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	Health and Safety			
	Inspections and Assessments			
9.1	Process of inspecting equipment to ensure it is safe	Destroy <b>6</b> Years from destruction of the equipment	<ul> <li>Equipment inspection records</li> </ul>	Statutory
9.2	Processing the geotechnical assessments of a quarry	When quarry is no longer in use consult or refer to Health and Safety Executive (HSE)		Statutory
9.3	Process of carrying out monitoring to ensure that the process is safe	Destroy <b>3</b> Years from last action	Monitoring results	Statutory
9.4	Process of monitoring of areas where employees and persons are likely to have become in contact with asbestos	Destroy <b>40</b> Years from last action	Property asbestos files	Common practice based on Statutory
9.5	Process of monitoring of areas where employees and persons are likely to have come in contact with radiation	Destroy <b>50</b> Years from last action or at age <b>75</b> years whichever is the greater	Radon monitoring	

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9.6	Process to ensure safe systems of work	Retain until superseded or process ceases +1 year		Common practice
9.7	Process to asses the level of risk	Destroy 3 Years from last assessment	Risk assessment	Statutory
9.8	Processes that permit work	Destroy 1 Year from last action		Common practice
9.9	Process that records injuries to adults	Destroy 3 Years from closure	Accident books	Statutory
9.10	Process that records injuries to children	Destroy <b>25</b> Years from closure	<ul> <li>Accident books</li> </ul>	Based on Statutory
	Emergency Planning			
9.11	Process to develop the emergency/disaster plan for the local community	Permanent. Offer to Archivist for review. Transfer to place of deposit after superseded	Major Incident Plan	
9.12	Process of recording the results of the test for emergency/disaster plan for the local community	Destroy <b>10</b> years after closure		

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	Major Incident			
9.13	Activities that report on all major incidents in the local community, whether the emergency plan has been invoked or not	Permanent. Offer to Archivist for review. Transfer to place of deposit after administrative use is concluded		
9.14	Activities that report on all minor incidents in the local community	Destroy <b>7</b> years after closure		
	Enforcement Certification and Prosecution			
	Registration, Certification and Licensing			
9.15	Summary management systems that allow the monitoring & management of registration, certification and licences registration requirements in summary form	Permanent. Offer to Archivist for review. Transfer to place of deposit after administrative use is concluded	<ul> <li>Visual impairment register</li> </ul>	Common practice

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9.16	The administration of applications, registration, certification and licences in relation to local authorities' registration requirements	Destroy 2 years after registration or entitlement lapses	<ul> <li>Applications for animal registration</li> <li>Applications for registration of a business premises</li> <li>Applications for release of animals impounded</li> <li>Registers</li> <li>Certificates of registration of: <ul> <li>door supervisors</li> <li>taxi drivers</li> <li>beauty therapists</li> </ul> </li> <li>Animal movement licences</li> <li>Gaming</li> <li>Fire certification</li> <li>Disabled Parking permits</li> <li>Blue badge</li> <li>Registration to sell poison</li> </ul>	Statutory Note: may want archival review in cases of licensing of children in entertainment

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9.17	The process involved in licensing sites for the holding or use of toxic or hazardous substances. (including petroleum, agricultural chemical products or herbicides)	Permanent. Offer to Archivist. Transfer to place of deposit after administrative use is concluded - 60 years after registration or entitlement lapses	<ul> <li>Diesel licences</li> <li>Petroleum licences</li> <li>Health and safety licensing</li> <li>Hazardous substances</li> <li>Contaminated land register/pollution</li> </ul>	Common practice
9.18	The process of registration of homes or carers for the care and support of children, in the responsibility of the local authority	Permanent. Offer to Archivist. Transfer to place of deposit after administrative use is concluded - 25 years from closure of centre, or discontinuation of care	<ul> <li>Organisation files</li> <li>Child carers files</li> <li>Childcare registration</li> <li>Day care registration</li> <li>Children's home</li> </ul>	Common practice The responsibility of OFSTED from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2002
	Notification			
9.19	The process of issuing notices to citizens with respect to particular responsibilities	Destroy <b>2</b> years after the matter is concluded	<ul> <li>Fire Prevention notices</li> <li>Fire Prevention Infringement notices</li> <li>Objections to notices</li> <li>Appeals against notices</li> <li>Registration of premises Infringement notices</li> <li>Animal Impounding notices</li> </ul>	Common practice

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	Investigation, Inspection and Monitoring			
9.20	The process of investigation, monitoring or inspection laws in the responsibility of the local authority	Destroy <b>7</b> years from last action.	<ul> <li>Trading standards communications sample and inspections records</li> <li>Fire certificate compliance inspections</li> </ul>	non practice
	Prosecution			
9.21	The process of prosecution or sanction of an individual or organisation for failing to comply with their legal responsibilities	Destroy <b>7</b> years from last action.	<ul> <li>Prosecution/sanction Comm files</li> </ul>	non practice
	Bye-Laws			
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9.22	The process of making local laws	Archivist for review.  Transfer to place of deposit after administrative use is concluded	<ul> <li>Master Set of bye-laws Comm</li> <li>Policy Development documents</li> <li>Correspondence</li> <li>Submissions</li> </ul>	non practice
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	Administration & Enforcement			
9.23	The process of administering and enforcing bye-laws	Destroy 2 years after certificate has expired or penalty payment has been made or the matter has been finished or correspondence on the matter has ceased	<ul> <li>Applications and certificates</li> <li>Permits</li> <li>Licences</li> <li>Infringement notices (Parking)</li> <li>Correspondence</li> </ul>	Common practice
9.24	Cemeteries & Crematoria Summary management systems that record the location of burials and identity of deceased individuals	Permanent. Offer to Archivist. Transfer to place of deposit after administrative use is concluded	<ul><li>Register of interments</li><li>Cemetery register</li><li>Cemetery plans</li></ul>	Common practice
9.25	The process of regulation of burials and cremations	Destroy <b>5</b> year after last action	<ul><li>Permits</li><li>Applications</li><li>Orders</li></ul>	Common practice

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	Waste Management The provision of hard waste removal, destruction and waste reduction services by the local authority to ratepayers			
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9.26	The process of arranging the collection or transportation of household waste	Destroy <b>2</b> year after last action		Common practice
9.27	The process of arranging the collection or transportation of controlled waste	Destroy <b>6</b> year after last action		Common practice
	Disposal of Waste			
9.28	The summary management of sites used for the disposal of waste within the local authority	Permanent. Offer to Archivist. Transfer to place of deposit after administrative use is concluded		Common practice
9.29	The process of the short- term storage of household waste	Destroy <b>10</b> year after site closure	Transfer sites	Common practice

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9.30	The process involved in managing the use, type and amount of waste to be disposed at a specific site	Permanent. Offer to Archivist for review. Transfer to place of deposit after administrative use is concluded	Waste site plans	Common practice