

Retention of Documents and Records

This policy details the minimum retention time required for council documents before disposal in order for the council to comply with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Publication Scheme. Where variable times are indicated the Council will review storage after the minimum period has elapsed.

<u>Document</u>	Minimum Period	Reason
MINUTES Approved minutes Draft/rough/notes of minutes taken at meetings	Indefinite Until minutes are approved	Archive Management
FINANCE Receipt and Payment Accounts Paid invoices VAT records Bank Statements Paying in books Cheque stubs Scales of fees and charges Members allowances register	Indefinite 6 years 6 years Last completed audit year Last completed audit year Last completed audit year 5 years 6 years	Archive VAT VAT Audit Audit Audit Management Tax, Statute of Limitations
INSURANCE Insurance policies Certificates of Employers' Liability Insurance	2 years 40 years	Management Limitation period
OTHER Quotations and tenders Title deeds, leases, agreements, contracts Routine correspondence, papers & emails Notes from meetings	12 years /indefinite Indefinite Until minutes are confirmed	Statute of Limitations Audit, Management Retain as long as useful Minutes are signed