



Freedom of Information Publication Directory

Open Objects' Freedom of Information Publications Directory

provides a comprehensive online solution for public bodies to meet their FOI obligations. The Directory enables you to pull together documents from around your organisation and present them online to the public using the new standard publications scheme mandated by the Information Commissioners Office and which comes into force from 1st January 2009.

The Directory will integrate seamlessly into your corporate website, enabling your organisation to achieve full ICO compliance with a simple to implement, **cost effective** solution making **substantial savings for your organisation**.

Meeting the Standards

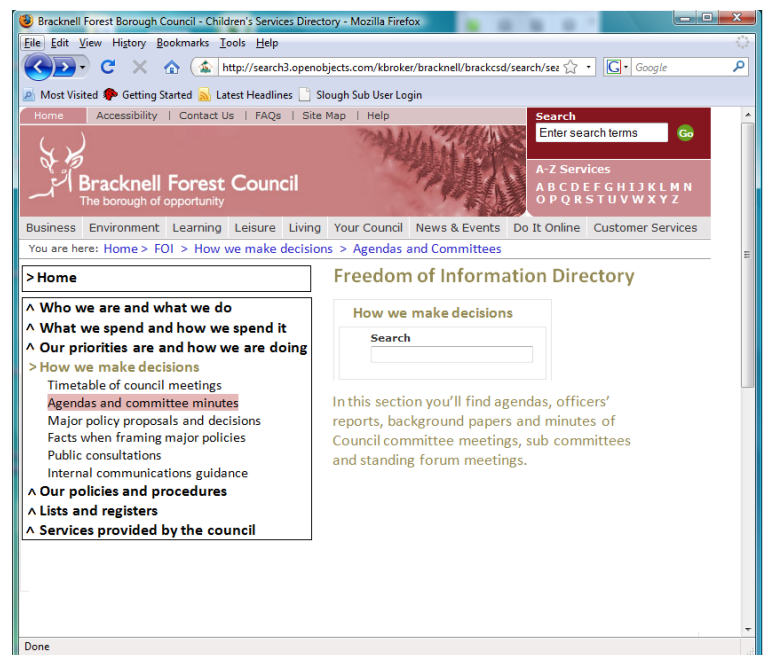
Section 19 of the Freedom of Information Act obliges every public authority to adopt an approved Publication Scheme. The intention of a Publication Scheme is to require authorities to make certain kinds of information routinely available to the public. The ICO has therefore approved (under section 20 of the Act) a model scheme which is suitable for every public authority to adopt with effect from 1 January 2009. The approval of all current schemes expires on 31 December 2008 so you need to act now!

Open Objects Solution

Open Objects FOI Directory is available for immediate deployment as an **off-the-shelf solution**. You will have access to a directory with an online administration area within days of placing your order so you don't have to waste time and effort developing costly, bespoke solutions.

The main benefits are:

- The system comes "off the shelf" ready to use with required pre-set categories (information classes) as defined by the ICO.
- The in-context information guide provides pre-set text templates creating a comprehensive guide to information classes and the information to expect in each class in an easy to follow web interface.
- Users will be able to instantly access content via a powerful free text search engine, browsing the category structure or using the A to Z.
- The directory is delivered as micro-web site which seamlessly integrates into your web site branded with your own and look and feel.
- A fast track delivery with access to your own admin area within days of your placing your order.
- You can allow users to download information if appropriate or submit FOI requests via standard web forms.
- Web based administration area for management of all FOI resources. Including internal search, document store and automated link checking and link management.





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Technical Information

The solution is fully compliant with accessibility standards such as e-GIF and eGMS with an optional SOAP web service interface if required so you can surface the Directory through your own CMS if required. The Directory can easily be linked in to any Government's web site within your own domain and branding giving a completely seamless user experience.

Built on Open Objects *Datastore*TM Technology

Open Objects *Datastore*TM is a flexible database designed to provide an online home for all types of data and content. It can be used for single datasets or combined datasets from multiple sources. All types of online directory, catalogue, listings and shared datasets can be managed within the *Datastore*TM.

Next Steps

For a more information and an online demonstration please contact Open Objects by phone (01223 422200) or email (info@openobjects.com) quoting reference "FOI".

FOI SOLUTION CHECKLIST

ICO Requirements	Open Objects Solution
2009 ICO Scheme Compatible	✓ Full ICO compliance
Information provided on a web site	✓ Full Web based solution with search, browse and A to Z interface.
Must provide guide to the information	✓ Off the shelf in context intuitive user guide
Publish information according to ICO defined information classes	✓ Solution is pre-configured with ICO classes and can cater for additional localised customisations
Online for January 2009	✓ Fast track solution delivered within 3 weeks of your order

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