**Accessibility Statement for Cornforth Parish Council**

**Technical Information about this website’s accessibility**
Cornforth Parish Council (CPC) is committed to making its website accessible, in accordance with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018. We are continually improving the user experience for everyone and applying the relevant accessibility standards.

**Measures to support accessibility**
CPC takes the following measures to ensure accessibility of CPC website:

* Regular reviews of the website are undertaken.

**Compliance status**
The **WEB CONTENT ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES (WCAG)** define requirements for designers and developers to improve accessibility for people with disabilities. It defines three levels of conformance:

 Level A, Level AA, and Level AAA.

The Council website is partially conformant with WCAG 2.1 level AA. Partially conformant means that some parts of the content do not fully conform to the accessibility standard (detailed below).

**Feedback**
CPC welcome feedback on the accessibility of CPC website. Please let CPC know if you encounter accessibility barriers on the website:

* Phone: 07899277892
* E-mail;  clerk@cornforthparishcouncil.gov.uk
* Postal address: 66 High Street, Cornforth, County Durham, DL17 9HS

CPC try to respond to feedback within seven working days.

**Compatibility with browsers and assistive technology**
The CPC website is designed to be compatible with the following assistive technologies:

* Mobile Phones
* PC and Mac Computers
* All Tablet devices
* All known Browsers
* Screen Readers

**Technical specifications**Accessibility of the Council website relies on the following technologies to work with the combination of web browser and any assistive technologies or plugins installed on your computer:

* HTML
* CSS
* JavaScript

These technologies are relied upon for conformance with the accessibility standards used and we cannot guarantee that the site will work fully on older versions of assistive technology.

**Non-accessible content**

Despite our best efforts to ensure accessibility of the Council website, there may be some limitations. Below is a description of known limitations, and potential solutions. Please contact us if you observe an issue not listed below.

**Non-compliance with the accessibility regulations**

The content listed below is non-accessible for the following reasons.

* Uploaded images may not have text alternatives because we cannot ensure the quality of contributions.
* Some older PDFs may not comply.
* Some externally supplied, interactive PDFs may not be fully compliant. We have no control over these documents.

Some of our online forms might be difficult to navigate using just a keyboard

**Disproportionate burden**

At the present time, we have not identified any specific issues that would be of disproportionate burden.

**Content not within the Scope of the accessibility regulations**

The following are currently exempt from the Accessibility regulations

* pre-recorded audio and video published before 23rd September 2020
* live audio and video
* heritage collections like scanned manuscripts
* PDFs or other documents published before 23rd September 2018 – unless needed to use a service.
* maps – information may be available in address format
* third party content under someone else’s control
* content on intranets or extranets published before 23rd September 2019
* archived websites if not needed for services and they are not updated

**Assessment Approach**

The Council assessed the accessibility of the website by the following approaches:

* Self-evaluation

**Preparation of this accessibility statement**

This statement was prepared on 10th October 2023.

This website was last tested on 1st October 2023

Tests are carried out in house by the Clerk of Cornforth Parish Council.

Enforcement procedure – The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is responsible for enforcing the Public Sector Bodies (websites and Mobile Applications) (No2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 (the ‘accessibility regulations’). If you are not happy with how CPC respond to your complaint, contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS).