

# People Security Policy

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## Statement of intent

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1. The City of London Corporation prioritises the security and protection of its employees, other workers, Members, assets, Intellectual Property, Personal Data and Confidential Information. Security awareness is everyone's responsibility, and everyone must comply with the City Corporation security policies and instructions.
2. This policy includes the terms of any security agreements that the City Corporation enters into with customers, government, partner agencies, specific individual requirements and responsibilities within vetted posts and for specific events.
3. This policy is supported by subordinate corporate security procedures and guidance and should be read and operated in conjunction with other relevant City Corporation guidance and advice set out in Link/Other resource.

## Scope

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4. This policy applies to all City Corporation employees including teaching staff in the three City schools. It also applies to other workers includes agency, casual staff, work experience, interns, volunteers, consultants, contractors and those working under a contract for services to the City Corporation.
5. The Director of Human Resources will be responsible for the interpretation, advice and management of these procedures on behalf of the City Corporation. This policy defines the minimum standards which must be followed.

## Aims

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6. This policy provides a clear statement and an overarching framework for all people security related policies procedures and guidance.
7. It sets out the City Corporation's security standards and defines the behaviours which must be adhered to in order to protect employees, other workers, visitors, contractors, assets and reputation.

## Definitions

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8. The following definitions and common terms are:
  - **Assets:** include Intellectual Property, Personal Data and Confidential Information
  - **Personal Data:** is information relating to a living identifiable individual which must be held and used (processed) in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018.
  - **Data Protection Officer ("DPO"):** public authorities are required to have a DPO to advise them on data protection law, monitor compliance and act as liaison with the Information Commissioners Office ("ICO").
  - **Confidential Information:** any information that is not in the public domain and is intended to be protected from disclosure (whether it is proprietary in nature or whether by contract, legal protections such as trade secret laws, or other means). Information may be confidential irrespective of whether it is specifically labelled "confidential", "proprietary" or otherwise, or whether it is oral, written, drawn or stored electronically. Alternatively, labelling information "confidential" or "proprietary" or other classification does not automatically make the information Confidential Information. Personal data may or may not be confidential.
  - **Employees:** someone who works directly for the City of London Corporation, either on a permanent or fixed-term contract of employment.

- **Workers:** includes agency, casual staff, work experience, interns, volunteers, consultants, contractors and those working under a contract for services.
- **Members:** An elected Member of the Court of Common Council (100 Common Councilmen and 25 Aldermen)
- **Intellectual Property:** intangible property that is the result of creativity, such as designs, patents, copyrights and trademarks.
- **Security Culture:** an environment in which Employees other workers and Members are conscious of security risks, proactively support measures implemented to mitigate those risks, and feel empowered to challenge behaviours which compromise safety and security.
- **Security Personnel:** representatives of the City Corporation Security Teams, and uniformed guard officers contracted by the City Corporation to provide security at City Corporation buildings and events.
- **Security Policies:** together this policy, all other policies procedures and guidance that relate to the security and behaviours of employee's other workers, Members and visitors. It also relates to information and security of IT and policies and procedures in respect of building security.

## Responsibilities

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### Duties of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive:

9. The Town Clerk will ensure that all appropriate mechanisms are in place for this policy to be applied across the City Corporation. The Town Clerk will provide strategic leadership and ensure resources (including people and financial) are in place to discharge this policy and subordinate security policies.

### Duties of Heads of Corporate Departments and Directors:

10. Some Directors have specialist and key duties which must be discharged to ensure our Security Policies and arrangements are implemented. For example, the City Surveyor in relation to buildings and security policies and procedures; the Director of HR is responsible for employee related policies and training; the Chamberlain for the IT security, procurement and contracts and our financial assets.
11. All Chief Officers must ensure that all employees and workers in their departments:

- are aware of the City Corporation security policies and understand the importance of compliance with them.
- receive regular messages through line management to comply with our security policies, to reinforce and embed a positive and proactive security culture.
- complete any required security training.

12. Chief officers will ensure:

- that premises or buildings comply with the terms of any Building Protective Security Policy and /or guidance that is in place designed to ensure the physical security of our people, assets, intellectual property and confidential information.
- Any non-compliance with the security policies within their business or function area is dealt with in an appropriate and timely manner, and reported on the Security Incident Tracker, and in the case of serious breaches via the Corporate Security Director to the Security Board.
- Appropriate technical and organisational measures are in place to ensure the confidentiality, integrity and security of information, particularly personal data held by their Departments, and that data protection breaches are reported to the Data Protection Officer immediately.

## **Strategic Director of Security:**

13. Strategic Director of Security will:

- Monitor and assess the overarching security environment both externally and internally and its impact on the City Corporation's security culture, policies and practice.
- From time to time revise or direct the revision of the security policies and the issue of new security policies.
- Provide guidance on the security policies where appropriate.
- Ensure direct training is made available on the security policies as required.

## **Duties of all Line Managers:**

- Line managers will be responsible for ensuring their staff are fully cognisant with all security related instructions contained within the (this) Corporation Employee Handbook.
- Line managers will ensure that any issues of non-compliance by a member of their staff, are dealt with in an appropriate and proportionate manner (dependent upon the nature of the non-compliance) in accordance with the Employee Handbook and HR policies.

## **Duties of all employees and other workers:**

14. All employees and other workers are required to:

- cooperate on all matters relating to safety and security whilst on City Corporation business including support of and adherence to all procedures and guidance, and all reasonable instructions. Failure to comply will be treated seriously.
- act in a responsible manner, conducive to the safety and security of themselves, colleagues and visitors to the City Corporation.
- wear corporate identification pass at all times whilst on City Corporation premises and remove it on departure.
- make passes available for inspection by security personnel and comply with any security requests or instructions whilst on City Corporation premises.
- comply with the instructions of site security personnel for building access controls, in the event of an incident, emergency, drill or test, or any matter concerning security.
- ensure that all personal data and confidential information is securely used and stored, in accordance with the Employee Data Protection Policy, and any associated policies and guidelines. Information stored electronically must be secured appropriately for that system in accordance with the Employee Data Protection Policy and any other associated policies and guidance linked at the bottom of this policy.
- report as soon as practicable using the Security Incident Tracker and to a line manager any matters likely to jeopardise the security of our employees, other workers and visitors, or lead to the potential loss of City Corporation assets or information.

- Without prejudice to the above, to ensure all data protection breaches are reported to the DPO as soon as they become known.
- ensure that all work undertaken, and data created or held with Government Security Classifications is stored, processed and destroyed in accordance with official guidance.

## **Links / Other resources**

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Employee Code of Conduct

Employee Data Protection Policy

Screening and Vetting Policy

Communication and Information System Use Policy

Security Incident Tracker

City Secure Hub

CityPeople Self-service Personal/ Friends and Family