

RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL RECORDS MANAGEMENT POLICY

APPENDIX A: DOCUMENTS FOR DISPOSAL OR RETENTION SCHEDULE

Council management

DOCUMENT	MINIMUM RETENTION PERIOD	REASON	LOCATION RETAINED	DISPOSAL
Minutes	Indefinitely	Archive	Clerk's office for 3 years, then deposited at Shropshire archives.	Original signed paper copies of Council minutes of meetings must be kept indefinitely in safe storage.
Agendas	12 years	Management/ Limitation Act 1980 (as amended)	Clerk's office	Bin (shred confidential waste)
Council Attendance Register	Throughout the 4-year term of office	Management	Clerk's office	Bin (shred confidential waste)
Declarations of Acceptance of Office	Indefinitely	Management, Archive	Clerk's office	N/A
Register of Members Interest	6 years or as long as the Councillor remains in office (whichever is the greater)	Audit, Tax, VAT	Clerk's office	Shred confidential waste
Council Standing Orders, Policies & Procedures	Whilst the documents remain in force	Management	Clerk's office	Bin
Council Newsletters & Annual Reports	Indefinitely	Management, Archive	Clerk's office	N/A
Personnel Information (includes any documents that	6 years after individual ceases to be an employee.	Limitation Act 1980 (as amended)	Clerk's office	Bin (shred confidential waste)

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contain personal data of former clerks)				
Contact details for councillors	As long as the Councillor remains in office	Management	Clerk's office	Bin (shred confidential waste)
Assets records	12 years	Management	Clerk's office	Bin (shred confidential waste)
S106 agreements	Indefinitely	Management	Clerk's office	N/A
Freedom of information	10 years	Management	Clerk's office	Bin (shred confidential waste)

Council finances

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Cashbook accounts, sales and purchase ledgers	Indefinitely	Management, Archive	Clerk's office	N/A
Title Deeds, Leases, Agreements & Contracts	Indefinitely	Audit, Management	Clerk's office and Council solicitors	N/A
Investments	Indefinitely	Audit, Management	Clerk's office	N/A
Audited accounts	Indefinitely	Audit, Management	Clerk's office	N/A
Bank statements including deposit/savings accounts	Last completed audit year	Audit	Clerk's office	Confidential waste
Bank paying-in book	Last completed audit year	Audit	Clerk's office	Confidential waste
Cheque book stubs	Last completed audit year	Audit	Clerk's office	Confidential waste
Precept Requests	Indefinitely	Audit, Management	Clerk's office	N/A
Budget	6 years	Audit, Management	Clerk's office	Bin
Grants	6 years	Audit, Management	Clerk's office	Bin
HMRC	6 years	Audit, Management	Clerk's office	Bin

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Internal audit	Retain current, plus previous year	Audit, Management	Clerk's office	Bin
Quotations & Tenders	6 years	Limitation Act 1980 (as amended)	Clerk's office	Confidential waste
Wages Books/payroll records	12 years	Superannuation	Clerk's office	Confidential waste
Receipt Books	6 years	VAT	Clerk's office	Confidential waste
Paid Invoices	6 years	VAT	Clerk's office	Confidential waste
VAT Records	6 years generally but 20 years for VAT on rents	VAT	Clerk's office	Confidential waste
Petty Cash Records	6 years	Tax, VAT, Limitation Act 1980 (as amended)	Clerk's office	Confidential waste
Members Allowance Register	6 years	Tax, Audit, Management, Limitation Act 1980 (as amended)	Clerk's office	Confidential waste
Scales of Fees & Charges	5 years	Management	Clerk's office	Bin
Timesheets	Last completed audit year 3 years	Audit (requirement) Personal injury (best practice)	Clerk's office	Bin
Insurance policies*	While valid (but see following 3 items)	Management	Clerk's office	Bin
Certificates for insurance* against liability for employees	Indefinitely	Future claims The Employers' Liability (Compulsory Insurance) Regulations 1998 (SI.2753), Management	Clerk's office	Bin
Insurance Policies*, Insurance Claims & Health & Safety Records	3 years after the policy lapses	Management	Clerk's office	Bin (shred confidential waste)

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Insurance company names and policy numbers*	Indefinite	Management	Clerk's Office	N/A

Health and safety and Risk assessments

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Weekly Inspection Logs (where applicable)	12 years	Limitation Act 1980 (as amended)	Clerk's office	Bin (shred confidential waste)
Annual Inspection Logs	12 years	Limitation Act 1980 (as amended)	Clerk's office	Bin (shred confidential waste)
Risk Assessments	12 years	Limitation Act 1980 (as amended)	Clerk's office	Bin (shred confidential waste)
Accident/incident reports	Indefinitely	Potential claims	Clerk's office	Confidential waste
Records of reportable injuries, diseases or dangerous occurrences reportable incidents reportable diagnoses injury arising out of accident at work (including accident book)	3 years from date of the entry	The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013 (RIDDOR 2013), SI 2013/1471, reg 12	Clerk's office	Bin (shred confidential waste)

Planning and conservation

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Planning Applications, related	Until after development completed if approved. Appeal	Management	Clerk's office	Bin (shred confidential waste)

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correspondence & decision letters (incl. appeals) (General)	decisions can be kept indefinitely if sets a precedent, or against future applications if dismissed. If refused, papers kept until appeal period has expired. Or 6 months (whichever is longer)			
Planning Applications, related correspondence & Notices of Decision (Strategic/Historical)	Until after development completed if approved. If refused, papers kept until appeal period has expired. Or 5 years (whichever is longer)	Management	Clerk's office	Bin (shred confidential waste)
Tree Pruning/Felling Applications	6 years	Management	Clerk's office	Bin (shred confidential waste)
Tree Preservation Orders	Indefinitely	Management	Clerk's office	Bin (shred confidential waste)
Planning Policy Guidance/Statements, Regional Plans, Structure Plans, Local Plans, Community Plans & similar documents	Whilst the documents remain in force (final adopted documents)	Management	Clerk's office	Bin (shred confidential waste)
Definitive Maps, Planning Maps, Public Rights of Way Maps, Conservation Area Maps & similar documents	Indefinitely	Management, Archive	Clerk's office	N/A
Road traffic order	Whilst the order remains in force or 1 year, whichever is longer	Management	Clerk's office	Bin

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Publications

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Journals & Periodicals	As long as it is useful & relevant	Management	Clerk's office	Bin (shred confidential waste)
Catalogues	1 year	Management	Clerk's office	Bin

General correspondence

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General Correspondence (on non-historic importance)	Destroyed annually if no longer of use or value	Management	Clerk's office	Bin (shred confidential waste)
General Correspondence (historic importance)	Offered to the County Archivist if no longer of use or value	Archive	Shropshire archives	If not wanted by archives, bin (shred confidential waste)
Related to audit matters and/or legal proceedings	Kept for the appropriate period specified in the schedule	Audit, Limitations Act 1980 (as amended)	Clerk's office	Bin (shred confidential waste)

Employment records

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Unsuccessful applications (inc. contact details, application forms or letters, CVs, references, interview notes, assessment results)	6 months after applicant is notified of rejection, Application forms should give applicants the opportunity to object to their details being retained	ICO Employment Practices Code para 1.7 Equality Act 2010, s 123	Clerk's office	Confidential waste
Successful applications (inc.	6 years after employment ceases	Limitation Act 1980 (LA 1980), s 5	Clerk's office	Confidential waste

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Employment contracts, including: personnel and training records, appraisals, promotions, written particulars of employment changes to terms and conditions	6 years after employment ceases, unless document executed as a deed, in which case 12 years after employment ceases	Limitation Act 1980 (as amended), ss 5, 8	Clerk office	Confidential waste
Annual / parental leave records	6 years after the end of each tax year	Limitation Act 1980 (as amended), ss 5, 8	Clerk office	Confidential waste
Sickness records and records of return to work after sickness/maternity leave etc.	6 years after the end of each tax year	Limitation Act 1980 (as amended), ss 5, 8	Clerk office	Confidential waste

Payroll and salary records

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Records for the purposes of tax returns including wage or salary	6 years	Taxes Management Act, 1970 ss 12B and 43 Finance Act 1998, Schedule 18, para 21	Clerk's office	Confidential waste

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records, records of overtime, bonuses and expenses				
Pay As You Earn (PAYE) records, including: wage sheets, deductions working sheets, calculations of the PAYE income of employees and relevant payments	3 years	Income Tax (Pay As You Earn) Regulations 2003, SI 2003/2682, reg 97	Clerk's office	Confidential waste
(Employee) Income tax and NI returns, income tax records and correspondence with HMRC	3 years after the end of the financial year to which they relate	Income Tax (Employments) Regulations 1993, SI 1993/744, reg 55 Income Tax (Pay as You Earn) Regulations 2003, SI 2003/2682, reg 97	Clerk office	Confidential waste
Details of benefits in kind, income tax records (P45, P60, P58, P48 etc), annual return of taxable pay and tax paid	4 years	Taxes Management Act 1970	Clerk office	Confidential waste
Statutory sick pay (SSP) records	3 years after the end of the tax year to which they relate	The requirement to maintain SSP records for 3 years after the end of the tax year to which they relate was revoked	Clerk office	Confidential waste

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		in 2014, but an employer may still be required by HMRC to produce such records as are in his possession or power which contain, or may contain, information relevant to satisfy HMRC that statutory sick pay has been and is being paid. The Statutory Sick Pay (General) Regulations 1982, SI 1982/894, reg 13(A)		
Records relating to hours worked and payments made to workers	3 years	National Wage Act 1998, s 9 The National Wage Regulations 1999, reg 38	Clerk's office	Confidential waste
Statutory maternity, paternity and shared parental pay records, calculations, certificates or other evidence	3 years after the end of the tax year in which the period of statutory pay ends	Statutory Maternity Pay (General) Regulations 1986, SI 1986/1960, reg 26	Clerk's office	Confidential waste

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