# Policy for dealing with customers at times of vulnerability

#### Introduction

We are committed to identifying and assisting customers at times of vulnerability.

# **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the company identify and deal with vulnerability appropriately.

### **Vulnerable Customers**

Vulnerable customers are customers whose ability or circumstances require us to take extra care in the way that we provide our services. Vulnerability may be either temporary or long term.

## The Financial Conduct Authority's definition is

A vulnerable consumer is someone who, due to their personal circumstances, is especially susceptible to detriment, particularly when a firm is not acting with appropriate levels of care.

#### **Our commitment**

- 1. Customers will be treated with respect at all times.
- 2. Customers will be treated according to their current circumstances.
- 3. We will always do our best to help the customer.
- 4. We will be adaptable to assist the customer.
- 5. We will comply with laws and regulations.
- 6. Where allowed, we will exchange information with sewerage service providers to benefit customers.
- 7. We will comply with Data Protection Legislation whilst understanding the need for flexibility in certain circumstances.
- 8. We will signpost customers of other services and companies that may also be able to help them.
- 9. We will train all of our staff to identify vulnerability and strive to meet the individual needs of the customer.

## **Our vision**

Delivering excellence for our customers, our people and our environment.

