

**It's law for all UK public bodies' websites (councils of all levels except parish meetings) to meet the international standard called WCAG 2.2AA -that means it works to a set measurement of testing.**

All websites must meet: the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.2 AA and the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018

**Many councils and service providers choose an 'accessibility plugin'**

They do not make the website properly accessible and do not meet the WCAG2.2AA requirement and should not be used.

They actually create greater barriers than they solve.

The disability community all agree on this.

Can fix minor problems but not serious user experience issues

Conflict with and override a user's existing assistive technologies like screen readers

Do not work well on mobile

The main issue is they don't change the underlying code of your website.

**A reminder of what needs to be published on the website:**

All (ratified) policies

Councillors' profiles & ROIs (recommend redacting signatures)

6x years of AGAR Precept & budget info

Payments over £100 (if <£25k precept) Payments over £500 (if higher precept)

Contact details for the council

Accessibility Statement, privacy policy and Freedom of Information Act Publication Scheme + NEW IT Policy

Agendas (3 clear days before meeting date)

Minutes of meetings within 30 days of meeting (they do not need to be signed)

There are no specific requirements for how many years of historical meeting documents are published – the council must retain them in its records 'forever'