

Salford City Council Primary Privacy Notice

Who we are

Salford City Council is committed to ensuring that we are transparent about the ways in which we use your personal information and that we have the right controls in place to ensure it is used responsibly and is kept safe from inappropriate access, theft or misuse.

We provide a broad range of services as well as undertaking regulatory and administrative activities. These include the provision of education, child protection and care services (supporting early years, vulnerable adults and the elderly), the collection of taxes, administration of local welfare benefits and grants as well as our regulatory, enforcement and licensing activities.

This notice explains how we use your personal information and tells you about your privacy rights and how the law protects you.

Data Protection law is to change on 25 May 2018 and we have included most of your rights under the new laws in this notice.

What is personal information?

Personal information can be anything that identifies and relates to a living person. This can include information that when linked with other information, allows a person to be uniquely identified. For example, this could be your name and contact details.

The law treats some types of personal information as 'special' because the information requires more protection due to its sensitivity. This information consists of:

- Racial or ethnic origin
- Sexuality and sexual life
- Religious or philosophical beliefs
- Trade union membership
- Political opinions
- Genetic and bio-metric data
- Physical or mental health
- Criminal convictions and offences

Purposes

Your personal information may be collected and used for one or more council services, regulatory functions and/or administrative activities depending on your relationship with the Council and nature of your contact with us.

Generally, we may need to use some information about you:

- in delivering services and support by ensuring other statutory or voluntary agencies with whom the council is working, are able to deliver 'joined up' services to you
- in planning future services;
- collecting taxes, administering grants and welfare benefits
- for managing and checking the quality of our services;
- keeping track of spending on services;
- if you apply for a job or become employed by us;
- for ensuring the health and safety of our staff
- to help investigate any concerns or complaints you have about our services and for answering enquiries under information access legislation;
- in carrying out our regulatory activities, such as enforcement, planning, safeguarding, licencing etc.;
- to improve the general experience of our customers and of visitors to our websites
- for managing any online transactions you may elect to make and/or marketing choices or preferences you may have expressed
- in the event of civil disasters and/or emergencies
- for archiving, research, or statistical purposes

Legal basis and information sharing

Generally we collect personal information where:

- you, or your legal representative, have given consent
- you have entered into a contract with us
- it is required by law (such as where this is mandated by statute or under a court order)
- it is necessary to perform statutory functions (including law enforcement functions)
- it is necessary for employment related purposes
- it is necessary to deliver health or social care services
- it is necessary to protect you or others from harm (e.g.in an emergency or civil disaster)
- it is necessary to protect public health
- it is necessary for exercising or defending legal rights
- you have made your information publicly available
- it is necessary for archiving, research, or statistical purposes
- it is necessary in the substantial public interest for wider societal benefits and is authorised by law
- it is necessary for fraud prevention and the protection of public funds
- when it is in our legitimate interests (or those of a third party) provided your interests and fundamental rights do not override those interests

Your personal information may also be shared with other organisations, such as those who assist us in providing services and those who perform technical operations such as data storage and hosting on our behalf.

These practical arrangements and the laws governing the sharing and disclosure of personal information often differ from one service to another.

For this reason, each of our key service areas provide additional information about how we collect and use your information. These notices explain:

- why we need your information
- who else we obtain or receive it from
- the legal basis for collection and the choices you have
- who we share it with and why
- whether decisions which legally affect you are made solely using machine based technologies
- how long we keep your information
- how to exercise your rights

Our service specific privacy notices will be published here on or soon after 25 May 2018.

Data Transfers beyond EEA

We will only send your data outside the European Economic Area ('EEA'):

- with your consent, or
- to comply with a lawful and legitimate request, or
- if we use service providers or contractors in non EEA countries.

If we do transfer your information beyond the EEA, we will make sure that it is protected in the same way as if it was being used in the EEA. We will use one of these safeguards:

- Transfer it to a non EEA country with privacy laws that give the same protection as the EEA.
- Put in place a contract with the recipient that means they must protect it to the same standards as the EEA.

Click [here](#) to learn more or visit the European Commission Justice Website at https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-topic/data-protection_en

- Transfer it to organisations that are part of the Privacy Shield. This is a framework that sets privacy standards for data sent between the US and EU countries. It makes sure those standards are similar to what is used within the EEA.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the Privacy Shield or visit https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-topic/data-protection/data-transfers-outside-eu/eu-us-privacy-shield_en

If we propose to make a transfer in response to a lawful and legitimate request we will normally tell you in advance unless there are compelling reasons, such as law enforcement or, reasons of safety which justify not doing so.

Automated decisions

If we make a decision which legally affects you by using a computerised system or programme that does not involve a human being, our service specific privacy notices will explain this. For more information about how to exercise your rights visit our website at www.salford.gov.uk/gdpr which includes the procedure to ask us for an automated decision to be reviewed by an appropriate officer.

Data retention/criteria

We will only keep your personal information for as long as the law specifies or where the law does not specify this, for the length of time determined by our business requirements.

How we keep your information safe

We are committed to ensuring your personal information is safe and protected from accidental loss or alteration, inappropriate access, misuse or theft.

As well as technical, physical and organisational controls, we recognise that a well-trained, informed and security alert workforce minimises privacy risks from human error and/or threats from malicious acts.

We require our service providers to implement appropriate industry standard security measures and only permit them to process your personal information for specified purposes in accordance with our contractual instructions.

Your rights

You may exercise your rights as listed below in relation to the council's use of your personal information. Some rights are absolute and others are not.

For more information about how to exercise your rights visit our website at www.salford.gov.uk/gdpr. Alternatively you can visit the Information Commissioner's web site at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Access:

You may request a copy of the personal information we hold about you.

Rectification & Erasure:

You may request that we rectify or delete any of your personal information if you consider it is incomplete, factually incorrect, processed unlawfully or, is unnecessary or no longer needed.

Review of automated decision making:

Where we use only an automated system or programme that does not involve a human being, you have the right to request that a decision which legally affects you is reviewed by an appropriate officer.

Objection:

You may object at any time, to your personal information being processed. This applies to processing:

- carried out in performance of our statutory functions or in the public interest, including 'profiling'
- for direct marketing purposes

Restriction of Processing:

You may request restriction of processing (quarantining) of your personal information for certain reasons for example:

- if you have objected to the processing or asked us for erasure and we need time to consider your request and let you know our decision
- you require us to retain your information for the establishment, exercise or defence of your own legal rights

Data Portability:

In defined circumstances either where the processing relies on your consent or arises out of a legal contract, you may request we supply a copy of personal information that you have provided to us in a portable and machine readable format

Right to Withdraw Consent:

Where the legal reason for processing your personal information is based on your consent, you have the right to withdraw your consent at any time, without affecting the lawfulness of our processing prior to the withdrawal of your consent.

How to exercise your rights

If you wish to exercise any of your rights including where you are seeking a copy of your personal information, please submit your request to infogovernance@salford.gov.uk or by post to:

Information Governance Team
Legal & Governance
Salford City Council
Civic Centre
Chorley Rd
Swinton
M27 5DA

How to raise a concern

If you wish to raise a concern about the council's handling of your personal information, you can contact our Data Protection Officer (DPO) at infogovernance@salford.gov.uk or by post to:

Data Protection Officer
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Salford City Council
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Chorley Rd
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Whether you are exercising your rights or raising a concern, you will normally need to include documents that prove your identity as well as a clear and precise description of your request/concern.

We will process requests in accordance with the legislative framework and statutory timescales and inform you should an extension of time be necessary.

Complaints

If you are not satisfied with the way we have answered a request from you or handled your personal information, you have the right to make a complaint to the Information Commissioner who may be contacted at <https://ico.org.uk/>

This right is not dependant on you raising a complaint with us first but we would encourage you to contact our DPO (contact details above) so we can consider your concerns as quickly as possible

Cookies

Click [here](#) to find out how we use cookies or visit our website at: <https://www.salford.gov.uk/legal-notices/privacy-statement/cookies/>.

Updates

We may update or revise this Privacy Notice at any time. Please refer to the version published on our website for the most up to date details at www.salford.gov.uk/gdpr.

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