



# Kingsteignton Town Council

## Local Government Transparency Code 2015

### Overview

The Local Government Transparency Code 2015 (“the Code”) came into effect on 1 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)
- Environment Information Regulations 2004
- Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2005
- Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community Regulations 2009; and
- 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.

Full details of the Code can be found by clicking on the attached link:

[The Town and Country Planning \(General Permitted Development etc.\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Order 2021 No. 428 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

Kingsteignton Town Council meets the definition of a local authority covered by the requirements of the Code, as it is defined as “a Town council which has gross annual income or expenditure (whichever is higher) exceeding £200,000”. The Code requires that this Town Council publish the following information on its website:

[www.kingsteignton.gov.uk](http://www.kingsteignton.gov.uk)

- **Expenditure exceeding £500** – Can be viewed monthly under Your Council - Committees Agenda & Minutes – Finance – Additional information
- **Government Procurement Card Transactions** - N/A
- **Procurement** – details of every invitation for tender exceeding £5000 and details of any contract, commissioned activity exceeding £5000
- **Local Authority Land** – The Council reviews it’s Asset Register at least on an annual basis to ensure that it is up to date – please visit our Asset Register on our website under: Your Council; Asset Register

- **Grants to voluntary, community organisations etc.** - The Town Council agrees an annual budget to support local organisations. Payments made can be found on our website under: Your Council: Precept and Finance Information
- **Social Housing assets** – N/A
- **Organisation Chart** – Can be viewed on our website under: Your Council: Organisation Chart
- **Trade Union Facility Time** – N/A

## Parking

The Town Council does not charge for any of its parking spaces at the Community Hall

- **Senior Salaries** – The Town Council is required to publish details of any senior employees earning over £50,000. N/A

## Constitution

Local Councils, unlike principal authorities are not required by law to adopt a constitution. However, they need to adopt Standing Orders, Financial Regulations etc. Documents available to view on our website under: Your Council – Council Documents

- **Members Allowances** - The Town Mayor receives an annual allowance of £1500.00 to enable him/her to undertake his/her duties during their time in office. This is paid through Teignbridge District Council Pay Roll Services on behalf of the Town Council.