

WELSHPOOL TOWN COUNCIL

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General statement on Health and Safety

Welshpool Town Council is advised on Health and Safety matters by Ellis Whitham.

The manuals, risk assessment and programme of works has been prepared by them and they offer online training to the staff of the Council.

The management of Welshpool Town Council operates an integrated environmental, health and safety management system, which is geared towards the identification and control of key processes in our organisation.

It is also our intention to encompass environmental, health and safety best practice into our business activities and decisions and to:

- a. bring this Policy Statement to the attention of all stakeholders carry out regular audits of our environmental, health and safety management systems
- b. comply with legislation, guidance and approved codes of practice issued at International, National and Local levels
- c. eliminate risks to the environment, health and safety, where possible, through selection and design of materials, buildings, facilities, equipment and processes
- d. ensure that emergency procedures are in place at all locations for dealing with foreseeable environmental, health and safety incidents
- e. establish meaningful, measurable targets and goals for environmental, health and safety performance
- f. maintain an open and constructive dialogue on environmental, health and safety issues with our

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- employees, contractors, suppliers, customers and regulatory authorities
- g. maintain our premises, provide and maintain safe plant and equipment
 - h. minimise waste and increase recycling within the framework of our waste management procedures
 - i. only engage contractors who are able to demonstrate due regard to environmental, health and safety law
 - j. prevent pollution to land, air and water
 - k. promote environmentally responsible purchasing
 - l. provide adequate resources to control the environmental, health and safety risks arising from our work activities
 - m. raise awareness, encourage participation and train employees in environmental, health and safety matters
 - n. reduce the use of water, energy and any other natural resources
 - o. seek opportunities to continuously improve our ability to identify measure and control the environmental, health and safety impacts of our activities

Where risks cannot be eliminated they will be minimised by substitution, use of physical controls or, as a last resort, through safe systems of work.

This Policy will be reviewed at least annually and revised as necessary to reflect changes to the business activities and any changes to legislation. Any changes to the Policy will be brought to the attention of all stakeholders.

Signed:

Robert Robinson

Dated:

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