

**HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL
EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES STATEMENT**

Hatfield Peverel Parish Council is committed to the principle and practice of equal opportunities in all aspects of employment.

Purpose

This policy statement has been developed to protect all employees against less favourable treatment regardless of gender, marital status, race, ethnic origin, nationality, disability, religion/belief, both during the recruitment process and within terms and conditions of employment.

Aims

The Parish Council aims to be an employer which provides a fair and inclusive working environment that:

- Ensures equality or opportunity to enable all employees to contribute to the Council and achieve personal development.
- Is free from discrimination, harassment/bullying and victimisation of any kind.
- Reflects all sections of society.

Principles

The Parish Council confirms its opposition to any form of less favourable treatment of employees and applicants for employment on grounds of gender (including gender reassignment), marital status, race, ethnic origin, colour, nationality, disability, religion, age or sexual orientation.

Responsibilities

The co-operation and contribution of all employees and the employer is essential for the success of this policy. The policy is therefore brought to the attention of every employee. In addition, members of the Parish Council will conduct their business with standards that are consistent with this statement.

Monitoring

An employee who believes that he has been treated unfairly may raise the matter through their line manager or through the appropriate grievance procedure. The Council will protect an employee making such a complaint from victimisation and will fully investigate any such grievance.

Signed..... Clerk of the Council

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