

# Witney Town Council

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## Witney Town Council Implements Inclusive Panel

Building on an existing robust equality policy Witney Town Council plans to research and apply additional diversity initiatives so that it better serves our community, and as employers ensures that all are given the support and opportunities to succeed and reach their full potential as individuals, regardless of background.

Liaising, with community groups and other relevant bodies will extend consultation and interaction with people from a wide range of ages and backgrounds at all levels.

Will challenge definitions by understanding the scale and scope of diversity and champion change where needed within its own organisation and the wider community.

As part of its annual review process the council looks to review and improve the way it is meeting equality legislation and statutory requirements and how these are put into practice.

Witney Town Council recognises that in a constantly evolving world, no matter how much it is already doing well and what has already been achieved, being fully paid up members of a global society will require further steps in this journey. By adapting and augmenting what it already does to reflect the changes in our community, it can be instrumental in creating a thriving, inclusive environment that embraces and values diversity.

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**Notes for the editor**

**About Witney Town Council – <http://www.witney-tc.gov.uk/>**

Witney Town Council is the third tier of local government for Witney. Established in 1974, it serves a population of more than 28,000 residents. There are six electoral wards within the town boundary and 17 elected town councillors who form the democratically elected body.

**Witney Town Council declared a climate emergency in June 2019 and is committed to ensuring that the town does everything possible to become net-zero carbon neutral and to ensure a cleaner, better future for its residents.**