

At its meeting held 25 January 2021 Leighton-Linslade Town Council resolved to adopt the following equalities statement and also to publish the Local Government Association statement, as found below:

Leighton-Linslade Town Council is an equal opportunities employer.

Regardless of disability, race, age, religion, gender or sexual orientation all our events and facilities are open to everyone in the community. Ways to make our play equipment inclusive to all remains an on-going priority.

All of Local government is wholly committed to equality, diversity and inclusion reflecting the communities we serve. The Town Council is in full agreement with this aim. We are all part of the much-needed conversation on how we can all confront and end racism for which there is no place within our society. The Town Council will support the aims of all groups who seek to eliminate prejudice in any form”.

And that the position statement, along with the Local Government Association statement on diversity, be published on Town Council media platforms to demonstrate the Town Council’s continuing commitment to addressing equality and diversity matters within its parish council functions as both an employer and community service provider.

Local Government Association statement published summer 2020 on local government's commitment to tackling racism:

A joint statement from Cllr James Jamieson, Chairman of the LGA; Cllr Izzi Secombe OBE, Leader of the LGA Conservative Group; Cllr Nick Forbes CBE, Leader of the LGA Labour Group; Cllr Howard Sykes MBE, Leader of the LGA Liberal Democrat Group; Cllr Marianne Overton MBE, Leader of the LGA Independent Group; and Cllr Sharon Taylor, the LGA’s Equality and Diversity Champion.

“Fairness, equality and social justice flows through everything local government does. The diversity in our country is what brings the richness to all of our communities.

The Local Government Association stands with all of our councils in the UK and across the world in their work to tackle racism.

Local government is wholly committed to equality, diversity and inclusion, reflecting the communities we serve and we will do all we can to ensure we continue to be at the forefront of confronting racism and discrimination in whatever form it shows itself.

It’s vital that we are all part of the much-needed conversation on how we can all confront and end racism. Local government is listening.

Racism has no place in our communities or in our lives”.