



# Privacy Notice – Financial Management Unit – Payments to Suppliers

## Our contact details

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## The personal information we collect

The Financial Management Unit will collect and process personal information at the start of, and for the duration of, your relationship with us as a supplier of goods and services to West Lothian Council. We will limit the collection and processing of information to that necessary for the services identified in this notice. This information will include:

- Supplier information including: name, address, email address, telephone number and bank details

## How we get your personal information and why we have it.

The personal information we process is provided to us directly by you through a supplier application form for the following reason:

- Making payments for goods and services supplied to the council

Under data protection law, the lawful basis we rely on for processing this information is:

**We have a contractual obligation** – West Lothian Council has a contract with you and we need to process your personal data to comply with our obligations under the contract e.g. to make payment to you.

The personal information you send us may also be used internally within the council for the prevention and detection of fraud.

Under data protection law, the lawful basis we rely on for processing this information is:

The council is legally obliged to safeguard public funds. Section 95 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 provides that the council is obliged to make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial matters.

## **Who we will share your information with?**

The Financial Management Unit will use and share your information where it is necessary for us to fulfil our statutory and legal responsibilities.

The council is required by law to participate in National Fraud Initiative (NFI) data matching exercises. This involves supplier and payment information being shared with Audit Scotland for the purposes of detection of fraud and other crime.

We share supplier and payment information with partner organisations such as Police Scotland for the purpose of the prevention and detection of crime.

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## **How long do we keep your information?**

The Financial Management Unit create records that contain personal information, such as supplier payment profiles. We manage our records to help us to comply with legal and statutory requirements. Records help us demonstrate that we are meeting our responsibilities and to keep evidence of our activities.

Retention periods for records are determined based on the type of record, the nature of the activity or service and the legal or statutory requirements. Supplier records and related transactional information is held for 7 years after the last payment is processed.

## Your rights

Under data protection law, you have rights including:

**Your right of access** - You have the right to ask us for copies of your personal information.

**Your right to rectification** - You have the right to ask us to rectify personal information you think is inaccurate. You also have the right to ask us to complete information you think is incomplete.

**Your right to erasure** - You have the right to ask us to erase your personal information in certain circumstances.

**Your right to restriction of processing** - You have the right to ask us to restrict the processing of your personal information in certain circumstances.

**Your right to object to processing** - You have the the right to object to the processing of your personal information in certain circumstances.

**Your right to data portability** - You have the right to ask that we transfer the personal information you gave us to another organisation, or to you, in certain circumstances.

You are not required to pay any charge for exercising your rights. If you make a request, we have one month to respond to you.

To make a request please contact us at West Lothian Council, West Lothian Civic Centre, Howden South Road, Livingston, West Lothian, EH54 6FF

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## Providing accurate information

It is important that we hold accurate and up to date information about you in order to provide the services detailed in this privacy notice. If any of your details have changed, or change in the future, please ensure that you tell us as soon as possible so that we can update your records.

## Further information

If you have any questions or concerns about how your information is used, please contact us at the address above. You can also contact the Data Protection Officer, West Lothian Council, West Lothian Civic Centre, Howden South Road, Livingston, West Lothian, EH54 6FF, email: [DataProtectionOfficer@westlothian.gov.uk](mailto:DataProtectionOfficer@westlothian.gov.uk)

More information about data protection and how it applies to you, including how to make a complaint, is available from the Information Commissioner's Office at <https://ico.org.uk/>

### **The ICO's address:**

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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