

APUC Ltd. (including its subsidiary UCSS Ltd.)

GUIDE TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE THROUGH THE MODEL PUBLICATION SCHEME 2018

The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act) requires Scottish public authorities to produce and maintain a publication scheme. Authorities are under a legal obligation to:

- publish the classes of information that they make routinely available
- tell the public how to access the information and what it might cost.

APUC Ltd. and its subsidiary UCSS Ltd. have adopted the Model Publication Scheme 2018 produced by the Scottish Information Commissioner. This scheme will be reviewed annually

You can see this scheme on our [website](#) or by contacting us at the address below.

The purpose of this Guide to Information is to:

- allow you to see what information is available (and what is not available) in relation to each class,
- state what charges may be applied
- explain how you can find the information easily
- provide contact details for enquiries and to get help with accessing the information
- explain how to request information we hold that has not been published

Availability and formats

The information we publish through the model scheme is, wherever possible, available on our website. We offer alternative arrangements for people who do not want to, or cannot, access the information online or by inspection at our premises. For example, we can usually arrange to send information to you in paper copy (although there may be a charge for this).

Exempt information

We will publish the information we hold that falls within the classes of information below. If a document contains information that is exempt under Scotland's freedom of information laws (for example sensitive personal information or a trade secret), we may remove or redact the information before publication, but we will explain why.

Copyright

Where APUC Ltd holds the copyright in its published information, the information may be copied or reproduced without formal permission, provided that:

- it is copied or reproduced accurately
- it is not used in a misleading context
- the source of the material is identified, and
- it is not used for gain or any part resold or traded

Where APUC Ltd does not hold the copyright in information we publish, we will make this clear.

Charges

This section explains when we may make a charge for our publications and how any charge will be calculated.

There is no charge to view information on our website or at our premises.

If the cost is more than £100, but up to and including £600, we can charge you 10% of the difference between these two amounts. So the maximum we could charge you would be £50. For example, if our cost is £200, we can only charge you £10 (10% of the difference between £200 and £100).

If the total cost is more than £600, we can refuse your request, but we will offer to advise you how to reduce the cost by making changes to your request. We can choose to respond to requests which cost more than £600 if we want to, but we may first ask you to pay the full cost above the £600 limit.

Contact us

You can contact us for assistance with any aspect of this publication scheme:

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APUC Ltd,
Unit 27
Stirling Business Centre
Wellgreen
Stirling
FK8 2DZ

Tel: 0131 442 8930

E-mail: mcaithness@apuc-scot.ac.uk

We will also be pleased to advise you how to ask for information that we do not publish or how to complain if you are dissatisfied with any aspect of this publication scheme.

The classes of information that we publish

We publish information that we hold within the following classes. Once information is published under a class we will continue to make it available for the current and previous two financial years.

Where information has been updated or superseded, only the current version will be available.

If you would like to see previous versions, you are welcome to make a request to us for that information.

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| CLASS 1: ABOUT APUC Ltd. |
| Class description: Information about APUC Ltd., who we are, where to find us, how to contact us, how we are managed and our external relations |

| The information we publish under this class | How to access it |
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| <p>General information about APUC Ltd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Authority name, address and contact details for headquarters and satellite offices Link to APUC website - Organisational structure, roles and responsibilities of senior officers Link to APUC website - Business opening hours Link to APUC website - Contact details for customer care and complaints functions Link to APUC website - Publication scheme and guide to information. <p>Charging schedule for published information Link to APUC website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact details and advice about how to request information from the authority. Link to APUC website | <p>Via the links to our website shown opposite</p> <p>or</p> <p>By writing, telephoning or emailing the above contact person</p> <p>or</p> <p>By visiting APUC Ltd/UCSS Ltd headquarters at Unit 27, Stirling Business Centre, Wellgreen, Stirling FK8 2DZ</p> |
| <p>Constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legal framework for APUC Ltd, including constitution, articles of association. Link to APUC website , Link to APUC website | <p>Via the link to our website shown opposite</p> <p>or</p> <p>By writing, telephoning or emailing the above contact person</p> <p>or</p> <p>By visiting APUC Ltd headquarters at Unit 27, Stirling Business Centre, Wellgreen, Stirling FK8 2DZ</p> |
| <p>How the authority is run</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Description of governance structure, Board, committees and other decision making structures Link to governance structure; Link to APUC Board - Names of, responsibilities of and (work-related) biographical details of the people who make strategic and operational decisions about the performance of | <p>Via the links to our website shown opposite (where included)</p> <p>or</p> <p>By writing, telephoning or emailing the above contact person</p> <p>or</p> <p>By visiting APUC Ltd/UCSS Ltd headquarters at</p> |

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| <p>function and/or delivery of services by APUC Ltd Link to APUC website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Governance policies including code of conduct and register of interests | <p>Unit 27, Stirling Business Centre, Wellgreen, Stirling FK8 2DZ</p> |
| <p>Corporate planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mission statement Link to APUC website - Corporate plan - Corporate strategies and policies Link to APUC website | <p>Via our website at http://www.apuc-scot.ac.uk/ for APUC / UCSS corporate information.</p> <p>or</p> <p>By writing, telephoning or emailing the above contact person</p> <p>or</p> <p>By visiting APUC Ltd/UCSS Ltd headquarters at Unit 27, Stirling Business Centre, Wellgreen, Stirling FK8 2DZ</p> |
| <p>External relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Audit arrangements Link to APUC website - Subsidiary company (UCSS Ltd) - Strategic agreements with other bodies Link to APUC website | <p>By writing, telephoning or emailing the above contact person</p> <p>or</p> <p>By visiting APUC Ltd/UCSS Ltd headquarters at Unit 27, Stirling Business Centre, Wellgreen, Stirling FK8 2DZ</p> |

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| CLASS 2: HOW APUC Ltd. DELIVERS OUR FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES |
| <p>Class description:</p> <p>Information about our work, our strategy and policies for delivering functions and services and information for our service users.</p> |

| The information we publish under this class | How to access it |
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| <p>Functions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Description of functions Link to APUC website - Strategies and policies Link to APUC website - How to report a concern to APUC Ltd Link to website - Statutory registers | <p>Via the links to our website shown opposite (where included)</p> <p>or</p> <p>By writing, telephoning or emailing the above contact person</p> <p>or</p> <p>By visiting APUC Ltd headquarters at Unit 27, Stirling Business Centre, Wellgreen, Stirling FK8 2DZ</p> |
| <p>Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - List of services Link to APUC website - Information for service users, including how to access the services Link to APUC website | <p>Via the links to our website shown opposite (where included)</p> <p>or</p> <p>By writing, telephoning or emailing the above contact person</p> <p>or</p> <p>By visiting APUC Ltd headquarters at Unit 27, Stirling Business Centre, Wellgreen, Stirling FK8 2DZ</p> |

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| CLASS 3: HOW APUC Ltd. TAKES DECISIONS AND WHAT IT HAS DECIDED |
| <p>Class description:</p> <p>Information about the decisions we take, how we make decisions and how we involve others</p> |

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| <p>Decision making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decisions taken by the organisation: agendas, reports and papers provided for consideration and minutes of Board (or equivalent) meetings Link to APUC website | <p>Via the link to our website shown opposite</p> <p>or</p> <p>By writing, telephoning or emailing the above contact person</p> <p>or</p> <p>By visiting APUC Ltd headquarters at Unit 27, Stirling Business Centre, Wellgreen, Stirling FK8 2DZ</p> |

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| CLASS 4: WHAT APUC Ltd. SPENDS AND HOW IT SPENDS IT |
| <p>Class description:</p> <p>Information about our strategy for, and management of, financial resources (in sufficient detail to explain how we plan to spend public money and what has actually been spent.</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial statements, including annual accounts - Financial policies and procedures for budget allocation - Budget allocation to key policy / function / service areas - Financial administration manual / internal financial regulations - Expenses policies and procedures - Board member remuneration other than expenses - Pay and grading structure (levels of pay rather than individual salaries) | <p>Visit Companies House website for annual financial statements.</p> <p>or</p> <p>By writing, telephoning or emailing the above contact person</p> <p>or</p> <p>By visiting APUC Ltd headquarters at Unit 27, Stirling Business Centre, Wellgreen, Stirling FK8 2DZ</p> |

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| CLASS 5: HOW APUC Ltd. MANAGES ITS HUMAN, PHYSICAL AND INFORMATION RESOURCES |
| Class description: Information about how we manage the human, physical and information resources of APUC Ltd. |

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| <p>Human resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategy and management of human resources. - Staffing structure Link to APUC website - Human resources policies, procedures and guidelines, including: recruitment, performance management, salary and grading, promotion, pensions, discipline, grievance, staff development, staff records | <p>Via the links to our website shown opposite (where included) or By writing, telephoning or emailing the above contact person or By visiting APUC Ltd headquarters at Unit 27, Stirling Business Centre, Wellgreen, Stirling FK8 2DZ</p> |
| <p>Information resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Records management policy, including records retention schedule - Information governance / asset management policies and procedures - Knowledge management policies and procedures - FOI policies and procedures Link to APUC website Data Protection or Privacy policy Link to APUC website | <p>By writing, telephoning or emailing the above contact person or By visiting APUC Ltd headquarters at Unit 27, Stirling Business Centre, Wellgreen, Stirling FK8 2DZ</p> |

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| CLASS 6: HOW APUC Ltd. PROCURES GOODS AND SERVICES FROM EXTERNAL PROVIDERS |
| Class description: Information about how we procure goods and services, and our contracts with external providers |

| The information we publish under this class | How to access it |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Procurement policies and procedures Link to APUC website - Invitations to tender Link to APUC website - List of contracts which have gone through formal tendering, including name of supplier, period of contract, and value. Link to APUC website+ 3 | <p>Via the links to our website shown opposite (where included) or By writing, telephoning or emailing the above contact person or By visiting APUC Ltd headquarters at Unit 27, Stirling Business Centre, Wellgreen, Stirling FK8 2DZ</p> |

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| CLASS 7: HOW APUC Ltd. IS PERFORMING |
| <p>Class description:</p> <p>Information about how APUC Ltd. performs as an organisation, and how well we delivers our functions and services</p> |

| The information we publish under this class | How to access it |
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| - External reports e.g. annual report Link to APUC website | <p>Via the links to our website shown opposite (where included)</p> <p>or</p> <p>By writing, telephoning or emailing the above contact person</p> <p>or</p> <p>By visiting APUC Ltd headquarters at Unit 27, Stirling Business Centre, Wellgreen, Stirling FK8 2DZ</p> |

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| CLASS 8: OUR COMMERCIAL PUBLICATIONS |
| <p>Class description:</p> <p>Information packaged and made available for sale on a commercial basis and sold at market value through a retail outlet e.g. bookshop, museum or research journal.</p> |

| The information we publish under this class | How to access it |
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| None of the information APUC Ltd publishes currently falls into this category. If this situation changes, information on how to access it will be added to this guide and made available on our website. | Not applicable |

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| CLASS 9: OUR OPEN DATA |
| Class description: The open data we make available as described by the Scottish Government's Open Data Strategy and Resource Pack, available under an open licence. |

| The information we publish under this class | How to access it |
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| We do not hold or publish information under this class. If this situation changes, information on how to access it will be added to this guide and made available on our website. | Not applicable |

Summary of changes

| Date | Action by | Revision | Change description |
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| 3/7/18 | M.Caithness | 2017 | Updated some links to website information |
| 4/12/18 | M.Caithness | 2018 | Class 1: UCSS website links added |
| | | | Class 2: UCSS website links added |
| | | | Class 5: UCSS website links added, FOI and Privacy links added |
| | | | Class 9: section added |
| 23/3/21 | M.Caithness | 2021 | All UCSS website links removed |
| 15/9/21 | M.Caithness | 2021 | Class 6 link to procedures updated |
| 7/10/24 | M.Caithness | 2024 | Charges detail updated |
| 20/10/24 | M.Caithness | 2025 | Links to tender page changed to suppliers page |
| 31/3/26 | M.Caiothness | 2026 | Updated links for new website |