

CABINET
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INFORMATION SECURITY AND INFORMATION SECURITY INCIDENT POLICIES

Cabinet Member: Cllr Clive Eginton
Responsible Officer: Catherine Yandle, Group Manager for Performance, Governance and Data Security

Reason for Report: To update the existing policies to reflect current job roles and best practice.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That Cabinet recommends to Council that the revised Information Security and Information Security Incident policies be approved.

Relationship to Corporate Plan: These policies support good governance arrangements enabling confidence in delivery of the Corporate Plan.

Financial Implications: The Information Security and Information Security Incident policies do not itself have any financial implications but the Council incurs significant costs to achieve data security and if the system is unavailable for any reason that is estimated to cost the Council at least £6,000 per hour.

Legal Implications: Not complying with Data Protection Act 2018 security and breach reporting requirements would expose MDDC to enforcement action by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

Risk Assessment: Approving the Information Security and Information Security Incident policies reduces the risk of enforcement action by the ICO. However, Information Security remains one of the highest risks on the risk register because even with extensive IT security the weakest link remains the users of the IT facilities.

Equality Impact Assessment: No equality issues identified for this report.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Since these policies were written the requirements of the GDPR have been brought into force by the DPA 2018.

1.2 The Council's network achieves and is annually tested for compliance with Public Sector Network criteria.

2.0 The Policy

2.1 The existing policy was already based on best practice which has meant the revised policy is not a complete re-write.

2.2 There were minor changes to staff job titles and responsibilities, throughout.

3.0 **Conclusion**

- 3.1 That Cabinet recommends to Council that the revised Information Security and Information Security Incident policies be approved.

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Circulation of the Report: Cabinet Members, Cllr Eginton, Leadership Team