

PRIVACY NOTICE

Who we are: Aberdeenshire Council is a local authority established under the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994. Its head office is located at Woodhill House, Westburn Road, Aberdeen, AB16 5GB and you can contact our Data Protection Officer by post at this address or by email at: dataprotection@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Why do we need your personal information and what do we do with it?

You are giving us your personal information to allow us to determine whether your business is eligible to receive funding from the Business Hardship Fund, and to administer that funding to your business. We also use your information to verify your identity where required, contact you by post, email or telephone and to maintain our records. This local authority is administering the Scottish Government Business Hardship Fund.

Legal basis for using your information:

You can find more details about this on our website at www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Processing your personal information is necessary for the performance of a contract with you (or to take steps to enter into a contract with you). If you do not provide us with the information we have asked for then we will not be able to provide this service to you.

Who do we share your information with?

We are legally obliged to safeguard public funds so we are required to verify and check your details internally for fraud prevention. We may share this information with other public bodies (and also receive information from these other bodies) for fraud checking purposes. We are also legally obliged to share certain data with other public bodies, such as HMRC and will do so where the law requires this. We will also generally comply with requests for specific information from other regulatory and law enforcement bodies where this is necessary and appropriate. Your information is also analysed internally to help us improve our services. This data sharing is in accordance with our Information Use and Privacy Policy and covered in our full privacy statement on our website. It also forms part of our requirements in line with our Records Management Plan approved in terms of the Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011. Your information will be shared with the Scottish Government for the purposes of determining your application and administering it. Your information may be shared with other business support providers including other business departments within Aberdeenshire Council and Business Gateway.

How long do we keep your information for?

We only keep your personal information for the minimum period amount of time necessary. Sometimes this time period is set out in the law, but in most cases it is based on the business need. We maintain a records retention and disposal schedule which sets out how long we hold different types of information for. You can view this on our website at www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk or you can request a hard copy from the contact address stated above.

Your rights under data protection law:

- access to your information – you have the right to request a copy of the personal information that we hold about you.
- correcting your information – we want to make sure that your personal information is accurate, complete and up to date. Therefore you may ask us to correct any personal information about you that you believe does not meet these standards.
- Deletion of your information – you have the right to ask us to delete personal information about you where:
 - I. you think that we no longer need to hold the information for the purposes for which it was originally obtained
 - II. you have a genuine objection to our use of your personal information – see Objecting to how we may use your information below
 - III. our use of your personal information is contrary to law or our other legal obligations.

Objecting to how we may use your information – You have the right at any time to tell us to stop using your personal information for direct marketing purposes. Please contact us by email at econdev@aberdeenshire.gov.uk