

### **3. PREPARING THE PUBLICATION SCHEME**

#### **Structure of the Publication Scheme**

This publication scheme is an adoption of a model scheme developed by Scottish Local Authorities for Scottish Local Authorities. The model scheme sets a standard of excellence in making published information available. By adopting the model, Angus Council has signed up to this standard.

The model scheme was based on a generic template provided by the Scottish Information Commissioner and subsequently developed by local authority representatives to reflect the huge range of information published by Scottish Councils, and meet the requirements of FOISA and the Scottish Information Commissioner. It also includes a standard scheme for classifying information, based on the Scottish Navigation List (SNL), which was developed on behalf of all Scottish local authorities, and launched in March 2007 (see Section 13 for more on SNL).

The text and classification scheme have been supplemented, where appropriate, by the addition of local details relevant to Angus Council. This may mean, for example, the inclusion of specific information about the Council and how it works, local Council contact details, or reference/links to particular local documents. It will also indicate where certain information described in the classes is NOT published by Angus Council or an indication that a particular class of information is not relevant to Angus Council.

When preparing or reviewing our publication scheme, we are obliged by FOISA to have due regard to the public interest in providing access to the information that we hold which relates to:

- the services we provide;
- the costs of those services;
- the standard of those services;
- the facts and analyses that inform the important decisions we take; and
- the reasoning that informs our decisions

#### **Consultation**

The group of local authorities who developed this model consulted widely to ensure it would be fit for purpose. The consultation exercise canvassed views from:

- The Improvement Service
- All 32 local authorities in Scotland
- ASLAWG (Archivists of Scottish Local Authorities Working Group)
- The Records Management Society of Scotland
- The Scottish Government