

Originator: Corporate Identity Working Group

Subject: Website Transfer & Upgrade to gov.uk domain

Website Transfer

As of Thursday 1st February 2024, 2commune is under new management and ownership of Cuttlefish Multimedia Ltd.

Cuttlefish have confirmed SPC's existing contract will be honoured (website, domain and emails) until SPC's renewal in October (Free of charge), by which point Cuttlefish's standard terms and conditions will need to have been signed to continue their provision.

Page A quotation has been provided as follows:-

The payment milestones to be aware of:

COMPANY	DATE	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Cuttlefish	01/04/2024	Waived Website Invoice	Stanway Parish Council Annual License, Hosting and Support For Period: Apr 2024 - Oct 2024 for £233.33 £0
Cuttlefish	01/11/2024	Website Invoice	Stanway Parish Council Annual License, Hosting and Support For Period: Nov 2024 - Oct 2025 for £400

The Clerk is proposing acceptance of Cuttlefish's proposal and terms and conditions based on the price remaining fixed for 2024/5 provision.

This recommendation is based on the useability of the website provision, archive facility and Cuttlefish's sector speciality

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Domain Name

In addition, agreement to change the name to Stanway.gov.uk is requested.

This is based on most public sector organisations being required to use a gov.uk domain for their websites and emails. A gov.uk domain name provides trusted branding, increases security and means services are seen as coming from a UK public sector organisation.

By identifying as Stanway.gov.uk SPC are clearly delineating this Council as Stanway's Council and ensuring no misunderstandings as to the Council being a public sector entity.

A gov.uk domain name also potentially improves search rankings and provides monitoring for security vulnerabilities, better control over email accounts, legal protection, increased email deliverability, transparency for smaller organisations and compliance with best practice guidelines.

NALC are in support of the conversion of Parish and Town Council websites to gov.uk domain names

There is a slight increase in cost as follows:-

DOMAIN	TLD	ANNUAL PRICE
stanwaypc.org.uk	.org.uk	£25.00
stanway.gov.uk	.gov.uk	£75.00

Additionally, our IT Consultant will charge £ 105 to change emails to gov.uk and ensure functionality remains unchanged