

# Plaistow and Ifold Parish Council

## HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT

### Health and Safety at Work Act 1974

Plaistow and Ifold Parish Council believes in the pursuit of excellence in all its dealings with customers, employees and other bodies. Health and safety is an integral part of this service.

It is the policy of this Authority to encourage all employees to be aware of their legal responsibilities and to be actively involved in developing a positive and progressive safety culture so that no one is exposed to risks to their health or safety as a result of the way the Council conducts its business.

In order to achieve the objectives of this policy the Council will comply with all of its legal duties by ensuring that they will:-

- Establish and maintain a safe and healthy environment.
- Provide adequate control of health and safety risks arising from work activities.
- Consult with our employees on matters affecting their health and safety.
- Put in place effective procedures for evacuation in the case of fire or other emergencies.
- Undertake risk assessments.
- Provide and maintain safe plant and equipment.
- Ensure safe handling and use of substances.
- Provide information, instruction and supervision for employees and young people to avoid hazards and contribute positively to their own and health at work
- Ensure all employees are competent to do their tasks, and to give them adequate training.
- Prevent accidents and cases of work-related ill health.
- Review and revise this policy as necessary at regular intervals.
- Ensure that the Parish Council complies with all legislation.

Every member of staff has a legal duty to co-operate with the Council to assist in complying with all its statutory duties. The successful implementation of this policy requires total commitment from everyone in the Council from members to staff at all levels. Each individual also has a legal obligation to take reasonable care for their health and safety and for the health and safety of people who may be affected by their acts or omissions. Staff are responsible for reporting accidents or hazardous instances in a designated accident/incident book and to attend any training that promotes the health and safety as instructed by the Parish Council. Staff are responsible for the safekeeping of their own belongings.

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