ABERTAY HOUSING ASSOCIATION GUIDE TO INFORMATION LAST REVIEWED: 1 JUNE 2020

At a glance - terms used in this document

Term Used	Explanation
FOISA	Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 Places a duty on those organisations covered to proactively publish certain types of information; and to respond to requests for information; and to provide advice and assistance to those making requests for information.
EIRs	Environmental Information Regulations (Scotland) 2004 Those organisations covered by EIRs have a duty to respond to requests for environmental information
SIC	The Scottish Information Commissioner Who is responsible for ensuring that those bodies covered by FOISA and EIRs comply with the terms of the legislation.
MPS	Model Publication Scheme Produced by the SIC – this details all of the information that those subject to FOISA should publish (if they hold it)
Guide to Information	A guide that all organisations subject to FOISA and adopting the MPS must produce to help people access the information it makes available
Classes of Information	Nine broad categories describing the types of information authorities should publish (if they hold it).

Background

The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) requires that all housing associations / co-operatives in Scotland must produce and maintain a publication scheme. This must detail all of the key information that we publish and how you can access it. This Guide to Information is our publication scheme, and contains links to where you can find all of the information listed online.

Abertay Housing Association has adopted the Scottish Information Commissioner's (SIC) <u>Model Publication Scheme (MPS)</u>, and this Guide has been approved by the SIC.

Formats other than online

All of the information listed is available on our website (unless stated), and completely free to access online. However, we understand that not everyone will have online access and where this is the case you can contact us to view this in our office (where this would be convenient).

If you would like a printed copy of any of the information listed, unfortunately we may have to charge a small fee to provide this. This fee will never exceed the cost of photocopying and postage – and we will let you know any total cost before we forward this to you.

Our charges for providing any information detailed in this guide are summarised below:

Format	Charge
Online	Free
View at our office	Free
Print in black and white	10p per A4 sheet
Print in colour	20p per A4 sheet
CD Rom	£0.50
Posted document / CD Rom	Cost of postage incurred

If you would like to request information that we publish in a format other than online, or arrange a visit to our office to view information, please contact our Customer Service Team:

In person at our office, 147 Fintry Drive, Dundee or by phone 01382 903545

Monday – Wednesday 8:30-16:30

Thursday - 10:00-18:00

Friday 8:30-14:00

By e mail: queries@abertayha.co.uk

Information that we cannot publish

Whilst we will try to make all of the information we have detailed available, in rare cases there may be some information that we cannot make available. For example, sometimes if we were to publish certain Committee minutes, it could reveal personal details about an individual. This would be a breach of Data Protection legislation if we were to do so. When this is the case, we will remove any personal details before publication and highlight where and why we have done so.

For how long will information be published?

We aim, where possible, to publish information for at least the current and previous two financial years. When we review any document – e.g. our policies – to avoid confusion we will only publish the current version once it has been updated.

Copyright and re-use

Where we hold the copyright on our published information, the information may be copied or reproduced without formal permission, provided that:

- It is copied accurately
- It is not used in a misleading context
- The source of the material is identified

Contact us

If you have any queries about anything contained within this Guide to Information, or if there is some information that you cannot find that you would like to access, please contact:

Abertay Housing Association 147 Fintry Drive Dundee DD4 9HE queries@abertayha.co.uk 01382 903545

The Information that we make available to you

Under the MPS, the information we provide must be listed under certain "classes" of information. These are the categories of information that are detailed below. As FOI applies to other bodies and sectors across Scotland – such as Scottish Government and Councils for example –this means that not all of the categories in the MPS apply to housing associations / co-operatives.¹

The details of all the information we hold under each of the classes that apply to our organisation, and hyperlinks to access this information when available online, are outlined below.

Information	Where to access
Class 1 - About Abertay Housing Association	
Information about	Abertay Housing Association, who we are, where to find us, how
to contact us, how	v we are managed and our external relations.
Descriptions of v	who we are
Mission	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/about-abertay-housing-
Statement	association/
Vision	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/about-abertay-housing-
	association/
Values	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/about-abertay-housing-
	association/
Corporate	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/about-abertay-housing-
Objectives	association/
Area(s) of	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/apply-for-a-home/our-property-
operation	locations/
Key activities;	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/about-abertay-housing-
strategic/corpora	association/
te plan(s)	
Business Plan	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/about-abertay-housing-
(or summary)	association/
Location and opening arrangements	
Address	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/contact-us/get-in-touch/

¹ In the MPS Class 8: Commercial Publications and Class 9: Our Open Data do not apply to RSLs.

Information	Where to access	
Telephone	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/contact-us/get-in-touch/	
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mail address for		
general		
enquiries (and		
dedicated lines		
where		
appropriate)		
Opening times	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/contact-us/get-in-touch/	
General contact	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/contact-us/get-in-touch/	
arrangements		
local/area office	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/retirement-housing/sheltered-	
contact details	complexes-location-map/	
Contact details	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/contact-us/get-in-touch/	
for making a		
complaint		
	ing to Freedom of Information	
Publication	This document	
Scheme and		
Guide to		
Information		
Charging	This document (See Page 2)	
Schedule for		
Published		
Information		
Contact details	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/about-abertay-housing-	
and advice on	association/access-to-information/	
making an FOI		
request		
Freedom of	https://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-	
Information	content/uploads/2019/10/Freedom-of-Information-and-	
policies and	Environmental-Information-Policy-1.pdf	
procedures		
Charging	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/about-abertay-housing-	
Schedule for	association/access-to-information/	
environmental		
information		
provided in		
response to		
requests made		
under EIRs		
About our Gover	About our Governing Body	
List of	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/management-committee/	
Governing Body		
Members		
 Names 		
when		
they		

Information	Where to access
Information became a governing body member Professio nal biographi cal details office-bearing responsib ilities when they became an office-bearer Description of the role of the Governing Body governan ce structure	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/management-committee/
chart (including sub- committe es and working groups); • remits for governing body and any sub- committe es	
How to become part of the governing body	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/management-committee/
About our staff	
List of senior management team, including professional biography and contact details	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/management- committee/senior-management/

Information	Where to access
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Organisational	https://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Staff-
structure	Structure-Jan-20-new-no-names.pdf
Governance Doc	uments and Corporate Policies
Rules/Articles	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Current-
	Rules-Signed-Copy.pdf
Standing Orders	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-
	content/uploads/2019/08/Standing-Orders-1.pdf
Membership	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-
Policy	content/uploads/2019/08/Membership-Policy.pdf
Code of	
Conduct for	Conduct-for-Staff.pdf
Staff	
Code of	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Code-of-
Conduct for	Conduct-for-Committee-Members.pdf
Governing Body	
Members	
Entitlements	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-
Payments and	content/uploads/2019/09/Entitlements-Payments-and-Benefits-
Benefits Policy	Policy.pdf
(or equivalent,	
including	
arrangements	
for payments for	
expenses and	
subsistence)	
Register of	https://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/management-committee/
Interests	http://www.ahanta.iha.aa.ula/www.aaata.at/walaada/2040/00/Fawalita
Equalities Policy	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Equality-
Llaalth and	and-Diversity-Policy.pdf
Health and	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Health-
Safety Policy	and-Safety-Manual-Version-3.pdf
Sustainability	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Sustainability-Policy.pdf
Policy Relationship with	
Engage and and	http://www.phomto.pho.go.com/s/www.phomto.ph/
Engagement	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/190401-
plan with	Regulation-Plan.pdf
Scottish	
Housing	
Regulator	http://www.abortovbo.co.uk/topanto/coattich_bousing_rogulator/
Assurance	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/tenants/scottish-housing-regulator/
Statement	http://www.abartayba.co.uk/tapanta/raturna to coattish haveing
Annual Return	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/tenants/returns-to-scottish-housing-
on Charter Submission to	regulator/
SHR	
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Financial	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/tenants/returns-to-scottish-housing-
Returns to SHR	regulator/
Charter report to	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/download_cat/housing-charter-
tenants	reports/
Internal and	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/finance/
External Audit	
arrangements	
Key Partnerships	
Strategic	https://www.abertayha.co.uk/tenants/information-advice/your-
agreements with	housing-officer/
other	
organisations	
Information about information for ou	
How to use our s	services
List of services	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/
provided	
How to report a	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/tenants/report-a-repair/
repair	
Right to Repair	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/right-to-repair/
information	
How to apply for	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/apply-for-a-home/how-to-apply/
a house	
How to get	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/tenants/information-advice/your-
information	housing-officer/
about tenancy	
support	
How to make a	http://www.abortoubo.co.uk/about.ua/fall.ua.ubot.ua.
How to make a	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/tell-us-what-you-
complaint	think/complaints/
How to speak to	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/tenants/information-advice/your-
a housing officer	housing-officer/
How we consult	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/tenants/get-involved/tenant-
with tenants and	involvement/
other customers	<u>IIIVOIVEITICITU</u>
to inform and	
improve service	
delivery and	
develop new services	
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Information	Where to access
Policies and Pro	cedures
Allocations	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-
Policy	content/uploads/2019/08/Common-Allocations-Policy.pdf
Adaptations	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Medical-
Policy	Adaptations-Policy.pdf
Anti-Social	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-
Behaviour Policy	content/uploads/2019/08/Antisocial-Behaviour-Policy.pdf
Asbestos	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-
Management	content/uploads/2019/08/Asbestos-Policy.pdf
Policy	
Arrears	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Rent-Arrears-Policy.pdf
Management Policy	Arrears-Folicy.pur
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Asset	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Asset-
Management	Management-Strategy.pdf
Policy (including	
stock condition information)	
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Customer Care	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-
Policy	content/uploads/2019/08/Customer-Care-Policy.pdf
Data Duatastian	http://www.nh.auta.h.a.a.a.h.h.un.a.a.a.h.un.la.a.h./0040/05/Diib.a.a.a.
Data Protection Policy	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Privacy-and-Data-Protection-Policy.pdf
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Environmental	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/about-abertay-housing-
Information	association/access-to-information/
Regulations	
Policy (EIR) Equality and	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Equality-
Diversity Policy	and-Diversity-Policy.pdf
	and Divoloky Folloyspa.
Estate	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Estate-
Management	Management-Policy.pdf
Policy Health and	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Health-
Safety Policy	and-Safety-Manual-Version-3.pdf
and procedures	Silver Salety Marian Vololott Sipar
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Legionnaires	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Health-
Inspection/Preve	and-Safety-Manual-Version-3.pdf s2.13 and Appendix 31
ntion Policy	
Procurement	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-

Information	Where to access
Policy	content/uploads/2019/08/Procurement-Policy.pdf
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Risk	https://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Risk-
Management	Management-Policy.pdf
Policy	
Rent Setting	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Rent-
Policy	Setting-Policy.pdf
Repairs Policy	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Day-to-
	Day-Repairs-Policy.pdf
Sustainability	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-
Policy	content/uploads/2019/08/Sustainability-Policy.pdf
Tenant	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Tenant-
Engagement	Participation-Policy.pdf
Policy	
Tenancy	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Housing-
Sustainment	Support-Policypdf
Policy	

Class 3 – How we take decisions and what we have decided

Information about the decisions we take, how we make decisions and how we involve others.

Governing Body	Meetings
Governing body	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/management-
meeting minutes	committee/minutes-of-committee-meetings/
Governing body	These are available on request
meeting reports	
/ papers	
Governing body	https://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/management-
agendas	committee/agendas-for-management-committee-meetings/
Consultation and	l Participation
Tenant	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Tenant-
Participation	Participation-Policy.pdf
Strategy	
Consultation	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/download_cat/survey-results/
reports noting	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/tenants/get-involved/estate-
the outcome of	walkabouts/
any recent	
consultations	
with tenants /	
others	
Tenant Scrutiny	Abertay does not currently have a Tenant Scrutiny Panel.
Panel	
composition	

Where to access
There are currently no Registered Tenant Organisations.
ve spend and how we spend it
t our strategy for, and management of, financial resources (in
explain how we plan to spend public money and what has actually
ut our accounts and budgets
http://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/finance/
https://www.abertayha.co.uk/download_cat/annual-reports-and-
accounts/
http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-
content/uploads/2019/09/Financial-Regulations.pdf
http://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/finance/
of work and projects
https://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/finance/
http://www.abertayha.co.uk/tenants/information-advice/planned-
maintenance-programme/
maintenance programmor
g to Staff and Governing Body
http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-
content/uploads/2019/08/Committee-Expenses-Policy.pdf
http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-
content/uploads/2019/09/Financial-Regulations.pdf
http://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/management-committee/
http://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/our-staff/
None

Information	Where to access
	Where to access
expenses Pay and grading	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Abertay-
structure (levels	Salaries-for-website-April-2020.pdf
of pay rather	
than individual	
salaries)	
General	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/our-staff/
information	
about staff	
pension scheme	
	e manage our resources
Information about	how we manage our human, physical and information resources
Human resource	
Strategy and	https://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/our-staff/
management of	
human	
resources	
Staffing	https://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Staff-
structure	Structure-Jan-20-new-no-names.pdf
Human	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-
resources	content/uploads/2019/09/Recruitment-and-Selection.pdf
policies,	
covering:	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-
 recruitme 	content/uploads/2019/09/Disciplinary-Policy.pdf
nt	
performa	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-
nce	content/uploads/2019/09/Grievance-Policy.pdf
managem	
ent	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Training-
salary	and-Development-Policy.pdf
and	
grading	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Data-
• promotion	Retention-Schedule.pdf
promotions	
discipline	
grievance	
_	
• staff	
developm	
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Maintena	
nce and	
retention	
of staff	
records	
Trade Union	https://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/our-staff/
information	

Information	Where to access	
Summary of	https://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/about-abertay-housing-	
professional	association/	
organisations/tra		
de bodies of		
which we are a		
member		
Physical Resour	ces	
Management of	https://www.abertayha.co.uk/tenants/information-advice/planned-	
our land and	maintenance/	
property assets,	https://www.abertayha.co.uk/tenants/information-advice/planned-	
including	maintenance-programme/	
environmental/s	https://www.abertayha.co.uk/owners/grounds-maintenance/	
ustainability	Intips://www.abertayria.co.uk/owners/grounds-maintenance/	
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reports General	https://www.abortayba.co.uk/apply.for.a.boma/aur.property	
	https://www.abertayha.co.uk/apply-for-a-home/our-property-	
description of	locations/	
our land and	https://www.abertayha.co.uk/owners/grounds-maintenance/	
property		
holdings		
Estate	https://www.abertayha.co.uk/tenants/information-advice/planned-	
development	maintenance/	
plans	https://www.abertayha.co.uk/tenants/information-advice/planned-	
	maintenance-programme/	
	https://www.abertayha.co.uk/owners/grounds-maintenance/	
Information Resources		
Records	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Data-	
management	Retention-Schedule.pdf	
policy and	Neterition-Ochedale.pdf	
records		
management		
plan, including		
records		
retention		
schedule		
Data protection	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Privacy-	
or privacy policy	and-Data-Protection-Policy.pdf	
Class C. Harri		
	e procure goods and services from external providers	
	how we procure works, goods and services, and our contracts with	
external providers		
Our Contractors	and suppliers	
Information	https://www.abertayba.co.uk/about-us/procurement/	
	https://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/procurement/	
about our key		
service delivery		
contractors who		
carry out:		

Information	Where to access	
responsiv e repairs		
• landscap e		
maintena nce		
planned/c yclical		
maintena nce		
List of suppliers and contractors	https://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/procurement/	
used by organisation		
(provided to staff under our		
Entitlements Payments and		
Benefits Policy)		
Information about regulated	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/201819- Annual-Procurement-Report.pdf	
procurement contracts		
awarded (value, scope, duration)		
Our Procurement		
Procurement	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-	
Policy and procedures	content/uploads/2019/08/Procurement-Policy.pdf	
Information on	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Website-	
how to tender for work and	Information-for-Suppliers.pdf	
invitations to tender		
Register of	https://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-	
contracts	content/uploads/2019/10/Contracts-Register.pdf	
awarded which have gone		
have gone through formal		
tendering,		
including name		
of supplier,		
period of		
contract and		

Information	Where to access
value	
Links to	https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/authority/authority_bu
procurement	yerprofile.aspx
information we	γειρισπε.ασμχ
publish on Public Contracts	
Scotland	
website	
	https://www.phantaulea.ag.ulu/ww
Framework	https://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-
Agreements	content/uploads/2019/10/Contracts-Register.pdf
Class 7 – How we Information about functions and serv	how we perform as an organisation, and how well we deliver our
Annual Report	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/download_cat/annual-reports-and-
_	accounts/
ARC report to	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/download_cat/annual-reports-and-
tenants	accounts/
Performance	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/download_cat/performance/
Standards/indica	
tors	
Benchmarking	https://directory.scottishhousingregulator.gov.uk/Pages/LandlordS
information	ummary.aspx?LAtoZNameQS=2A2B074C-CFA9-E311-93F1-
	<u>005056B555E6</u>
Complaints	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/about-us/tell-us-what-you-
policy, guidance	think/complaints/
and forms	
Complaints	http://www.abertayha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/SPSO-
reports or	Report-201819.pdf
equivalent to	
show how	
complaints are	
handled and	
influence service	
delivery	
(aggregate	
reports rather	
than individual	
outcomes).	
Class 8 - Our co	mmercial publications
•	nged and made available for sale on a commercial basis and sold at ugh a retail outlet e.g. bookshop, museum or research journal
This class does	Not applicable
not apply to	
Abertay Housing	
Association as	
we do not	

Information	Where to access	
produce any		
publications for		
sale.		
Class 9 – Our open data		
Open data made available by us under the Scottish Government's Open Data		
Resource Pack and available under open licence.		
This class does	Not applicable	
not apply to		
Abertay Housing		
Association		