



SAFFRON WALDEN TOWN COUNCIL

General Power of Competence

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General Power of Competence

The General Power of Competence is a statutory power given to Town and Parish Councils under the Localism Act 2011.

Eligibility requirements are that at least 2/3 of its members must be duly elected (having stood, contested or not) at the ordinary election and that the Clerk must hold the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) including Module No 7 covering the General Power of Competence.

Following elections in May 2023, all 18 Town Councillors were duly elected; the Town Council does not have any co-opted Councillors.

The Town Clerk completed the CiLCA course in 2011, further completed the General Power of Competence module in 2017.

Saffron Walden Town Council is therefore eligible to adopt the General Power of Competence and resolved to do so at its Annual Meeting on Monday 15th May 2023, Minute Reference AM014-23 refers.

This policy will be reviewed following the local election in May 2027 and where able and appropriate to do so, will be re-adopted.