

DRINKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Report to the Ordinary Meeting of 1 June 2015

Agenda Item 12: Transparency Code

The Government has published a Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities, i.e. parish councils with an annual turnover not exceeding £25,000. This is required to be implemented in 2015-2016 with the first data published no later than 1 July.

The following information must be published on the Web site:

1. All items of expenditure above £100 - including date, purpose, amount and any VAT.
2. End-of-year accounts - including bank reconciliation and details on any budget variances.
3. Annual governance statement - as supplied to the external auditor.
4. Internal audit report.
5. List of councillors and their responsibilities.
6. Details of public land and building assets (in detail, e.g. date acquired, size).
7. Minutes, agendas and meeting papers of formal meetings - including draft minutes.

There will be inevitable workload, timescale, data protection and other issues - including those for contractors, and any persons or services undertaking work for the Council.

There may also be costs?

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