

Policy Title: Use of Corporate Credit Cards

Policy Statement:

The purpose of this policy is to prescribe the principles governing the use of corporate credit cards by employees and to outline the responsibilities of cardholders.

Policy Procedure:

1. The issuing of corporate credit cards (Cards) to employees is at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Where a Card is to be issued to the CEO, this is to be approved by Council. Any increases in the CEO's credit limit are to be approved by Council.
2. Each cardholder is to be provided with a copy of this policy when their Card is issued and they are to sign a copy of this policy as evidence of their agreement to abide by the policy.
3. Where more than one Card is in issue, a register of cards is to be maintained, outlining the following:
 - Holder's name
 - Card number
 - Expiry date
 - Credit limit
4. On termination of employment, a cardholder's Card is to be surrendered to the Mindarie Regional Council (MRC). The Card will then be cancelled with immediate effect and physically destroyed.
5. Cards are not to be used by anyone other than the cardholder, except with the express authorisation of the CEO. Cardholders are required to take appropriate steps to keep their PIN secret and to prevent the theft or loss of their Card. Where a Card is lost or misplaced, the cardholder is to notify the MRC immediately.
6. The benefits from any reward scheme/s linked to the Card accrue to the MRC and not the employee. The CEO may exercise his discretion as to how these reward benefits are to be applied for the benefit of the MRC.
7. The credit limit on each Card is to be determined by the CEO, but may not exceed the value of an employee's delegated financial authority.
8. Cards may only be used to purchase goods and services on behalf of the MRC. Personal expenditure and cash withdrawals are prohibited. All purchases are to be made in accordance with policy CP06 – Purchases of Goods and Services.
9. Cardholders are to provide receipts each month to substantiate expenditures on their Card. Card expenditures and receipts are to be reviewed by the Finance Manager monthly.
10. A summary of expenditures incurred by the CEO on the MRC credit card will be presented to each Council meeting as part of the financial reporting pack.
11. Failure by a cardholder to abide by this policy will result in disciplinary action, which may include the revocation of the Card.

Legislation	Local Government Act 1995 s.2.7(2)(a) and (b), s.6.5(a) Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Reg.11(1)(a)
Responsible Officer	Chief Executive Officer
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