

Addendum to the West Oxfordshire District Council

Statement of Community Involvement (February 2020)

This short statement is an addendum to the West Oxfordshire Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). It has been prepared to reflect the particular, exceptional circumstances presented by the Covid-19 pandemic.

In accordance with legislative requirements, the SCI commits the District Council in a number of instances to making physical hard copies of documents available for inspection at appropriate 'deposit' locations including the District Council's Offices and local libraries. This is to ensure that anyone who does not have access to the internet is not unreasonably disadvantaged.

As these deposit locations are likely to remain closed for a reasonable period of time or at least operating in a more limited manner, it may well be the case that the Council is unable to make hard copies of documents available as indicated in the adopted SCI.

In such instances, the Council commits to making all reasonable endeavours to provide hard copies of documents to those who may not be able to access electronic documents online.

This could include for example providing contact details in the locations where the physical, hard copy documents would normally be made available, so that people are able to make individual requests for hard copies to be made available.

These and other potential measures will be considered as appropriate, in order to ensure that no one group or individual is disadvantaged by not being able to access hard copy documents during the pandemic.