

GUIDE TO INFORMATION - Lister Housing Co-operative Ltd using the

Scottish Information Commissioner Model Publication Scheme 2018
Terms Used

Term Used	Explanation
FOISA	The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
EIRs	The Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004
MPS	The Model Publication Scheme A standard framework for authorities to publish information under FOISA approved by the Scottish Information Commissioner
MPS Principles	The six key principles with which all information published under the MPS must comply
Classes of Information	Nine broad categories describing the types of information authorities must publish (if they hold it)
SIC	The Scottish Information Commissioner
Guide to Information	A guide that every public authority adopting the MPS must produce to help people access the information it makes available

About Lister Housing Co-operative

Lister is a registered social landlord (RSL) that provides good quality social rented housing to those in housing and medical need in Edinburgh. We are small, compared to some RSLs, with 185 tenement flats in and around Lauriston Place in the Old Town of Edinburgh. We have a strong desire to create a good community and environment for our tenants and their families to grow up and live in. All our tenants have a £1 share in the co-operative and at the AGM in June elect members of the Management Committee.

Our Management Committee provides the strategic direction for Lister and ensures that we try to attain and maintain the highest level of standards and performance.

Introduction to Lister's Guide to Information

The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act) requires Scottish public authorities to adopt and maintain a publication scheme which has the approval of the Scottish Information Commissioner, and to publish information in accordance with that scheme. The publication scheme must:

publish the classes of information that the authority makes routinely available



 tell the public how to access the information and whether information is available free of charge or on payment

Lister has been designated as a Scottish Public Authority by an order made under section 5 of the Act, known as the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (Designation of Persons as Scottish Public Authorities) Order 2013.

Lister has adopted the Model Publication Scheme 2018 (MPS) which has been produced and approved by the Scottish Information Commissioner. The MPS is a standard framework for Scottish public authorities to publish the information they hold.

You can see this scheme on our website at: Click https://lister.coop/about-us/guide-to-information/ to access or by contacting us at the address in the Contact Us section if you prefer a copy to be provided to you in another format.

It is also available on the Scottish Information Commissioner's website. Click <u>here</u> to access.

The purpose of the Guide to Information is to:

- allow the public to see what information is available (and what is not available) for Lister in relation to each class in the MPS 2018
- · state what charges may be applied
- explain how to find the information easily
- provide contact details for enquiries and to get help with access to the information
- explain how to request information that has not been published.

Alongside the Act, the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs) provide a separate right of access to the environmental information that we hold. This guide to information also contains details of the environmental information that we routinely make available.

The Model Publication Scheme Principles

The MPS imposes six principles which govern the way we must make our information available through our Guide to Information:

- Principle 1: Availability and formats
- Principle 2: Exempt information
- Principle 3: Copyright and re-use
- Principle 4: Charges
- Principle 5: Advice and assistance
- Principle 6: Duration

Principle One: Availability and formats

The information published through the MPS is, wherever possible, available on our website. In the Classes of Information section, select the class required.



We offer alternative arrangements for people who do not want to, or cannot, access the information online or by inspection at our premises. For example, we can usually arrange to send information to you in paper copy (although there may be a charge for this – see Principle 4: Charges).

If you have any difficulty identifying the information you want to access, then please contact us to help you.

Lister Housing Co-operative Ltd, 36 Lauriston Place, Edinburgh, EH3 9EZ

0131 229 6176 info@lister.coop

Principle Two: Exempt information

We will publish all the information we hold that falls within the classes of information. If a document contains information that is exempt under Scotland's freedom of information laws (for example sensitive personal information or a trade secret), we will remove or redact (black out) the information before publication and explain why.

Principle Three: Copyright and re-use

Where Lister holds the copyright in its published information, the information may be copied or reproduced without formal permission, provided that:

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

Where Lister does not hold copyright in information we publish, we will make this clear.

Principle Four: Charges

This paper explains when we may make a charge for our publications and how any charge will be calculated.

Information on our website - available in our 'Guide to Information'

There is no charge to view information on our website or at our office.

We may charge for providing the information (available on our website) to you if you cannot view it online and wish to have a copy. We will charge you no more than it costs us to do so. We will always tell you what the cost is before providing the information to you. You must pay this charge in advance before we will provide the information.

Size of paper/format	Pence per sheet/cost
A4 black & white	10p
A3 black & white	20p
A4 colour	20p
A3 colour	40p



Format: computer discs	£0.50p per CD-ROM
Memory stick	£8 per memory stick

Postage Costs

Postage costs may be recharged at the rate we paid to send the information to you. Our charge is for sending information by Royal Mail First Class.

When providing copies of pre-printed publications, we will charge no more than the cost per copy of the total print run.

We do not pass on any other costs to you in relation to our published information (i.e. information available on our website).

Charges for information which is not available in the 'Guide to Information':

If you submit a request to us for information which is not available in this Guide, the charges will be based on the following two approaches:

Approach to charging for general FOISA information requests

- There will be no charge for information requests which cost us £100 or less to process.
- Where information costs between £100 and £600 to provide you may be asked to pay 10% of the cost. That is, if you were to ask for information that cost us £600 to provide, you would be asked to pay £50 calculated on the basis of a waiver for the first £100 and 10% of the remaining £500.
- We are not obliged to respond to requests which will cost us over £600 to process.
- In calculating any fee, staff time will be calculated at actual cost per staff member hourly salary rate to a maximum of £15 per person per hour.
- We do not charge for the time to determine whether we hold the information requested, nor for the time it takes to decide whether the information can be released. Charges may be made for locating, retrieving and providing information to you.
- In the event that we decide to impose a charge we will issue you with notification of the charge (a fees notice) and how it has been calculated. You will have three months from the date of issue of the fees notice in which to decide whether to pay the charge. The information will be provided to you on payment of the charge. If you decide not to proceed with the request there will be no charge to you.

Approach to charging for Environmental Information

Environmental information is provided under the EIRs rather than FOISA. The rules for charging for environmental information are slightly different.

We do not charge for the time to determine whether we hold the environmental information requested or deciding whether the information can be released. Charges may be made for locating, retrieving and providing information to you e.g. photocopying and postage. If we decide to impose a charge, we will issue you with notification of the charge and how it has been calculated. The information will be provided to you on payment of the charge. If you decide not to proceed with the request there will be no charge to you.



The charging structure for costs up to £600 is the same as for FOISA requests - seen above. Where it would cost more than £600 to provide the information to you, however, we will ask you to pay the full cost of providing the information, with no waiver for any portion of the cost.

Charge for a request of your own personal data

There is no charge* for requesting your own personal data under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) using a Subject Access Request. Please complete this form available on or website or here: https://lister.coop/for-tenants/access-to-personal-data-subject-access-request/

We must provide a copy of the information free of charge. *However, we can charge a 'reasonable fee' when a request is manifestly unfounded or excessive, particularly if it is repetitive. We may also charge a reasonable fee to comply with requests for further copies of the same information. This does not mean that we can charge for all subsequent access requests. The fee must be based on the administrative cost of providing the information.

Further information on GDPR can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office website. Click here to access. *Please note the ICO is a different organisation to the SIC.*

Principle 5: Advice and Assistance

You can contact us for assistance about any aspect of this publication scheme or help to find and request information:

Lister Housing Co-operative Ltd, 36 Lauriston Place, Edinburgh, EH3 9EZ

0131 229 6176 info@lister.coop

We will also advise you how to ask for information that we do not publish or how to complain if you are dissatisfied with any aspect of the publication scheme.

If you wish to make a request for information not contained in the publication scheme, you can could also click on this link and complete our form https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-FOI-EIR-Request-form.pdf?x28143

Principle 6: Duration

Once published through the Guide to Information, the Information will be available for the current and previous two financial years.

Where information has been updated or superseded, only the current version will be available (previous versions may be requested from Lister under section 1(1) of FOISA).

Our Guide to Information will contain a 'last reviewed' date showing when the document was last reviewed, to ensure it contains the most up to date information.

Records Management Policy

Lister regards its records as a major asset of the organisation. It confirms that its records are one of the essential resources which support management in the efficient and effective fulfilment of its governance, business and legal responsibilities. Lister's Records Management Policy can be found in Classes of Information - Class 5.



Classes of Information

The classes of information that we publish

We publish all the information that we hold within the following classes.

The classes are:

Class 1: About Lister

Class 2: How we deliver our functions and services

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

Class 4: What we spend and how we spend it

Class 5: How we manage our human, physical and information resources

Class 6: How we procure goods and services from external providers

Class 7: How we are performing

Class 8: Our commercial publications

Class 9: Our open data

Class 1: About Lister Housing Co-operative Ltd

Information about Lister, who we are, where to find us, how to contact us, how we are managed and our external relations.

We are an independent body with no subsidiaries, nor part of a group structure.

The information we publish under Class 1 includes:	How to access it
The Co-operative's aims and	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Aims-of-
objectives	<u>Lister-Housing-Co-op.pdf?x28143</u>
Business plan (Internal	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-
management plan)	Business-plan-2019-20.pdf?x28143
Lister's charter for our services	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-
	Service-Charter.pdf?x28143
Location of our activities	https://lister.coop/about-our-housing/
Contact arrangements for the	https://lister.coop/contact-us/
Lister office	
Model Publication Scheme 2018	http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/ScottishPublicAuthoriti
	<u>es/PublicationSchemes/TheModelPublicationScheme.aspx</u>
FOISA Guide to Information -	https://lister.coop/about-us/guide-to-information/
this document	
Charging scheme for information	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-
sought	Charging-policy-for-information.pdf?x28143



How to make a FOISA / EIRs	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-	
request	FOI-EIR-Request-form.pdf?x28143	
FOISA policy	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-	
	FOI-policy.pdf?x28143	
EIRs policy	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-	
	EIRs-policy.pdf?x28143	
About our Management		
Committee / Governance		
Information about our	https://lister.coop/get-involved/find-out-more-about-the-	
Management Committee	management-committee/	
Information on Management	https://lister.coop/about-us/management-committee/	
Committee members		
Our organisation chart and staff	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-	
structure	Organisation.pdf?x28143	
How to become part of the	https://lister.coop/get-involved/find-out-more-about-the-	
Management Committee	management-committee/	
Code of conduct for	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-MC-	
Management Committee	Code-conduct-Aug-2017.pdf?x28143	
members	111111111111111111111111111111111111111	
Rules of Lister (our constitution)	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Lister-	
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Standing orders	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-	
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Entitlement Payments & Benefits	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-	
Policy	EPB-policy.pdf?x28143	
Register of interests	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-	
Cift 8 hospitality policy	Register-of-interests-2019-20-summary.pdf?x28143	
Gift & hospitality policy	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-	
Membership policy	Gift-policy.pdf?x28143 https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-	
Wembership policy		
About our staff	Membership-policy.pdf?x28143	
	https://listor.com/phont.us/stoff/	
Staff list	https://lister.coop/about-us/staff/	
Code of conduct for staff	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-	
	Code-conduct-staff.pdf?x28143	
Corporate policies		
Data protection policy/GDPR	https://lister.coop/for-tenants/access-to-personal-data-	
	subject-access-request/	
Equal opportunities policy	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-	
	Equal-opportunity-policy.pdf?x28143	
Health & safety policy	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-	
	HS-policy.pdf?x28143	
Risk management strategy	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-	



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	Risk-mgmt-strategy.pdf?x28143
Sustainability policy	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-
	Sustainability-Green-policy.pdf?x28143
Unacceptable actions policy	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-
	<u>Unacceptable-actions-policy.pdf?x28143</u>
Relationship to regulators	
Engagement plan with Scottish	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Lister-
Housing Regulator (SHR)	Housing-Co-operative-Ltd-EP-April-19.pdf?x28143
Assurance Statement to tenants	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-
and to the SHR	150-AS-2019-no-signature.pdf?x28143
Annual Return on Charter	https://directory.scottishhousingregulator.gov.uk/pages/lan
submission to SHR	dlord.aspx?LAtoZNameQS=5B35826A-CFA9-E311-93F1-
	<u>005056B555E6</u>
Annual report/Charter report to	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Charter-
tenants	report-18-19-single-sided-web-reduced-photos.pdf?x28143
Financial Conduct Authority	https://mutuals.fca.org.uk/Search/Society/20474
(FCA) Mutuals register	
External and Internal audit	External= Chiene+Tait https://www.chiene.co.uk/
arrangements	Internal = Quinn IA&BSS https://quinninternalaudit.com/
Key partnerships	
The ARCHIE alliance	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/ARCHIE-
	for-FOISA-GtI.pdf?x28143
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Class 2: How we deliver our functions and services

Information about our work, our strategy and policies for delivering functions and services and information for our service users.

The information we publish under	How to access it
Class 2 includes:	
Our properties	https://lister.coop/about-our-housing/
List of services provided	https://lister.coop/for-tenants/
Services to those seeking housing	
How to apply for a property at Lister	https://lister.coop/apply-for-housing/
Services to our tenants	
How to report a repair	https://lister.coop/for-tenants/repairs/
Right to repair information	https://www2.gov.scot/resource/doc/46737/0028749.pdf
How to seek support from us on a	https://lister.coop/contact-us/
range of issues	
How we consult with tenants and	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-
other customers	HC-Tenant-participation-strategy.pdf?x28143
How to make a comment or a	https://lister.coop/about-us/complaints-and-
complaint	compliments/



Our housing management policies		
Allocation policy	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Lister-	
	HC-Allocations-policy-Feb2019.pdf?x28143	
Transfer policy	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Lister-	
	HC-Transfer-policy-Jan-19.pdf?x28143	
Asbestos management policy	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-	
	HC-Asbestos-policy.pdf?x28143	
Back green and garden policy	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-	
	HC-Back-greens-Gardens-policy.pdf?x28143	
Domestic abuse - Tenants &	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Lister-	
applicants	HC-MC-Nov-2019-Item-11b-Domestic-abuse-Tenants-	
	Applicants.pdf?x28143	
Estate management policy	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Liste	
	HC-Estate-management-policy.pdf?x28143	
Neighbour complaints procedure	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-	
	HC-Neighbour-complaints-procedure.pdf?x28143	
Repairs and maintenance policy	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-	
	HC-Repair-Maintenance-policy.pdf?x28143	
Rents and rent setting policies	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-	
	HC-Rent-and-Rent-setting-policy.pdf?x28143	
Rent point mechanism	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-	
	HC-Rent-point-mechanism.pdf?x28143	
Rent arrears policy	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-	
	HC-Rent-arrears-policy.pdf?x28143	

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.

The information we publish under Class 3 includes:	How to access it
Management Committee agendas and reports	https://lister.coop/get-
	involved/management-committee-
	agenda-papers/
Management Committee minutes	https://lister.coop/get-
	involved/management-committee-
	minutes/
Tenant participation strategy	https://lister.coop/wp-
	content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-
	Tenant-participation-
	strategy.pdf?x28143
Other ways we communicate and involve people	https://lister.coop/get-involved/
Registered Tenant Organisations	There are no RTOs at Lister at



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Class 4: What we spend and how we spend it

Information about our strategy for, and management of, financial resources (in sufficient detail to explain how we plan to spend public money and what has actually been spent).

The information we publish under Class 4 includes:	How to access it
Funding sources	https://lister.coop/wp-
	content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-
	Funding-sources-2019-20.pdf?x28143
Financial Statement 2018-19	https://lister.coop/wp-
	content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-
	Fin-Stats-2018-19.pdf?x28143
Annual report 2018-19	https://lister.coop/wp-
	content/uploads/2019/10/Charter-
	report-18-19-single-sided-web-
	reduced-photos.pdf?x28143
Annual budget	https://lister.coop/wp-
	content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-
	budget-19-20-final.pdf?x28143
Financial regulations	https://lister.coop/wp-
	content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-
	Financial-Regulations.pdf?x28143
Committee member/Senior staff expenses	https://lister.coop/wp-
	content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-
	expenses-claimed-2019-
	20.pdf?x28143
Staff pension - general information	https://lister.coop/wp-
	content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-
	staff-pension-
	arrangements.pdf?x28143
Pay & grading structure	https://lister.coop/wp-
	content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-
	pay-structure.pdf?x28143
Donations policy	https://lister.coop/wp-
	content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-
	Donations-policy.pdf?x28143



Class 5: How we manage our human, physical and information resources

Information about how we manage the human, physical and information resources of the authority.

The information we publish under Class 5	How to access it
includes:	
Accessibility and Lister's office	https://lister.coop/wp-
	content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-
	Access-to-office-policy.pdf?x28143
Alcohol Drugs & Substance Abuse Policy	https://lister.coop/wp-
	content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-
	Alcohol-Drugs-misuse-
	policy.pdf?x28143
Documents retention/Records management	https://lister.coop/about-
	us/freedom-of-information/
EVH Staff conditions of service	https://lister.coop/wp-
	content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-
	Conditions-of-service.pdf?x28143
Gift policy	https://lister.coop/wp-
	content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-
	Gift-policy.pdf?x28143
Management Committee conflict of interest procedure	https://lister.coop/wp-
	content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-
	Ctte-conflict-of-interest-
	procedure.pdf?x28143
Recruitment policy	https://lister.coop/wp-
	content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-
	Recruitment-policy.pdf?x28143
Stress policy	https://lister.coop/wp-
	content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-
	Stress-policy.pdf?x28143
Whistleblowing policy	https://lister.coop/wp-
	content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-
	Whistleblowing-policy.pdf?x28143

Class 6: How we procure goods and services from external providers

Information about how we procure goods and services, and our contracts with external providers.

The information we publish under Class 6	How to access it
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includes:	
Procurement Policies	https://lister.coop/wp-
	content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-
	Procurement-policy.pdf?x28143
Contracts register	https://lister.coop/wp-
	content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-
	Contracts-register-2018-
	19.pdf?x28143

Class 7: How we are performing

Information about how we perform as an organisation, and how well we deliver our functions and services.

The information we publish	How to access it
under Class 7 includes:	
Charter & Target outcomes	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lister-HC-
	Charter-target-outcomes-2018-19.pdf?x28143
_	https://directory.scottishhousingregulator.gov.uk/pages/landlor
	d.aspx?LAtoZNameQS=5B35826A-CFA9-E311-93F1-
	<u>005056B555E6</u>
Annual report/Charter report	https://lister.coop/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Charter-
	report-18-19-single-sided-web-reduced-photos.pdf?x28143

Class 8: Our commercial publications

Information packaged and made available for sale on a commercial basis and sold at market value through a retail outlet e.g. bookshop, museum or research journal.

The information we publish under Class 8 includes:	How to access it
Lister does not hold or publish any information under this class.	n/a

Class 9: Our open data

Open data made available by the authority as described by the Scottish Government's Open Data Resource Pack and available under an open licence.

The information we publish under Class 9 includes:	How to access it
Lister does not hold or publish any information under this class.	n/a

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