory.

The Parish Council is committed to openness and transparency in all that it does and has confirmed that it will as far as is practically possible comply with Part 2 of the code and the relevant information will be published in this section of the Council's website.

Information to be published

The code recommends that the following information is published at least quarterly:

- expenditure exceeding £500
- Government Procurement Card transactions (n/a)
- procurement information
 - o invitations to quote or tender for contracts with a value that exceeds £5,000
 - o details of any contract, commissioned activity, purchase order or any other legally enforceable agreement with a value that exceeds £5,000

The code recommends that data on the following is published annually:

- local authority land
- grants to voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations
- organisation chart excludes staff whose salary does not exceed £50,000 (n/a)
- trade union facility time (n/a)
- parking account (n/a)
- parking spaces (n/a)
- senior salaries over £50,000 per annum (n/a)
- constitution not applicable to parish councils but see the Council's published Standing Orders
- pay multiple not applicable to parish councils
- fraud (n/a).

As indicated some of these categories are not applicable to parish councils. Also, where the designation **(n/a)** appears above, Hadley and Leegomery Parish Council does not undertake those activities or has no data in the required category.

The information and data that the Parish Council is required (voluntarily) to publish can be viewed by clicking on the following links:

- Expenditure exceeding £500
- Procurement information
- Local authority land
- Grants to voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations

To read the published code click here.