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Report of:	Head of Legal (Monitoring		Lead Member:	Environment and Corporate	
	Officer)			Services	
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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 That Cabinet approves the Retention and Disposal Policy and its related schedule.
- 1.2 That any future minor amends to the Policy and related schedule be delegated to the Data Protection Officer in consultation with the Lead Member.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Retention and Disposal Policy and related schedule have been refreshed and aims to:
 - Set out limits for the retention of personal data and to ensure that those limits, as well as further data subject rights to erasure, are complied with;
 - Ensure that the Council complies fully with its obligations and the rights of data subjects under Data Protection Legislation;
 - Ensure that excessive amounts of data are not retained by the Council and to improve the speed and efficiency of managing data.
- 2.2 Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the report and draft Policy and recommends its approval to Cabinet.
- 2.3 Since the matter was considered by Overview and Scrutiny a number of minor amends have been made to the schedule which relates predominantly to the removal of Right to Buy Applications and Administration as the Council no longer have such applications in place. The reference to audio recordings has also been removed as we don't have this in place. Some changes to titles, numbering within the document and telephone numbers have also been made. All such amends are to be considered minor in nature and would not materially change the content of the policy.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Local Government Act 1972, requires local authorities to have "proper arrangements in place" to deal with Council records. Rossendale Borough Council is fully committed to ensure compliance with the objectives and obligations of the General Data Protection Regulation 2016 (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA). The legislation regulates the way in which personal information about individuals, whether held on computer or in a manual filing system, is obtained, stored, used and disclosed. The legislation grants rights to individuals to see the data stored about them, to require modification of the data if it is wrong and, in certain cases, to compensation. The provisions amount to a right of privacy for the individual.
- 3.2 The Council's current Retention and Disposal Policy has been in place for several years, however, as technology has developed, legislation has changed, and the areas of work undertaken by the Council have grown, it has become necessary to review the Records

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Retention and Disposal Policy, to ensure that it remains fit for purpose and complies with legislative requirements.

3.3 The Council should define its procedures for the disposal and destruction of information. This should include, but not be limited to, identification and authorisation procedures and the roles and responsibilities of members of staff and third parties.

4. DETAILS

- 4.1 The Council recognises that its records are an important public asset and are a key resource to accountability and effective operation. The revised policy ensures that the Council is able to minimise data retention where possible and assists in setting out procedures to determine how and when to dispose of personal data. Additionally, having a well-managed and enforced data retention policy in place can help to reduce the amount of excessive, and often redundant, information stored on the Council's servers.
- 4.2 The revised policy sets out where and how personal data is held, provides a brief overview of Data subjects' key rights under data retention, and a summarised overview of the various technical and organisational protection measures that the Council should enforce under data retention. It also sets out the roles and responsibilities for ensuring that data retention periods are enforced.
- 4.3 This policy governs and ensures compliance with the newly drafted Rossendale Borough Council's Data Retention Schedule. The revised retention schedule layout combines all Service Retention periods which were previously captured in separate schedules and policies and includes a requirement to set out what action is taken after the retention period has ended. These actions are either to destroy, anonymise or archive under certain conditions. The revised schedule layout, with inclusion of set actions, should aid in the enforcement of retention periods and satisfies the audit requirement to identify and record information that is archived by the Council.
- 4.4 The review of the Retention and Disposal Policy has been undertaken in consultation with service managers across all departments to ensure that all work streams are incorporated. In addition, the review has been undertaken to reflect requirements in the GDPR and DPA which require that records containing personal data are not kept longer than necessary for their lawful purpose.
- 4.5 Overview and Scrutiny considered the report and draft Policy on 15th January 2024.

In response to members' questions the following clarification was given:-

After the required retention period the entire document would be destroyed.

- Anonymity would be achieved by redacting personal data. This included redacting information which did not relate to the person requesting the information regarding Subject Access Requests (SARs).
- The difference between minor and major changes were that minor changes would not materially change the policy or document, whereas major changes would.
- The decision maker for changes would be the Data Protection Officer, in consultation with the responsible officer and the Lead Member.
- The Data Protection Officer role was situated within the Legal Team.
- The Records Management Society was an organisation used for information management and looked at governance.

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It was agreed to provide a written response in relation to how the policy fits in with members who use their own device for Council purposes. The response was it has been confirmed that when someone ceases to be a councillor, their email and IT accounts are deleted. This means that they will no longer be able to access any information previously available to them as a councillor, regardless of whether it was being accessed from a Council device or a personal device. In essence, everything is deleted in line with the policy and legislation.

- 4.6 Having considered the report and responses to queries it resolved to recommend that the Policy and its related schedule be approved by Cabinet and that any future minor amends be delegated to the Data Protection Officer in consultation with Lead Member. Light touch reviews will continue as necessary with any further major changes being reported back to Cabinet.
- 4.7 A number of minor amends have been made to the schedule since it consideration by members at Overview and Scrutiny in that reference to Right to Buys has subsequently been deleted, a telephone number was outdated and certain titles updated to reflect the current position. All such amends are minor in nature and do not materially change the policy.

5. RISK

- 5.1 All the issues raised and the recommendation(s) in this report involve risk considerations as set out below:
 - Failing to comply with the storage limitation and closely related data minimisation and accuracy principles can lead to substantial fines that would have a high impact on the Council.
 - There may be additional reputational implications if the Information Commissioner's Office were to investigate the council following a failure to comply with UK GDPR principles regardless of the final decision.

6. FINANCE

6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising out of this report.

7. LEGAL

- 7.1 The Council is under an obligation to ensure it complies with UK data protection law, and the adoption of this policy strengthens the Council's compliance with the relevant data protection legislation.
- 7.2 Records Retention and Disposal is key to good information governance. Providing clear timescales to staff and customers as to how long their data and other Council information is held ensures compliance with relevant legislation including the GDPR, DPA, FOIA and EIR. A policy setting out appropriate timescales and legal justification for retention periods, is necessary to demonstrate compliance with legislation, and reduces the risk of legal challenge, from information being held unlawfully.

8. POLICY AND EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The amended policy has been prepared in consultation with all service area managers and Corporate Management Team. There are no equality implication arising out of this report.

9. REASON FOR DECISION

9.1 The adoption of this updated policy will further enhance the Council's compliance with the UK GDPR and Data Protection Legislation and ensure compliance with all relevant legislation.

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Background Papers		
Document Place of Inspection		
Current Policy	Data Retention Policy Rossendale Borough Council	
Amended Policy	Attached as Appendix 1	



RETENTION & DISPOSAL GUIDELINES

1. Introduction

Rossendale Borough Council is fully committed to ensure compliance with the objectives and obligations of the General Data Protection Regulation 2016 (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA).

The processing of data by the Council is essential to services and functions and will often involve the use of personal and special category data. Compliance with the data protection legislation will ensure that such processing is carried out fairly and lawfully.

The legislation regulates the way in which personal information about individuals, whether held on computer or in a manual filing system, is obtained, stored, used and disclosed. The legislation grants rights to individuals to see the data stored about them, to require modification of the data if it is wrong and, in certain cases, to compensation. The provisions amount to a right of privacy for the individual.

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to ensure that there are effective and efficient processes in place in the way the Council handles and disposes of information.

This policy has been authorised by Cabinet, the Council's Corporate Management Team and the Data Protection Officer.

2. Scope of this Policy

- 2.1.0 These Retention Guidelines have been issued to support local authorities in the areas of the UK General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR) Data Protection Act 2018, Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Local Government Act 2003. It has been issued by the Records Management Society of Great Britain after consultation with a number of local government authorities, their agencies and other experts in the field.
- 2.1.1 The Guidelines were developed to reflect an understanding of the administrative processes that give rise to record creation. This is intended to make the Guidelines independent of any particular format of record that might be historically created (e.g. card, register) or media (e.g.paper, electronic) and prolong the Guidelines' period of application.

- 2.1.2 The Guidelines are intended to cover the continuum of records and information from creation through to destruction or for retention for historical or research purposes.
- 2.1.3 Records sentenced for destruction under the Guidelines may be destroyed in accordance with the provisions of the Guidelines. Backup copies stored on alternative media (server/microfilm/paper) should also be destroyed. This is vital to ensure compliance with the requirements of UK GDPR / Data Protection (specifically GDPR Article 5 (1) (e) and Freedomof Information legislation. (FOI Code of Practice Section 46)
- 2.1.4 The local authority or the agency acting for it should hold notification of the records destroyed in accordance with the Guidelines on its behalf.
- 2.1.5 Records for permanent preservation should be passed to the local authority's Archivist or its agency's place of deposit. In most cases this will be the appropriate local Record Office.

3. Transfer of Records to County Records or Storage

Records identified in the schedule as 'permanent' are marked 'Offer to Archivist'. The Archivist may choose to select a sample of the records for permanent preservation in the archives; the remainder should be destroyed as specified in the Guidelines. The sample may be random, selective or purposeful.

'Offer to Archivist for review' is used to indicate record classes where the Archivist will not usually be interested in retaining the class of records, but may wish to retain those concerning high profile or controversial policies/projects.

Records no longer required for administrative use may still retain sensitive information. The Archivist should be informed of sensitivity at the time of transfer of the material to the archives and an appropriate closure period agreed. The closure period should comply with Freedom of Information legislation and the authority's policy.

As there is no legal basis for the enforcement and support of these Guidelines, each local authority needs to ensure that the actions shown in the Guidelines are ratified internally within the local authority or its agency.

4. Litigation and Limitation of Scope

Whenever there is the possibility of litigation, the records and information that are likely to be affected should not be amended or disposed of until the threat of litigation has been removed.

Records that are the subject of Freedom of Information, Data Protection, Environmental Information Regulations etc official request or appeal, must not be destroyed until that request or appeal has been completed. To knowingly destroy a record when it is subject to a request/complaint is an offence.

The Limitations Act 1980 specifies time limits for commencing litigation. These Guidelines should only be used by local authorities for the disposal of <u>common functional and housekeeping records</u> as described in the Guidelines. It should be taken as abaseline for each authority to interpret and apply appropriately in accordance with local practice. These Guidelines are not intended to cover school records; however, the majority ofschool administration records can be sentenced under these Guidelines.

5. Destruction of Records

When records identified for disposal in the Guidelines are destroyed, a register of such records needs to be kept. For records not covered by the Guidelines, contact, the Council's legal department or suitable experienced sources for further advice.

It is not sufficient to document that a quantity of records had been destroyed on a certain date. Enough details should be retained to identify which records have been destroyed.

Unless otherwise stated, paper documents are disposed of as follows:-

- Confidential documents are to be shredded or removed using a confidential waste collection.
- Public documents which do not contain confidential information are disposed of using the paper recycling bins.

6. Standard Operating Procedure

There are some records that do not need to be kept at all. Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) defines types of records which staff may routinely destroy in the normal course of business. However, the retention and disposal schedule may contain reference and instructions referring to them.

SOP usually applies to information that is duplicated, unimportant or only of short-term facilitative value. Unimportant records or information will include the following:

- 'with compliments' slips
- catalogues and trade journals
- telephone message slips
- non-acceptance of invitations
- trivial electronic mail messages or notes that are not related to agency business
- requests for stock information such as maps or plans
- advertising material
- out of date distribution lists
- working papers which lead to a final report

Duplicated and superseded material such as stationery, manuals, drafts, forms, address books and reference copies of annual reports may be destroyed under SOP.

Electronic copies of documents where a hard copy has been printed and filed, and thermal paper facsimiles after making and filing a photocopy, are also covered.

SOP should not be applied to records or information that can be used as evidence – to prove that something happened. If you are in doubt about what information is required, consult with Legal Services.

All of these may be destroyed by standard operating procedure that should be part of any ISO 9000 (Quality Management) system if applicable.

7. Responsibility

The Corporate Management Team

The Council's Corporate Management Team is responsible for procuring approval of this policy and has delegated authority to make any minor amends to the policy. The team is also responsible for approving and overseeing all information security related projects and initiatives.

Managers and Team Leaders

Managers and team leaders are responsible for ensuring: -

- record retention policies are implemented in their team
- record keeping systems and arrangement of records enable identification of records due for disposal
- records due for disposal are routinely identified and reviewed to ensure they are no longer required
- staff dispose of records only in accordance with policies set out in this policy
- records are disposed of appropriately considering their sensitivity, security classification and the media and format(s) in which they are held
- records of potential historic interest or research value are identified and transferred with agreement to the local Record Office
- evidence of the disposal process is kept

All Staff

Everyone is responsible for:

- following procedures and guidance for managing, retaining and disposing of records
- only disposing of records in accordance with the requirements outlined in this policy (if authorised to do so)
- ensuring that any proposed divergence from records retention and disposal policies is authorised by the senior management team

8. Reviewing the Schedule

This Guideline prescribes minimum and permanent retention periods and will be reviewed at regular intervals.

Explanation of Retention and Disposal Schedule Headings

The Retention and Disposal Schedule below is divided into sections of administrative functions that are commonly undertaken by local government.

1. Reference number

The function or entry reference number provides citation and ease of reference.

2. Function Description

The name of each function is specified in this entry. This relates to a group of records that perform the same activity.

The Schedule provides notes that define each function in terms of related activities.

The Schedule may also include instructions or guidelines relating to weeding, sampling disposition provisions, information on duplication of record content in other classes and cross-references to other entries within the Schedule.

3. Retention Period

This entry provides the archival status of each process being either permanent or temporary. In relation to the temporary status of records the entry also provides a retention period or sentence specifying how long the records should be kept prior to destruction and the activity, transaction or event to which the retention period or sentence should be tied.

4. Examples of Records

This section provides common examples of the type of records included within the particular function. This list is not exhaustive and Local Authorities should feel free to annotate theircopy of the Schedule with local names of the examples listed if required.

5. Reason

This indicates if the retention action is common practice or statutory.

Glossary of terms

- Administrative Use: When business use has been ended or the file has been closed.
- Closure: 'Destroy 'x' years from closure '. A record/file is closed when it ceases to be active. After closure, no new papers/information should be added to the record.
- Closure period: Specified period of time during which the record is subject to restrictions on provision of access to staff and/or the public may be dictated by statutory requirements or by the authority's policy. Any closure period should comply with current legislation on access to local government information - including the Data Protection and Freedom of Information Acts.
- Common practice: Standard practice followed by Local Authorities
- Last action: 'Destroy 'x' years after last action'. Date of most recent amendment / addition / deletion of information.
- Permanent: Records which must be kept indefinitely [or for approximately 100 years] for legal and/or administrative purposes, and/or are of enduring value for historical research purposes and so suitable for transfer to the authority's archive or place of deposit.
- Place of deposit: Usually in the Council's file storage places as determined by each department.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL SCHEDULE

Approved by Council on 16th December 2004

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Version 3 – Adopted by Cabinet on

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Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
	Electoral Services			
1.1	Preparation Summary certification of those eligible to vote	Destroy paper copies as soon as processed Destroy Paper copies after processing, scanned image retained for 12 months	 Postal/Proxy application forms Annual canvass forms, invitation to register forms, overseas electors and service voters 	Statutory (Representation of the Peoples Act 1983) Common practice
		Permanent	Electoral Register	Common practice
1.2	Voting	Destroy 12 months from date of election	 Ballot papers (and any other material) Marked copies of the Register 	Representation of the Peoples Act 1983, Sch. 1, s.57 The Local Elections (Principal Areas) (England and Wales) Rules 2006 Sch.2 r.52 The Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England

		and Wales) Rules 2006, Sch. 2, r.52

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1.3	Results Declaration of results (local elections only)	Destroy 12 months from date of election Online results retained for research purposes	Ballot Paper Accounts Election Notices	Representation of the Peoples Act 1983, Sch. 1, s.57 The Local Elections (Principal Areas) (England and Wales) Rules 2006 Sch.2 r.52 The Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules 2006, Sch. 2, r.52
1.4	Directions/advice for Procedures	Permanent until superseded	LegislationEC CircularsGovernment Circulars	
1.5	Candidates Candidates Summary of Election Expenses —	Return to Candidates (if requested) or destroy 2 years from the date of receipt	Candidates Election Expenses	Representation of the Peoples Act 1983 s.89

	Local and Parliamentary			
				Representation of the Peoples Act 1983, Sch. 1, s.57
1.6	Candidate details	Destroy 6 months after close of nominations and up until the day of election	Candidates nomination papers and consent to nomination forms	The Local Elections (Principal Areas) (England and Wales) Rules 2006 Sch.2 r.52
				The Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules 2006, Sch. 2, r.52

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	Council and Committee Meetings			
1.7	The process of preparing business for Council consideration, Council meetings, Cabinet, Committees/Sub-Committees, Community	Permanent Transfer to place of deposit after administrative use is concluded	Minute BooksAgendas and ReportsBackground papers	Common Practice/Access to Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

	Partnerships and making a record of discussion, debate and resolutions.		 Meetings of the or the Cabinet of Committees/Sul Committees of the Council Live streaming of Committee Meet YouTube 	or any b the of	Minutes should be held in perpetuity. Reports and background documents form part of the minutes and should therefore be retained for a period of 6 years Live streamed Committee Meetings held on YouTube in perpetuity
1.8	Minute taking	Destroy after date of confirmation of the minutes	Draft/rough minut	tes	Common practice

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
	Partnership, Agency and External Meetings			
1.9	The process of preparing business for partnership and agencies consideration and making the record of discussion, debate and resolutions, where the local authority legally owns the record.	Permanent. Transfer to place of deposit after administrative use is concluded.	 Documents establishing the committee Agendas Minutes Council reports Recommendations 	Common Practice

			Supporting documents such as Council briefing and discussion papers	
1.10	The process of preparing business for external committees' consideration, and making the record of discussion, debate and resolutions, where the local authority does not own the record.	Destroy 3 years after last action	 Documents establishing the committee Reports Recommendations Supporting documents such as briefing and discussion papers. 	Common Practice
	Process of preparing honours submission.	Destroy 5 years after last action	 Honours nomination forms Covering documentation Letters of support Referral for comment from Lord Lieutenant. 	Common Practice
	Members Declaration of Financial Interests	Length of term in Office plus 6 years		Common Practice
	Member Declarations	Destroy 6 years after member has left Office		Common Practice
1.11	Appointment to Outside Bodies The process of undertaking representation of the local authority – local authority representatives	Destroy 3 years after last action	Appointment to outside organisations and charitable bodies.	

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	Corporate Planning and Reporting			
2.1	The corporate planning and reporting activities of local authorities	Destroy 3 years expiry	Corporate PlansStrategy PlansBusiness PlansAnnual Reports	Common Practice
2.2	The process of preparing business for strategic consideration and making the record of discussion, debate and resolutions	Destroy after 2 years	Management Team Minutes	Common Practice
2.3	Statutory returns The process of preparing information to be passed on to central government as part of statutory requirements	Destroy 1 year after audited	 Reports to central government QRC (Council Tax) CTB (Council Tax) 	Common Practice
2.4	Policy, Procedures, Strategy and Structure Activities that develop policies, procedures, strategies and structures for the local authorities	Destroy 3 years after expiry	 Policy, procedure, precedent, instructions Organisation charts Records relating to policy implementation and development Asset management plan Community strategy Community plan Community safety plan 	Common Practice

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2.5	The process of monitoring and reviewing strategic plans, policies or procedure to assess their compliance with guidelines	Destroy 3 years from closure		Common Practice
	Policy Documents	Destroy 7 years after policy has superseded		Common Practice
	Public Consultation			
	The process of consulting the public and staff in the development of significant policies of the local authority	Destroy 5 years from closure		Common Practice
2.6		Personal Information on database — keep up to date, destroy when no longer needed.		
				Data Protection Act 2018.

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
2.7	The process of consulting the public and staff in the development of minor policies of the local authority	Destroy 1 year from closure		Common Practice
2.8	Information Management The activity whereby standards, authorities, restraints and verifications are introduced and maintained to manage information effectively	Permanent. Offer to Archivist. Transfer to place of deposit after administrative use is concluded	 Classification schemes Registers Indexes Authorised lists of file headings 	Common Practice
2.9	The management of collections of records transferred to the archives	Permanent. Offer to Archivist. Transfer to place of deposit after administrative use is concluded.	Accession registersDepositor files	Common Practice
2.10	The process that records the disposal of records	Destroy 12 years after last action	Disposal certificates	Common Practice Based on Limitation Act
2.11	FOI / EIR / GDPR or DataProtection Case Records	Destroy 6 years after information released orwithheld.	Email or letter RequestsCase Notes	Common Practice and Statutory

			 Data Subject Access Requests Acknowledgement letters Refusal letters 	
2.12	CCTV - The process of managing CCTV images	Destroy after 90 days of recording unless required for evidential purposes 30 days automatic deletion on Futures Park System unless needed for evidential purposes 30 days for bodycam, Fly tipping surveillance or In – vehicle footage unless needed for evidential purposes	TapesHDD ImagesStill Images	Common Practice
2.13	CCTV – The process of managing CCTV footages	As above Destroy 6 years after obtaining the same	Video recordings	Common Practice and Statutory
2.14	Life Statements	Destroy 6 years after obtaining the same	Proof of Life	Legal currently undertake this service mainly for

				residents with an overseas pension
				Common Practice
2.15	Social Media Chat or Transcripts	MS Teams data to be held in perpetuity	MS Teams Chat	Common Practice
2.16	Enquiries and Complaints The management in summary form of enquiries and complaints directed to Council	Destroy 6 years after closure	EmailIndexesLettersRegisters	Common Practice

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
2.17	The management of enquiries, submissions and complaints which result in significant changes to policy or procedures	Destroy 6 years after closure	ReportsReturnsCorrespondence	Common Practice
2.18	The management of detailed responses on council actions, policy or procedures	Destroy 6 years after administrative use is concluded	ReportsReturnsCorrespondenceOmbudsman	Common Practice

2.19	The management of routine responses on council actions, policy or procedures	Destroy 1 year after administrative use if concluded	Printed material Form letters	Common Practice
2.20	Quality and performance management The process of monitoring or reviewing the quality, efficiency, or performance of a local authority service or unit	Destroy 1 year after administrative use is concluded	Best Value Review	Common Practice
2.21	The process of assessing the quality, efficiency, or performance of a local authority service or unit	Destroy 1 years after administrative use is concluded	Assessment form	Common Practice

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
	Public Relations			
2.22	Publications The process of designing setting information for publication	Destroy 2 years from last action		Common Practice

2.23	The published work of the local authority	Destroy after administrative use is concluded		Common Practice
	Media Relations			
2.24	Process of interaction with the media.	Destroy 3 years from closure.	Press releasesPress inquiriesPhotographsPress cuttings	Common Practice
2.25	Public Relations general	Destroy 2 years from closure	The process of providing the Public Relations service	Common Practice
2.26	Marketing The process of developing and promotion of local authorities campaigns and events	Destroy 1 year from closure.		Common Practice
2.27	Civic and Royal Events The recording of ceremonial events and civic occasions	Permanent. Transfer to place of deposit after administrative use is concluded	Visitor's bookAudio tapesVideo tapesPhotographs	Common Practice
2.28	The process of organising a ceremonial event or civic occasions	Destroy 1 year after administrative use is concluded	Mayors "At Home"	Common practice

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
3.1	The registration of individuals housing applications	Permanent	Temporary accommodation/housing register	
3.2	The process for applying for temporary accommodation (Unsuccessful applications only, successful applications will generally be placed on the tenancy file)	Destroy 7 years after closure	 Temporary accommodation application forms and supporting material Application for transfer of tenancy and supporting papers 	
3.3	The process for managing the tenancy of an individual tenant	Destroy 7 years after termination of tenancy	 Correspondence re tenancy Tenancy files Temporary accommodation application forms and supporting material Application for transfer of tenancy and supporting papers Application for emergency housing or referral from another agency 	NOTE: These may need to be kept for a longer period of time in order to prove that the tenancy was actually housed properly by the authority

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3.4	The process of the allocation and management of temporary accommodation by the local authority and the associated issues of homelessness	Destroy 7 years after closure of homeless housing advice enquiry including associated records concerning temporary accommodation	 Homeless application/enquiry forms and supporting material. Inter authority homeless referrals Tenancy Relations case enquiries and supporting information Records of households in temporary accommodation. Social Needs Panel casework records Racial Harassment case records Closed case summary sheets Housing Association nomination records National mobility scheme records 	

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
3.5	The process of collating statistics concerning the work of the Housing Advisory Service for a range of internal and external reports and returns	Destroy 7 years after the year end to which the statistics relate.	Housing case management software	
3.6	The management and administration of temporary accommodation and removal and storage of clients belongings/furniture	Destroy 7 years after the conclusion of the financial year to which the records were created.	 Rent records Management payments to external providers of temporary accommodation Orders and invoices for goods and services associated with the provision of temporary accommodation As above concerning storage obligations. 	

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
3.7	The planning, delivery, management and improvement of services	Destroy three years after the end of the financial year to which the record relates to.	 Homelessness strategy and review Service delivery plan Homelessness directory Single Homeless strategy Service Improvement Plan of advice services 	
3.8	DFG Grants	Destroy 15 years after last payment	 Estimates of Work Enquiry Form Completion Certificate Builders Accounts Details of Payments 	Statutory

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
3.9	All Private Sector Renewal Schemes including Enveloping and Block Schemes	Destroy after 15 years	Contract DocumentsTendering DocumentsSpecification of worksPricing Info	Statutory

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
4.1	Litigation The process of managing, undertaking or defending for or against litigation on behalf of the local authority	Destroy 6 years after closure of file. Major litigation – precedent case – offer to Archivist.	 Criminal case file Insurance Claims * Civil case file * see reference 7.15 	Sec. 2 & Sec.11 Limitations Act 1980
4.2	Advice The process of providing legal advice on law and practice.	Destroy 6 years after closure of file.	All Council business etc such as:- • Housing • Planning • Community Safety	Common Practice
4.3	Agreements Process of agreeing terms between organisations Note: this does not include contractual agreements	Destroy 6 years after agreement expires or is terminated (but note may be longer if grant conditions require it).	 Partnership Agreements Service Level Agreements Contracts Grant agreements 	Common Practice and statutory
4.4	S106 Agreements	15 years from date of deed unless terms provide otherwise	S106 Agreements	
4.5	Conveyance (see also Property Acquisition and Disposal)			

			Conveyancing files	Sec. 15 Limitation Act 1980
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Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
4.6	Contracts and Tendering Pre Contract Advice The process of calling for expressions of interest	Destroy 2 years after contract let or not proceeded with	Expressions of Interest	Common Practice/ Limitation Act 1980
4.7	Specification and Contract Development The process involved in the development and specification of a contract	Ordinary Contracts Destroy 6 years after the terms of contract have expired Contracts under Seal Destroy 12 years after the terms of contract have expired.	Tender specification	Sec.5 Limitation Act 1980 Sec.9 Limitation Act 1980
4.8	Tender Issuing and Return The process involved in the issuing and return of a tender.	Destroy 1 year after start of contract	Opening noticeTender envelope	Common Practice

4.9	Contracts Registers/register of tenders/quotations	25 years	Opening book	Common practice
4.10	Evaluation of Tender	Ordinary Contracts Destroy 6 years after the terms of contract have expired. Contracts under Seal Destroy 12 years after the terms of contract have expired.	Evaluation criteria	Sec 5 Limitation Act 1980 Sec 8 Limitation Act 1980

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
4.11	Successful tender document	Ordinary Contracts Destroy 6 years after the terms of contract have expired. Contracts under Seal Destroy 12 years after the terms of contract have expired.	Tender documentsQuotations	Sec 5 Limitation Act 1980 Sec 8 Limitation Act 1980
4.12	Unsuccessful tender documents	Destroy 1 year from tender return date	Tender documentsQuotations	Common practice

4.13	Post Tender Negotiation The process in negotiation of a contract after a preferred tender is selected	Ordinary Contracts Destroy 6 years after the terms of contract have expired Contracts Under Seal Destroy 12 years after the terms of contract have expired.	•	Clarification of contract Post tender negotiation	Sec. 5 Limitations Act 1980 Sec. 8 Limitations Act 1980
4.14	Awarding of Contract The process awarding of contract	Ordinary Contracts Destroy 6 years after the terms of contract have expired Contracts Under Seal Destroy 12 years after the terms of contract have expired	•	Signed contract	Sec. 8 Limitations Act 1980

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
	Contract Management	Ordinary Contracts Destroy 6 years after the terms of contract	Compliance report	Sec. 5 Limitations Act
4.15	Contract operation and monitoring	have expired Contracts Under Seal Destroy 12 years after the terms of contract have expired	Performance reportsService Level Agreements	1980 Sec. 8 Limitations Act 1980

4.16	Management and amendment of contract	a) Ordinary Contracts Destroy 6 years after the terms of contract have expired b) Contracts Under Seal Destroy 12 years after the terms of contract have expired meetir Variati Extens Comp	es to requirements on forms sion of contract Sec.5 Limitations Act 1980 Sec. 8 Limitations Act 1980
	Tenancy Agreements/Licence Agreements for temporary accommodation	a) Ordinary Tenancy Destroy 6 years after the terms of agreement have expired. • Signed agreer	d tenancy/licence Sec.5 Limitations Act 1980
4.17	The process of awarding tenancies in public sector housing and Licences for temporary accommodation	b) Tenancy under Seal Destroy 12 years after the terms of agreement have expired. • Sealed agreement	d tenancy/licence Sec. 8 nents Limitations Act 1980

Note: Halsburys Law of England Vol. 28 para. 882 defines a contract under seal as a "specialty".

Halsburys Statues Vol.27 page 942. S.8 Limitations Act 1980 states actions for specialties limited to 12 years. It now also includes actions under Contract (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

Legal and Contracts

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
4.18	Bye-Laws Enactment The process of making local laws	Permanent. Offer to Archivist. Transfer to place of deposit after administrative use is concluded.	 Master set of bye-laws Policy development documents Correspondence Submissions 	Common Practice

Human Resources

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Notes/comments Reason
5.1	Personnel General Administration Record limited information about employees and posts including names, date of births, post(s) and dates held, start/finish dates, summary work histories, post histories etc.	Permanent (transferred to archive once administrative use has concluded),	 Establishment records staff registers, employee history cards, variations register. Records of decisions taken by HR Manager under delegated powers 	Common Practice Internal Audit requirement Internal Audit requirement
5.2	Recruitment and Selection The selection of an individual for an established position	Destroy 6 months after recruitment process concludes	 Post Details – Job Description, Person Specification, 	Common Practice to retain in case of a claim under the Equality Act

			Advertisement Reference Unsuccessful Application forms Shortlisting interview notes etc	
5.3	Equality Monitoring The process of investigating and reporting in accordance with Equal Employment	Destroy 6 months after recruitment process concludes Permanent. Anonymised	Equality monitoring formsEqual Opportunities Database Summary	Required by law for monitoring and comparison.
	Opportunities guidelines and policies.	summaries. Permanent	Current Employees	33

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Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	NoteslCommentsl Reason
5.4	Disclosure and Barring Service Check — when required (Staff working with Children or vulnerable adults)	Permanent — retain DBS reference number and date of certificate on Personnel file	 Information recorded from DBS document DBS Record of reference number as evidence of the Disclosure having been obtained 	Requirement under DBS Code of Practice Permitted under DBS code of Practice
5.5	Employment Records The process of administering employees to ensure that entitlement and obligations are in	Retain on Personnel file — Destroy 6 years after date of employment	Application FormJob DescriptionJob Specification	

accordance with agreed employment requirements		 Medical Clearance Letter of Appointment/ Acceptance Probation report Personal particulars Qualifications Declaration of pecuniary interests Employment Contracts 	
	Termination + 25 years	Records of Staff working with Children	Common Practice
	Destroy 2 years after leave has been taken	Leave and Attendance Records – all leave taken (not just annual leave)	

Human Resources

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
5.6	Employee & Industrial Relations Processing of disciplinary and grievances	6 years after last action	 Disciplinary Records – includes records of investigation, statements, interview notes etc Notification of Formal Warnings 	For all practical purposes this function would not be subject to records management Retained for defending claims and reference purposes.

5.6 cont		Placed on Personnel file permanently Destroy immediately after the grievance has been found to be /have been unfounded, or after appeal Transfer to place of deposit after administrative use is concluded Destroy 2 years after administrative use is concluded Permanent – record of tendering processes and conditions of service needed	 Warning involving Children Disciplinary Unfounded, or after appeal Generic Agreement (Local Agreements) Negotiations Disputes Claims lodged Daily employee relations management Compulsory Competitive Tendering records – includes working papers, correspondence between client and contractor etc. Pre-employment 	Common Practice Common Practice Common Practice to
5.7	Occupational Health		screening	retain in case of a claim under the Equality Act

		Destroy 6 months after recruitment process concludes Termination date + 6 years	 Pre-employment Occupational Health Reports Employee medical screening records – health questionnaires, medical clearances, workplace adjustments, work restrictions, medical recommendations 	Common Practice Recommended by Records Management Society – Details may be required even after employment has ended.
5.8	Staff Monitoring Performance	Destroy 5 years after action is completed.	Performance PlansPerformance Monitoring	Common Practice
5.9	Training & Development Routine staff training processes	Destroy 2 years after action completed.	Course individual staff assessment	Common Practice

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
	Accounts and Audit			
	Reporting			
6.1	The process that consolidates financial transactions on an annual basis for corporate reporting purposes	Permanent. Offer to Archivist, Transfer to place of	Consolidated annual reports	Permanent Permanent

		deposit after administrative use is concluded after 6 years	 Consolidated financial statements Statement of financial position Operating statements General ledger Permanent Kept for 6 years as electronic. Kept for 3 years as paper
6.2	Financial Transactions Management. Management of the approvals process for purchase, including investigations	Destroy 7 years after the end of the financial year in which the records were created	 Appointments and delegations Audit investigations Arrangements for the provision of goods and/or services Statutory Kept electronic form only after 3 years
6.3	Identification of the receipt, expenditure and write offs of public monies	Destroy 6 years after the end of the financial year that the transaction that the record supports occurs in.	 Allowances Work orders Invoices Credit card statements Cash books Receipts Cheque counterfoils Bank statements Mark orders This period may be reduced with the agreement of Customs and Excise and/or the Inland Revenue. Payments & Receipts are scanned & stored. Invoices kept in paper - 3

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
6.4	Identification of the receipt, expenditure and write offs of public monies	Destroy 6 years after the end of the financial year that the transaction the record supports occurs in occurs.	Subsidiary ledgers (annual)Journals (annual)Vouchers	months but scanned. Electronic/scanned records go back to 1992/3

			Debtor and Creditor listings and reports	
6.5	Processes that balance and reconcile financial accounts	Destroy 6 years after the end of the financial year that the transaction that the record supports occurs in.	ReconciliationSummaries of accounts	Kept in paper until end of audit then in electronic form until 6 years are up.
6.6	Taxation Records	Destroy 6 years after the end of the financial year in which the records were created	 Taxation records Motor vehicle logs Fringe benefits tax records Group certificates 	Statutory

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
6.7	Processes involved in the collection of National Insurance Number	Destroy 6 years after the end of the financial year during which the employee ceases employment	Notification and input records	Statutory
6.8	Covid Business Grants	Destroy 10 years after the conclusion of the financial year that the transaction occurs.	Applications Supporting evidence Reconciliations	Instructed by Department of Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy.
	Payroll			
6.9	Accountable processes relating to payment of employees	Destroy 7 years after the conclusion of the financial year that the transaction occurs.	Authority sheetsPayroll deduction authorities	Statutory

		Dormant staff will be retained in the Payroll application.	 Payroll disbursement Employee pay records Employee taxation records Summary employee pay reports 	
	Financial Provisions Budgets and Estimates			
	Daagote and Lemmatee			
6.10	The process of finalising local authorities' annual budget	Permanent. Offer to Archivist. Transfer to place of deposit after administrative use is concluded	Annual budget	Common Practice Only the final version of the annual budget needs to be kept

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
6.11	The process of developing local authorities annual budget	Destroy 2 years after annual budget adopted by local authorities	Draft budgetsDepartmental budgetsDraft estimates	Common Practice Electronic WPs – 6yrs after the end of the year
6.12	The process of reporting which examines the budget in relation to actual revenue and expenditure	Destroy after 2 years	Quarterly statements	Electronic WPs & reports - 4 yrs
	Loans			
6.13	The activity of borrowing money to enable a local authority to perform its functions and exercise its powers	Destroy 7 years after the loan has been repaid	Loan files	Statutory

6.14	Summary management of loans	Permanent. Offer to Archivist. Transfer to place of deposit after administrative use is concluded	Loans registers	Common Practice
6.15	Housing The process of offering financial help with temporary accommodation provision and maintenance including the bond scheme	7 years	AddressesTenancy agreements	Common practice

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
6.16	Council Tax Valuation and Business Rating Lists The valuation of property within a municipal district for the purpose of establishing the liability for business Rates or Council Tax.	Valuation lists — Kept by Inland Revenue NNDR- Rating Lists kept by Valuation Office and WLDC	 Valuation lists (Council Tax) Rating Lists (NNDR) Schedule of Alterations 	Refer to Inland Revenue websites at www.voa.gov.uk/cti/InitS.as p?lcn=0 for Council Tax and www.voa.gov.uk for Business Rates
6.17	Liability Orders & Court lists for Council Tax and Business Rates For recovery of non- payment	Destroy list after 2 years List (current year + 1 year) Retain unpaid Liability Orders until debt has been paid.	Liability Order and court list showing name, address and amount and Court lists	Proof Order granted
6.18	Business Rates and Local Authorities Tax Correspondence The activity of corresponding with tax payers and rate payers in relation to all matters	All records are scanned into Document Imaging Process System. Destroy 7 years after last action. Paper records kept for 3 months then destroyed	 Notices Objections Applications Correspondence Notices of acquisition and disposition 	Document Retention Policy

6.19	Business Rates and Council tax records of liability, discount, exemption, reliefs, benefits, support and payments sufficient to allow recalculations where there is a statutory duty e.g. revaluation, splits and mergers of hereditaments	Council tax 1 st April 1993	Name of liable party Calculation of liability	Rebanding of property requires recalculation of all liable parties accounts to 1 st April 1993
6.20	Information collected in respect of claims and awards of Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit, local Council Tax support and discretionary Housing Payments.	Calendar Year + 6 Years after the year in which activity on the case ended, including any activity to recover overpayments. In all cases sufficient to satisfy requirements of Benefits Subsidy Audit.	Supplementary records relating to the assessment of benefits	
6.21	Summary Assets Management See Property Management for real property assets. See Transport Management for vehicle assets.			

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
	Summary management reporting on	Permanent. Offer to Archivist.	Schedules of acquisitionsConsolidated current asset	Part of full annual
6.22	the overall assets of the local authorities	Transfer to place of deposit after administrative use is concluded	reportsAnnual reportsSummary of current assets	report

	Asset Monitoring and Maintenance		Asset registers	Electronic now – kept on spreadsheets
6.23	Management systems that allow the monitoring and management of assets in summary form	Destroy 7 years after the conclusion of the financial transaction that the record supports	Subsidiary asset registers	IPF system.
6.24	Process of reporting and reviewing assets status	Destroy 7 years after administrative use is concluded	 Routine returns and reports on asset status Inventories Stocktaking Surveys of usage Acquisition and disposal reports and proposals 	Part of final accounts
6.25	The process of maintaining assets	Destroy 7 years after last action	CleaningPainting	Common practice
6.26	The process of maintaining plant and equipment	Destroy 7 years after sale or disposal of asset	Service recordsPlant files	Common practice

Ret No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
6.27	Asset Acquisition and Disposal Management of the acquisition (by financial lease or purchase)	Destroy 6 years, if under £50,000 or 12 years if over £50,000 after all obligations/ entitlements are concluded	 Legal documents relating to the purchase/sale Particulars of sale documents Board of survey Leases 	Statutory

	and disposal (by sale or write off) process for assets		 Applications for leases, licences and rental revision Tender documents Conditions of contracts Certificates of approval 	
	Cashiers	Destroy 3 years after the end of the financial year Destroy 6 years after the end of	 Daily cash reconciliation Cash receipt print-outs Paying in sheets Bank paying-in books Cheque lists Receipt stubs – Council Tax 	Most transactions are now electronic. Records are kept on system & reports produced/ screens printed at any time.
6.28	Records	the financial year.	 Receipt stubs – other Original copies of bank statements Petty cash vouchers 	Electronic Now All past copies scanned & kept Limitation Act 1980 Kept by dept's

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
7.1	Property and Land Management Reports to management on overall property of the local authority	Retention for life of building or until report is updated	 Consolidated property and buildings annual reports Summary of leased property Summary of local authority's owned property 	Common Practice

	Droporty Acquisition and Disposal	Datain for life of property or	Site registerRegister of leases	
7.2	Property Acquisition and Disposal (see also Conveyancing) Management of the acquisition (by financial lease or purchase) process for real property	Retain for life of property or building plus 12 years. Offer material re major significant properties to Archivist for review	PlansTransfer	Common Practice
7.3	Management of the disposal (by sale or write off process for real property	Destroy 15 years after all obligations entitlements are concluded. Offer material re major significant properties to Archivist for review	 Legal Documents relating to the sale Particulars of sale documents Board of Survey Tender documents Conditions of Contract 	Common Practice
	Property Development and Renovation			
7.4	Management Buildings and estates of "specialist interest"	Permanent. Offer to Archivist. Transfer to place of deposit after administrative use is concluded	Project specificationsPlansInstallation manualsCertificates of approval	Common Practice

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
7.5	Management All other buildings and estates	Retain for life of property or building	 Project specifications Plans Installation manuals Certificates of approval Land Remediation Project 	Common Practice For asbestos see health and safety under General Public Services

	Leasing and Occupancy			
7.6	The process of managing leased property	Destroy 12 years after the expiry of the lease	 Lease agreements Rental expenditure authorities Valuation queries Applications for leases, licences and rental revision 	Common Practice
7.7	Housing Provision The process of managing public sector housing	Destroy after 6 years	Stock monitoring records	Common Practice
	Systems Management			
7.8	The internal process to develop or extend the capabilities of a system used to support the activities of the local authority	Retain for life of system then destroy		
7.9	The process to implement a system used to support the activities of the local authority	Destroy 7 years after last action	Implementation plan	

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
7.10	The process to support and administer a system used to support the activities of the local authority	Destroy 5 years after last action		

7.11	Transport Management The process of acquisition and disposal of vehicles through lease or purchase	Destroy 12 years under seal and 6 years under hand after the disposal of the vehicle	 Leases Contracts Quotes Approvals Fleet authorisation numbers
7.12	The process of managing allocation and maintenance of vehicles	Destroy 12 years after the sale or disposal of the vehicle if under seal and 6 years under hand	 Approvals as drivers Allocations and authorisations for vehicles Maintenance
7.13	The process of recording vehicle usage	Destroy 6 years after the sale or disposal of the vehicle	Vehicle usage reports
7.14	The process of recording drivers usage	Destroy 6 years after closure	Vehicle log book
	Insurance		
7.15	Policy Management The summary management of insurance arrangements	Permanent. Offer to Archivist. Transfer to place of deposit after administrative use is concluded.	Insurance register

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
7.16		Destroy 7 years after the terms of the policy have expired	Insurance policiesCorrespondence	

	The process of insuring local authority officers (see <i>also Employers Liability),</i> property, vehicles and equipment against negligence, loss or damage			
7.17	The process of renewing insurance policies	Destroy 7 years after insurance policy has been renewed	 Insurance policy and renewal records Correspondence 	
7.18	Claims Management The process that records insurance claims against the local authority or local authority officers	Destroy 7 years after all obligations/entitlements are concluded (allowing for the claimant to reach 25 years of age)	Claims recordsCorrespondence	

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
	Health and Safety			
8.1	Inspections and Assessments Process of inspecting equipment to ensure it is safe	Destroy 6 years from destruction of the equipment	Equipment inspection recordsLifting Equipment records	Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 & associated legislation

8.2	Process of carrying out monitoring to ensure that the process is safe	Retain 3 years from last action	Monitoring results Inspection records Maintenance records	Provision and Use of Work Reg's 1998 Management of Health & Safety at Work 1999 (Reg 5)
8.3	Process of monitoring of areas where employees and persons are likely to have become in contact with asbestos	Destroy 40 years from last action	Property asbestos files	Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations
8.4	Process to ensure safe systems of work	Retain 3 years from last assessment	Safe Working Procedures	Corporate Health and Safety Policy Common Practice
8.5	Process to assess the level of risk	Retain 3 years from last assessment	Risk Assessment	Corporate Health and Safety Policy
8.6	Processes that permit work	Retain 1 year from last action	Completed Permits to Work	Corporate Health and Safety Policy Common Practice

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
8.7	Process that records injuries to adults	Destroy after 3 years	Accident reports and books	Reporting of injuries and Dangerous Occurrence Regulations 2013, Social Security Act 1975

8.8	Process that records injuries to children	Destroy after 25 years	Accident reports and books	Reporting of injuries and Dangerous Occurrence Regulations 2013, Social Security Act 1975
	Emergency Planning			
8.9	Process to develop the emergency/ disaster plan for the local community	Current copy kept until superseded	Emergency PlanDepartmental Emergency Plan	
8.10	Major Incident Activities that report on all major incidents in the local community, whether the emergency plan has been invoked or not	Permanent. Offer to Archivist Transfer to place of deposit after administrative use is concluded.		
8.11	Activities that report on all minor incidents in the local community	Destroy 7 years after closure		

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Ex	amples of Record	Reason
	Enforcement Certification and Prosecution				
8.12	The administration of applications, registration, certification and licences in	Destroy 6 years after registration/entitlement/licence lapses, expires, surrender etc.		Taxi Drivers and vehicles (Private and Hackney)	Statutory Note: may want archival review in cases of

relation to local authorities' registration requirements	 Gambling Act Licensing Act 2003 Sex Establishments Second Hand Goods Scrap Metal Dealers Motor Salvage Operators Stage Hypnotism Caravan Licensing House to House/Street Collection Street Trading Animal licences Skin piercing and cosmetic treatments 	licensing of children in entertainment
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Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
	Enforcement Certification and Prosecution			
8.13	The administration of applications, registration, certification and licences in relation to local authorities' registration requirements	Destroy 6 years after registration or entitlement lapses	 Applications for animal registration Applications for registration of a business premises Applications for release of animals impounded Registers 	Statutory Note: may want archival review in cases of licensing of children in entertainment

8.14	The process involved in licensing sites for the holding or use of toxic or hazardous substances (including petroleum, agricultural chemical products or herbicides)	Permanent.	•	Contaminated land register	
8.15	Notification The process of issuing notices to citizens with respect to particular responsibilities	Destroy 6 years after the matter is concluded	•	Animal impounding notices	
8.16	Prosecution The process of prosecution or sanction of an individual or organisation for failing to comply with their legal responsibilities	Destroy 6 years from last action	•	Prosecution/sanction files	

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
8.17	Cemeteries and Crematoria Summary management systems that record the location of burials and identity of deceased individuals	Permanent.	Register of intermentsCemetery registerCemetery plans	
8.18	The process of regulation of burials and cremations	Destroy 6 years after last action	PermitsApplicationsOrders	Common Practice and Statutory
	Waste Management The provision of hard waste removal, destruction and waste reduction services by the local authority to ratepayers			

8.19	Collection The process of arranging the collection or transportation of household waste	Destroy 2 years after last action		Common Practice
8.20	The process of arranging the collection or transportation of controlled waste	Destroy 6 years after last action		Common Practice and Statutory
8.21	Disposal of Waste The summary management of sites used for the disposal of waste within the local authority	Permanent. Offer to Archivist. Transfer to place of deposit after administrative use is concluded.		
8.22	The process of the short- term storage of household waste	Destroy 10 years after site closure	Transfer sites	Common Practice
8.23	The process involved in managing the use, type and amount of waste to be disposed at a specific site	Permanent. Offer to Archivist. Transfer to place of deposit after administrative use is concluded.	Waste site plans	Common Practice

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Notes
	Planning Scheme Development and Amendment Planning Scheme Development			
9.1	Planning Policy & Implementation - The activity of developing a vision and strategic directions regarding existing and future land use within the Local Authority and the development of local plans to ensure the	Destroy draft documents 5 years after Local Plan is adopted. Destroy adopted plan 5 years after it is replaced by new plan and keep one copy for historic record	Local PlanArea Action PlansSupplementary Planning Documents	

	implementation of the Development Plan for Rossendale and other associated planning guidance.			
9.2	Consultation of Planning Policy and Implementation - Consultation in respect of Local Plans and other planning policy guidance relevant to Rossendale	Destroy 5 years after Local Plan/LDF/SPD / other planning document is adopted	 Consultation documents and replies Inquiries and objections made by members of public Hearing documents Evidence base work including land-use and ecological surveys 	Contains contact information

Comment:

As stated above, information *I* data relating to representations made on the Local Plan will be collated and retained until 5 years after the Local Plan is formally adopted then destroyed. Information that has resulted in a change in the Local Plan or other planning guidance may be stored for longer period if there is sufficient reason for it.

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Notes
9.3	Urban Design & Conservation – Information on Heritage Conservation & Urban Design Matters.	Permanent Permanent	 Schedule of Ancient Monuments Listed building records General Files for Listed Buildings & some specific building files, Buildings at Risk Information 	

Permanent	Conservation areas including Article 4 directions – from date of designation, correspondence notes etc Historic Parks & Gardens all matters relating to correspondence notes etc Historic Publisher Create for
Retain for 7 years Retain for 5 years then destroy after administrative use concluded	 Historic Building Grants for individual properties including CAPS & HERS Urban Design general information in subject index eg Public Art mainly
Retain for 7 years after completion	 correspondence notes etc Files on individual Improvement Schemes (Implementation)

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Notes
9.4	Building Control – Building Control Matters	Electronically archive Building Regulation Full Plans and Building Notice Files and plans 3 years after expiry of decision date Retain electronic registers Permanent	 Building Regulation Full plans & Building Notices Files, plans and electronic register (plans & files received between 1987 to date Approved inspector Files, plans & electronic register Fensa electronic register 	

		Destroy hardcopy financial files 7 years after administrative use concluded Destroy other hardcopy files 15 years after administrative use has concluded	 Cavity Fill applications and electronic register Dangerous Buildings files and electronic register Demolition Notices files & electronic register
9.5	Development Control - Planning Applications	Permanent	 Planning application files and plans Appeal Documents Planning application register

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Notes
9.6	Development Control - Enforcement & Complaints	Permanent Retain for 5 years	 Enforcement Notices Planning Contravention Notices Breach of Condition Notices Section 215 Notices Stop Notices Enforcement Appeals Complaints (C files) 	These records contain confidential information
9.7	Development Control – Tree Preservation Orders	Permanent	Tree Preservation Orders	

			Requests for work to protected trees
9.8	Development Control and Forward Planning - General Correspondence letters	Retain for 5 years then destroy after administrative use concluded	 Requests for information on specified sites Determinations Pre-application advice S.106 information requests

Local Land Charges

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Notes
10.1	Register of Local Land Charges	Permanent. Transfer to Place of Deposit after administrative use is concluded	Electronic and paper documents	Local Land Charges Act 1975
10.2	Copies of completedsearches	6 years from completion		Common Practice
10.3	General correspondence relating to Local Land Charges	6 years after administrativeuse is concluded	Correspondence	Common Practice
10.4	Cashiers Receipts forcheques received	Shall be retained for 21 days to allow for reconciliation of payments received	Paper documents and electronic	A copy of F Ticket is held by Central Admin for a period of 7 years.

10.5	NLIS and TM Choice statements of electronic payments received by BACS. Used daily to reconcile payments received	Retain for 5 years then destroy after administrative use concluded	Received by email.	The statements are emailedto Finance who keep for a period of 7 years.

Infrastructure and Transport

Ref No	Function Description	Retention Period	Examples of Record	Reason
11.1	Infrastructure Management and Maintenance The activity of providing municipal services in relation to infrastructure within the local authority	Destroy 7 years after last action	 Street files Street records Requests for: Naming of streets Numbering of houses Street Signs 	

INDEX		Ballot papers Ballot paper accounts	1.3 1.3
A		Bank statements Best Value Review	6.3 2.20
Accession registers Accident book & reports –	2.9	Breach of Condition Notices Budget – quarterly statements Building Control, register of	9.6 6.12 9.4
Injuries to adults Accident book and reports – Injuries to children	8.7	Building management – project specifications	7.5
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