

<b>Policy Name</b>	<b>Public Access to the Internet</b>
<b>Policy Number</b>	CD26
<b>Responsible Section</b>	Community Learning and Library Services
<b>Responsible Department</b>	Community Development
<b>Date Last Adopted</b>	23 January 2024
<b>Date of Next Review</b>	January 2027
<b>Applicable Legislation</b>	Broadcasting Services Act 1992 (Commonwealth) Schedules 5 & 7 (online content scheme) Copyright Act 1968 (Commonwealth) Enhancing Online Safety Act 2015 (EOSA) (Commonwealth) Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017 (South Australia)
<b>Related Governance Documents</b>	Council Policy - Children and Vulnerable People Safe Environment Rules for using online resources and services at Council libraries, Civic Centre, Community Centres, and the Visitor Information Centre Australian Library & Information Association (ALIA) Free Access to information Statement Libraries SA – Acceptable use Policy for Library Customers
<b>City Plan Theme</b>	Community

## 1. PURPOSE/OBJECTIVE

The City of Port Adelaide Enfield supports the vision of having an informed, IT literate and information enabled community. While recognising that everyone has freedom of choice and equitable access to information and library resources, we must abide by State and Federal laws and regulations which are in place to protect individuals and the community. This Policy describes the principles to abide by the requirements of these Acts and appropriate use of the Internet.

## 2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all members of the community who access the Internet using publicly accessible Council owned equipment.

### **3. POLICY**

#### **3.1 Access to information and services**

All users of Council owned IT equipment must obey all Australian and International Laws and not perform activities that are unlawful. Unlawful activities include, but are not limited to:

- Gaining access to any materials that are pornographic, offensive or objectionable;
- Engaging in any conduct that offends Federal, State or Local Council laws and regulations;
- Embarrassing or harassing (sexually or otherwise) another person;
- Engaging in any defamatory messages;
- Sending or forwarding any materials that are abusive, sexist, racist or otherwise illegal;
- Circumventing any filtering or content access device or software; and
- Interfering with electronic rights management information or making use or taking control of resources or services outside Council's terms of use.

Users of Council owned IT equipment who fail to comply with this Policy may be subject to legal or other action taken by third parties in addition to Council imposing a temporary or permanent suspension of rights to use Council IT equipment.

Council is committed to ensure that its IT equipment and provision of Internet services are used in accordance with State and Federal laws and regulations. As a result Council will take reasonable steps to identify and report individuals responsible for engaging in conduct in violation of those laws and regulations to the relevant authorities.

### **4. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **4.1 Supervision of Children and Young People**

Parents/Caregivers of children and young people are responsible for their access and use of all materials, services, equipment and Internet Services.

#### **4.2 Review**

The Community Learning and Library Manager monitors the Policy.

### **5. DEFINITIONS**

**IT** Information Technology

