Cookies Policy

Our website uses cookies to distinguish you from other users of our website. This helps us to provide you with a good experience when you browse our website and allows us to improve our site.

A cookie is a small file of letters and numbers that we store on your device (for example, your computer or smartphone). It allows our website to recognise your device and store some information about your preferences or past actions.

How we use cookies

- We use first party cookies.
- We only use cookies for Google Analytics to create better functionality on the website and better understand our website's user base.
- Google Analytics does NOT collect IP address, instead it collects: location, page views, time on website, interactions on website, browser type, language, number of visits.

Why do we use cookies?

We monitor how people use our website so we can improve it. If you visit our website, we may record information including:

- The areas of the website you visit.
- The amount of time you spend on the site.
- Whether you are new to the site or have visited it before.
- How you came to our website — for example, through an email link.
- The type of device or browser you use.
- How you use the website and the quality of your experience – for example, we may record a session or test different variations of a webpage to see how easy it is for you to find what you are looking for so we can improve the service.

Some of the cookies that we may use are 'Session Cookies' which are deleted when you close your browser. Others remain on your browser or device until they expire or you delete them from your browser history – these are known as 'Persistent Cookies'.

All cookies have an 'owner' which can be identified by looking at the domain (i.e. the company or website name in the cookie). Cookies can either be first-party (i.e. they're owned by the website who set them) or third-party (i.e. they're not owned by the website who set them). We only use first-party cookies on our website.

How can you control your cookies?

When accessing our website as a new user you will be given the option to accept or decline cookies.

Most internet browsers automatically accept cookies unless you change your browser settings. If you wish to restrict, block or delete the cookies which are set by any websites, you can generally do this

through your browser settings. These settings are usually found in the 'options' or 'preferences' menu of your internet browser.

Please note however that if you set your internet browser preferences to block all cookies, you may not be able to access all or parts of our website. Unless you have adjusted your internet browser settings to block cookies, MEP will set cookies.

To find out more about cookies, including how to see what cookies have been set and how to manage and delete them, visit https://www.aboutcookies.org.uk/