

## **Zero Tolerance Policy Statement**

## **Lostwithiel Town Council**

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- 1. The Council recognises that in certain situations violent behaviour towards staff may occur and therefore will take all reasonable measures to protect staff from violence and aggression.
- 2. We define violence and aggression as:
  - actual or threatened physical assaults on staff
  - psychological abuse of staff
  - verbal abuse which includes shouting, swearing and gestures
  - threats against employees
- 3. If you are a witness or receive any violence or aggression towards you, then you should report this to your manager / supervisor so that this can be recorded and investigated.
- 4. The Council will support the decision of any employee wishing to press charges against the individual(s) involved. Access to counselling can also be provided where required.