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Everton Parish Council Equality Policy

Everton Parish Council is committed to eliminating discrimination and encouraging diversity amongst our Council workforce. Our aim is that our Team will be truly representative of all sections of society and each member of the team feels respected and able to give of their best.

We also apply these same aims and objective to the selection of Councillors when co-option is necessary to fill casual (mid-term) Councillor vacancies when they occur.

To that end the purpose of this policy is to provide equality and fairness for all in our employment and not to discriminate on grounds of gender, gender reassignment, marital status (including civil partnerships), race, ethnic origin, colour, nationality, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, religion or age. We oppose all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination.

All employees, whether part-time, full-time or temporary, will be treated fairly and with respect. Selection for employment, promotion, training or any other benefit will be on the basis of aptitude and ability. All employees will be helped and encouraged to develop their full potential and the talents and resources of the workforce will be fully utilised to maximise the efficiency of the organisation.

Our commitment:

- To create an environment in which individual differences and the contributions of all our Team are recognised and valued.
- Every employee is entitled to a working environment that promotes dignity and respect to all. No form of intimidation, bullying or harassment will be tolerated.
- Training, development and progression opportunities are available to all, subject to needs and available resources
- Equality in the workplace and organisation is good management practice and makes sound business sense. We will review all our employment practices and procedures to ensure fairness. Breaches of our equality policy will be regarded as misconduct and could lead to disciplinary proceedings.
- This policy is fully supported by the entire Council.
- The policy will be monitored and reviewed annually