



SHIRE OF  
**HARVEY**

*A Breath of Fresh Air*



## **Policy 2.2.12 – Corporate Credit Card Policy**

### **1. Policy Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to provide Shire and any other employee deemed necessary with the ability to pay expenditure incurred whilst performing Shire functions with a minimum of inconvenience.

### **2. Policy Scope**

This policy applies to all employees of the Shire who are assigned a corporate credit card.

### **3. Policy**

That corporate credit cards be used only for the following purposes which shall relate to bona fide Shire business:

- Conference and meeting costs
- Accommodation expenses
- Meals in relation to Shire business
- Fuel expenses
- Business related entertainment expenses
- Minor equipment parts and repairs
- Other expenses which at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is most efficiently paid by credit card.

That all officers with a corporate credit card sign an agreement with the Shire that the facility will not be misused or used for any purpose other than those specified under this policy.

The credit card limit for the CEO shall be \$5,000.

The total combined limit for the Shire's corporate credit cards is a maximum of \$45,000.

The CEO will determine the maximum limit for each corporate credit card issued to Shire employees up to \$5,000.

That a register of all current cardholders be kept which includes, card number, expiry date of the credit card and credit limit.

All new and existing cardholders should be provided with a copy of the policies relating to the use of credit cards.

### 3.1. Conditions of use

- Use of the corporate credit card for personal use is prohibited.
- The credit card is not to be used for cash withdrawals.
- A corporate credit card shall only be used for the purchases of goods and services in the performance of official duties.
- In all cases of misuse, the Shire of Harvey reserves the right to recover any monies from the cardholder.
- Top up of the credit card can be allowed with the approval of the Director/CEO and after submitting all previous tax invoices to the finance department.
- Transactions that seem to be unreasonable, excessive and unauthorised will be subject to audit and reported to the CEO where appropriate action will be undertaken.

### 3.2. Purchasing

- Purchases on the corporate credit card are to be made in accordance with the Shire's Policy 2.2.11 – Purchasing Policy.
- Corporate credit cards are only to be used to purchase goods and services for which there is a budget provision.

### 3.3. General

- That the cardholder should report to the Manager Finance immediately if the corporate credit card has been lost or stolen.
- That the cardholder will return the corporate credit card to the Manager Finance if employment ceases or the position they hold no longer requires a credit card.
- That the corporate credit card will not be transferred to other users.
- If reward schemes apply to the use of the corporate credit card, then the reward is to be used for the benefit of the Shire only.
- If the cardholder fails to comply with this policy, then it shall be treated as fraud and dealt with as such.

### 3.4.Reconciliation Procedures


- Shire officers to follow the reconciliation process as established under Shire’s Organisational Directive for Corporate Credit Cards.
- The payment of the credit card will be by Direct Debit from the Shire’s Municipal bank account on a monthly basis.

### 3.5.Reporting

All purchases using a corporate credit card shall be included in the list of accounts paid under delegated authority and presented to the Council in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

## 4. Strategic Objective

The policy aligns with the following strategic objective:

	<b>Effective civic leadership</b> Effective civic leadership is visionary and influential. It means listening to the community, balancing competing demands, making fair decisions and acting with integrity.
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## 5. Definitions

- Nil.

## 6. Legislation

- *Local Government Act 1995*
- Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

## 7. Related Documents

- Organisation Directive: Corporate Credit Card Use and Reconciliation Proves
- Council Policy 2.2.11 – Purchasing Policy

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