

15. The General Power of Competence:

The General Power of Competence (GPoC), introduced under the Localism Act 2011, gives eligible councils the legal capacity to do anything that an individual can do, provided it is not prohibited by other legislation.

To be eligible, the Council must have a qualified Clerk (CiLCA or equivalent) and at least two-thirds of its members elected. The Clerk has recently achieved the CiLCA qualification, and all current councillors were elected, meaning the Council meets the criteria.

Adopting the GPoC allows the Council greater flexibility and freedom in decision-making and service delivery, within the law.

Clerk recommendation: To resolve to adopt the GPoC