

Middlesbrough Council's Statement of Public Task 2018-21

1. This statement sets out the functions carried out by Middlesbrough Council that are within our public task under the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015 (the '2015 Regulations'). Re-use means the use of information for a purpose other than the initial purpose for which it was produced, held, collected or disseminated.

Background

2. Middlesbrough Council was formed (under the Local Government Act 1972) on 1 April 1974, from part of the former County Borough of Teesside. It was a district, and the county town of the county of Cleveland until 1996, when it became a unitary local authority. The Council is supported by staff based in offices throughout the town and surrounding area.

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3. The Council exercises its functions (that is, its powers and duties) under numerous Acts of Parliament. A comprehensive list of local authority duties (not all of which apply to the Council) can be found at data.gov.uk. A list of services provided by local authorities (not all of which are provided by the Council) is maintained by the Local Government Association [here](#).
4. We collect, produce, hold, and use information in line with our public task:
 - in any and all formats and media;
 - in physical and digital form, both online and offline; and
 - on premises and externally.

5. We routinely share information, legally and securely, with a range of partners, contractors, and regulators, in order to fulfil our functions.

Access and licensing

6. Details of information that we have already published for re-use can be found on the [Open Data](#) and [Publication Scheme](#) pages on our website. Guidance on re-use is available [here](#). For permission to access and / or re-use previously unreleased information, or for general queries, please contact: informationgovernance@middlesbrough.gov.uk. We will respond within 20 working days, though this may be extended in complex cases.
7. Unless the information is excluded by the 2015 Regulations, all information held by the Council is generally available for re-use under [Open Government Licence](#), and is marked as such when published. There are a number of [exclusions](#), such as where the copyright for information is held by a third party, or where access is restricted under other legislation such as the Data Protection Act 1998, the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 or the INSPIRE regulations.

Review and complaints

8. This statement will be reviewed in March 2021, or earlier in the event of changes to regulations. If you have any queries on this public task statement, please contact: informationgovernance@middlesbrough.gov.uk. If you have a complaint about the Council under the 2015 Regulations, you can submit this [here](#).