

## **THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE**

Is a power of first resort to do anything that individuals may generally do, as long as it is not prohibited by other legislation, (sections 1 to 8, The Localism Act 2011). Eligible Council's can use the power for almost any activity; to benefit an individual or undertake activities anywhere, such as selling energy back to the grid or to support the principle authority with its duties by helping to provide a library.

### **The criteria for eligibility;**

1. the number of elected councillors must be equal to or exceed two thirds of its total number of Councillors, rounded up to a whole number and includes vacant seats,
2. the Clerk must be qualified by holding at least one of the sector-specific qualifications, CiLCA or higher education qualifications for clerks awarded by University of Gloucester,

*Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012)*

### **The process for confirming and reaffirming eligibility**

The Council must resolve that it meets the criteria for eligibility at that point in time, with the resolution clearly recorded in the minutes and must reaffirm its eligibility at the first annual meeting following elections.

### **21<sup>st</sup> December 2021.**

Notification received from the CiLCA Admin Team that the Clerk's portfolio for the Certificate in Local Council Administration had passed.