



# GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 20/25

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The purpose of this Report is to ask Members to acknowledge that the Town Council does not at this time meet the eligibility criteria for the exercise of the General Power of Competence.

## NO. DETAILS

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### 1) BACKGROUND

- a) The General Power of Competence gives Town and Parish Councils the power to do anything that is legal instead of being bound by the list of statutory powers.
  - b) Town and Parish Councils holding that power are required to confirm they continue to meet the criteria for holding it at each Annual Meeting.
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### 2) GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

- a) The requirements a Town or Parish Council must fulfil to be eligible to exercise the General Power of Competence are:
    - two-thirds of its Members must have been elected or stood for election;
    - the Town Clerk must hold one of the recognised qualifications including that for the General Power of Competence.
  - b) This has no impact on exiting work or projects as the legislation allows that what has been started when the Town Council did qualify for the General Power of Competence can continue.
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### 3) RECOMMENDATION

Members are recommended to resolve that:  
Ventnor Town Council notes that it at this time does not meet the conditions of eligibility required to exercise the General Power of Competence as set out in the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012.

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