**What is WCAG Website Compliance?**

Since September 2020, all parish, town & borough councils must have a website that complies with **Website Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 AA rating** so that it meets Accessibility Guidelines as set in the Public Sector Bodies Accessibility regulations. [You can read this requirement here on the Gov.uk website](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/accessibility-requirements-for-public-sector-websites-and-apps).

The Public Sector Bodies (Websites & Mobile Applications No.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 aim to ensure public sector websites and mobile apps are accessible to all users, including those with disabilities.

WCAG 2.1 AA compliance covers many areas of a website and include **how it’s constructed**, **how the user navigates** around it, **how the information is presented & displayed**. In addition, the public body must be aware of all the website’s content and what may not be compliant and publish an Accessibility Statement.

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**What you need to be WCAG 2.1 AA compliant**

As a simple guide, to comply with these accessibility guidelines, a public body must have:

* A WCAG 2.1 AA rated compliant website.
* An Accessibility Policy Statement following a standard format.
* An Accessible Documents statement, following a standard format.
* A process to regularly monitor & review the website.
* A process to provide requests for content that is not in a compliant format.

[FAQs](https://www.slcc.co.uk/wcag-website-compliance-for-councils/#page-row-8)