

Document	Minimum Retention Period	Reason	Location Retained	Disposal
Minutes	Indefinite	Archive	Parish Office	Original signed paper copies of Council minutes of meetings must be kept indefinitely in safe storage. At regular intervals of not more than 10 years they must be archived and deposited with the Higher Authority
Agendas	5 years	Management	Parish Office	Bin (shred confidential waste)
Accident/incident reports	20 years	Potential claims	Parish Office	Confidential waste A list will be kept of those documents disposed of to meet the requirements of the GDPR regulations.
Scales of fees and charges	6 years	Management	Parish Office	Bin
Receipt and payment accounts	Indefinite	Archive	Parish Office	N/A
Receipt books of all kinds	6 years	VAT	Parish Office	Bin
Bank statements including deposit/savings accounts	Last completed audit year	Audit	Parish Office	Confidential waste
Bank paying-in books	Last completed audit year	Audit	Parish Office	Confidential waste
Cheque book stubs	Last completed audit year	Audit	Parish Office	Confidential waste
Quotations and tenders	6 years	Limitation Act 1980 (as amended)	Parish Office	Confidential waste A list will be kept of those documents disposed of to meet the requirements of the GDPR regulations.
Paid invoices	6 years	VAT	Parish Office	Confidential waste

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Paid cheques	6 years	Limitation Act 1980 (as amended)	Parish Office	Confidential waste
VAT records	6 years generally but 20 years for VAT on rents	VAT	Parish Office	Confidential waste
Petty cash, postage and telephone books	6 years	Tax, VAT, Limitation Act 1980 (as amended)	Parish Office	Confidential waste
Timesheets	Last completed audit year	Audit (requirement) Personal injury (best practice)	Parish Office	Bin
Wages books/payroll	12 years	Superannuation	Parish Office	Confidential waste
Insurance policies	While valid (but see next two items below)	Management	Parish Office	Bin
Insurance company names and policy numbers	Indefinite	Management	Parish Office	N/A
Certificates for insurance against liability for employees	40 years from date on which insurance commenced or was renewed	The Employers' Liability (Compulsory Insurance) Regulations 1998 (SI 2753) Management	Parish Office	Bin
Play equipment inspection reports	3 years	Management	Parish Office	Bin
Investments	Indefinite	Audit, Management	Parish Office	N/A
Title deeds, leases, agreements, contracts	Indefinite	Audit, Management	Parish Office	N/A
Members' allowances register	6 years	Tax, Limitation Act 1980 (as amended)	Parish Office	Confidential waste. A list will be kept of those documents disposed of to meet the requirements of the GDPR regulations.
	<b>Record-keeping</b>			

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General correspondence	<p>Unless it relates to specific categories outlined in the policy, correspondence, both paper and electronic, should be kept.</p> <p>Records should be kept for as long as they are needed for reference or accountability purposes, to comply with regulatory requirements or to protect legal and other rights and interests.</p>	Management	Parish Office	<p>Bin (shred confidential waste)</p> <p>A list will be kept of those documents disposed of to meet the requirements of the GDPR regulations.</p>
Correspondence relating to staff	<p>If related to Audit, see relevant sections above.</p> <p>Should be kept securely and personal data in relation to staff should not be kept for longer than is necessary for the purpose it was held. Likely time limits for tribunal claims between 3–6 months</p> <p>Recommend this period be for 3 years</p>	<p>After an employment relationship has ended, a council may need to retain and access staff records for former staff for the purpose of giving references, payment of tax, national insurance contributions and pensions, and in respect of any related legal claims made against the council.</p>	Parish Office	<p>Confidential waste</p> <p>A list will be kept of those documents disposed of to meet the requirements of the GDPR regulations.</p>

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	<p><b>Documents from legal matters, negligence and other torts</b></p> <p>Most legal proceedings are governed by the Limitation Act 1980 (as amended). The 1980 Act provides that legal claims may not be commenced after a specified period. Where the limitation periods are longer than other periods specified the documentation should be kept for the longer period specified. Some types of legal proceedings may fall within two or more categories.</p> <p>If in doubt, keep for the longest of the three limitation periods.</p>			
Negligence	6 years		Parish Office	Confidential waste. A list will be kept of those documents disposed of to meet the requirements of the GDPR regulations.
Defamation	1 year		Parish Office	Confidential waste. A list will be kept of those documents disposed of to meet the requirements of the GDPR regulations.
Contract	6 years		Parish Office	Confidential waste. A list will be kept of those documents disposed of to meet the requirements of the GDPR regulations.
Leases	12 years		Parish Office	Confidential waste.
Sums recoverable by statute	6 years		Parish Office	Confidential waste.
Personal injury	3 years		Parish Office	Confidential waste.
To recover land	12 years		Parish Office	Confidential waste.
Rent	6 years		Parish Office	Confidential waste.
Breach of trust	None		Parish Office	Confidential waste.
Trust deeds	Indefinite		Parish Office	N/A
<b>For Halls, Centres, Recreation Grounds</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application to hire</li> <li>• Invoices</li> <li>• Record of tickets issued</li> </ul>	6 years	VAT	Parish Office	Confidential waste A list will be kept of those documents disposed of to meet the requirements of

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Terms and Conditions	6 years	Management	Parish Office	Bin
Event Monitoring Forms	6 years unless required for claims, insurance or legal purposes	Management	Parish Office	Bin. A list will be kept of those documents disposed of to meet the requirements of the GDPR regulations.
	<b>For Allotments</b>			
Register and plans	Indefinite	Audit, Management	Parish Office	N/A
Legal papers	Indefinite	Audit, Management	Parish Office	N/A
	<b>For Burial Grounds</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Register of fees collected</li> <li>• Register of burials</li> <li>• Register of purchased graves</li> <li>• Register/plan of grave spaces</li> <li>• Register of memorials</li> <li>• Applications for interment</li> <li>• Applications for right to erect memorials</li> <li>• Disposal certificates</li> <li>• Copy certificates of grant of exclusive right of burial</li> </ul>	Indefinite	Archives, Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977 (SI 204)	Parish Office	N/A
	<b>Planning Papers</b>			
Applications	5 years	Management	Parish Office	Bin
Appeals	5 years unless significant	Management	Parish Office	Bin

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	development			
Trees	5 years	Management	Parish Office	Bin
Local Development Plans	Retained as long as in force	Reference	Parish Office	Bin
Local Plans	Retained as long as in force	Reference	Parish Office	Bin
Neighbourhood Plans	Indefinite – final adopted plans	Historical purposes	Parish Office	N/A