

# WCAG update

## What is WCAG

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines.

## What is needed?

Effective from 23 September, council must have in place a plan to make its website fully accessible to users. 'Fully accessible' needs to be proportionate to the council, use of the website and cost of implementation.

The WCAG documents explain how to make web content more accessible to people with disabilities. Web "content" generally refers to the information in a web page or web application, including:

- natural information such as text, images, and sounds
- code or markup that defines structure, presentation, etc.

## What can we do at the moment?

Visitors to our website can request information in alternative formats (via Clerk's Office)  
Ensure that documents have the correct degree of contrast (in text or illustrations)  
Formatted so they can be read aloud with appropriate software

## What do we need to do in the future to be compliant?

Have website analysed for compliance (free software available)  
Web coding needs to be edited professionally  
Must have a mobile version  
Publish an accessibility statement that explains what we plan to do  
Commission changes

## How do we do this?

Speaking with our current web editor to take his advice on what steps we need to take to make compliant  
Publish accessibility statement  
Check that critical documents are compliant (eg annual statement of governance, agendas, minutes, reports)  
Update current website or create new version

## What are other councils doing?

Morval: statement published  
Dobwalls & Trewidland: no statement  
St Keyne: statement published  
Deviock: no statement  
St Germans: statement published  
Liskeard: no statement  
Quethiock: statement published  
St Ive: no statement

## Example

<https://www.stmellion-pc.gov.uk/accessibility-statement.php>

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