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## **ILLOGAN PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Asbestos Policy**

Large amounts of asbestos were used in new and refurbished buildings before 2000. A large number of premises and older plant and equipment still contain some form of asbestos even though use of most types of asbestos were banned by 2000. Much of the asbestos will be hidden in the fabric of the building so not immediately obvious – it is also unlikely to be recorded in the building plans. Workers most likely to come into contact with asbestos-containing products are those in the construction, maintenance, refurbishment and related trades. When asbestos materials are damaged or disturbed they can release dangerous fibres which, if breathed in, can cause serious diseases.

Illogan Parish Council’s employees do not complete construction, maintenance or refurbishment and are therefore highly unlikely to damage or disturb any asbestos materials during the course of their work at the present time. If this changes the Council will review this policy immediately.

Illogan Parish Council appoints contractors who may be appointed to complete construction, maintenance or refurbishment. Before any contractor starts such work, investigations will be made to check whether there is asbestos present and a written report will be retained and provided to contractors when necessary. The Council will ensure that all contractors have suitable and sufficient procedures, safeguards and training in place to protect themselves and their employees. The Council will ensure that all contractors provide a plan of work, prior to any work commencing, so that they understand what work the contractor is completing and how. The contractor must provide all health and safety documentation, risk assessments and method statements to the Council prior to any work starting. The Council will require all contractors dealing with asbestos materials to be appropriately licensed and to provide copies of training and competence certificates for all operatives who will be involved in the work.

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