



## **AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES POLICY**

### **Introduction**

The aim of this policy is to communicate the commitment of the Parish Council, its Members and its Employees to the promotion of equality and diversity in relation to Audlem Parish Council.

### **Statement of intent**

Audlem Parish Council is opposed to all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination.

Everyone will be treated fairly and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of: gender, including gender reassignment; marital or civil partnership status; having or not having dependants; religious belief or political opinion; race (including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origins); disability; sexual orientation; age.

Audlem Parish Council recognises that the provision of equal opportunities in the community is good practice.

The Parish Council is committed to:

- promoting equality of opportunity for all persons, and ensuring that people are treated solely on the basis of their abilities and potential;
- promoting a culture that respects and values differences, and that promotes equality and fairness to all in the community;
- ensuring that all decisions about recruitment and selection of staff are made objectively and without unlawful discrimination;
- creating an environment free of bullying, harassment, victimisation and unlawful discrimination, promoting dignity and respect for all, and where individual differences and the contributions of all are recognised and valued;
- fulfilling its legal obligations under equality legislation and associated codes of practice;
- taking an inclusive approach to providing access to our services and facilities for as wide a range of people as possible, acknowledging that there may be some circumstances where particular provision may be necessary for people with certain disabilities.

The Chairman has specific responsibility for the effective implementation of this policy.

Monitoring and reviewing the effectiveness of our equal opportunities policy will take place annually, and any action required taken as necessary.

This policy is fully supported by all Members of Audlem Parish Council.

This Equal Opportunities Policy was amended and adopted at the Audlem Parish Council Meeting held on:

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Signed: Geoff Seddon (Chairman/Vice-Chairman)

Signed: Belen Lopez Bloor (Proper Officer)

DATE: 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Original signed copies held on file by the Parish Clerk.