

## **Privacy Notice for Housing Benefit & Council Tax Support – New claim**

This privacy notice explains how St Albans City & District Council (the Data Controller) will use any personal information we collect about you when you use our services.

### **What information do we collect about you?**

The information that the Council will collect varies depending on how you use the Council's Services. We are using the information provided in this case because we have a legal obligation (Art. 6(1)(c)). This means we collect your personal information from you so that we can carry out a function we are required by law to carry out. In this case we are collecting personal information so that we can process your application for Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support.

If you're providing us with special category personal information (such as details about your health) we will be processing this under Art. 9(2). If you're providing us with criminal conviction personal information we will be processing this under Art.10.

### **How will we use the information about you?**

We use the information to process your application for Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support. We may share the information with other departments at the Council to enable us to deal with your application for Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support or to assist the Council's Housing Management Team with rent matters. We will only share the information to enable us to deal with this matter and assist Housing Management with rent arrears.

We may share the information with other agencies or other organisations such as the Department of Work and Pensions and the Inland Revenue as allowed by law. We also share with private sector companies such as banks and other organisations that may lend you money.

We may be required to share your personal information with the Police, Internal Audit or similar agency responsible for auditing or administering public funds, or another Council for the purposes of preventing and detecting fraud. For further information please see [www.stalbans.gov.uk/nfi](http://www.stalbans.gov.uk/nfi).

If you provide incorrect details or not giving the Council full details or false information you could be prosecuted.

We will ensure that all personal information is kept securely.

### **How long will we keep this information?**

We will destroy this personal information in accordance with our Disposal Schedules. To determine how long we should keep information, we consider what the legislation states and what is good practice. This means we will securely destroy the information once we no longer need it. If you would like to know the specific period of time that relates to your personal information please contact [GDPR@stalbans.gov.uk](mailto:GDPR@stalbans.gov.uk)

### **Individuals' Rights**

You have a right to request a copy of the personal information that we hold about you. If you would like a copy of some or all of your information, please contact [foi@stalbans.gov.uk](mailto:foi@stalbans.gov.uk) and ask for a subject access request.

If you consider we hold inaccurate personal information about you, you can contact us to ask for this information to be corrected. We will consider your request and respond within one month. Please contact [GDPR@stalbans.gov.uk](mailto:GDPR@stalbans.gov.uk).

You can find out more about your rights on our website: <http://www.stalbans.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/departmentsPoliciesPlans/data-protection/>

## **Cookies**

Cookies are text files placed on your computer to collect standard internet log information and visitor behaviour information. This information is used to make your use of the internet better. For further information on how we use these and how you can control it, please visit <http://www.stalbans.gov.uk/about-this-site/legal-notice/cookies.aspx>

## **Changes to our Data Protection Policy**

We have a Data Protection Policy in place and this can be found here:

[http://www.stalbans.gov.uk/Images/GDPR%20Personal%20Data%20Policy%20Version%201%20-%20202.3.18\\_tcm15-63804.pdf](http://www.stalbans.gov.uk/Images/GDPR%20Personal%20Data%20Policy%20Version%201%20-%20202.3.18_tcm15-63804.pdf). We review this policy annually.

## **Data Protection Officer**

Our Data Protection Officer for the purposes of Articles 37 to 39 of the General Data Protection Regulation is Charles Turner, Solicitor to the Council. He can be contacted by emailing [GDPR@stalbans.gov.uk](mailto:GDPR@stalbans.gov.uk) or calling 01727 819209 for our Complaints Team.

## **How to contact us**

Please contact us if you have any questions about our Data Protection Policy, or concerns about how we handle your information: by emailing [foi@stalbans.gov.uk](mailto:foi@stalbans.gov.uk) or write to us at: FOI Team, St Albans City & District Council, St Peter's Street, St Albans, AL1 3JE.

## **Complaints**

You have a right to complain to the Information Commissioner if you are unhappy with how we process your personal information. You can do so through their website: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or by emailing: [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk) or calling their helpline on 0303 123 1113.