



Background to WCAG 2.1 AA website accessibility compliance

By September 2020, all public bodies (parish, town and borough councils) must have a website that complies with WCAG 2.1 AA rating so that it meets Accessibility Guidelines as set in the Public Sector Bodies Accessibility regulations.

WCAG (Website Content Accessibility Guidelines) is measured in 3 ratings – A, AA & AAA. The Government require public body websites to meet AA rating as a minimum standard. You can read this requirement here on the GDAS website.

Our offer

We provide a WCAG 2.1 AA rated website package that includes a stylish, mobile-friendly website based on a proven, WCAG-compliant framework, along with training on how to manage the website.

We provide a purpose-built WCAG 2.1 AA rated website package specifically for Councils that includes a stylish, mobile-friendly website based on a proven, WCAG-compliant framework, along with training on how to manage the website.

Easy-to-use and comprehensive functionality is included, including news, venues, events, people profiles, services and meeting / committee note downloads, and much more.

We are the official partner with SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) and have developed this service in consultation and guidance with them to ensure both compliance and practicality.

Our credentials

We are the official WCAG website partner of the SLCC.

We are Cyber Essentials Certified (as required by all IT services to Government agencies)

JISC Approved to manage UK Government sites

& Approved Crown Suppliers

Website Package Includes

A WCAG 2.1 AA rated compliant website built on WordPress.

Transparency Code capability.

Stylish, flexible design.

A fully mobile-friendly website.

Tools to edit and add new content to the website yourself.

Thorough training to get you started.
Access to the WCAG website Learning Centre
Website accessibility statements guidance.
A quarterly WCAG2.1 AA compliance scan with reports.
SSL-protected website hosting on our UK servers.
Automated full backups every 12 hours.
We'll manage all software updates so you don't have to.
We will ensure your website remains GDPR compliant.
Optional GDPR-compliant email, should you need it.
We will manage your domain name, should you need it.
On-going support – email, online or phone.

We're JISC-approved to work on .gov domains.
We're Cyber Essentials certificated.
We're Certified Crown Suppliers.

All our team are UK-based.

Many WCAG-Compliant Design Options

Easy-to-use functionality for news, venues, events, people profiles, services and meeting / committee note downloads is all included.

Once live, there is the option of quarterly WCAG 2.1 AA scan reports that highlight any content you've added that may fall out of compliance during the course of the year. Also included is website hosting, technical support & maintenance.

Comprehensive Support

We provide a dedicated Learning Centre for our customers. Where you can learn how to create, control and update your WCAG compliant website using our comprehensive set of How-To videos.

If you can't find a video that explains what you're trying to achieve, or if you're struggling – our support team are available 8am - 6pm, Monday to Friday by phone or email – whichever you prefer.

You can find out more and see demos here:

<https://www.aubergine262.com/wcag-compliant-websites-for-public-bodies/>