

A. ROLE PROFILES

A.1 COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNCIL

Council has a duty to enable City, University of London to develop its Vision and Strategy and achieve success in meeting its objectives for education, research and enterprise. In doing this, it seeks at all times to safeguard the good name and values of the institution.

Council structures its governance arrangements and seeks at all times to conduct its business in accordance with the seven Principles identified by the Committee on Standards in Public Life (selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership) and *the Higher Education Code of Governance* of the Committee of University Chairs.

The primary responsibilities of Council are:

- i. To approve the Vision and Strategy of City, its long-term academic and business plans, performance indicators, annual budgets and financial statements and to ensure that these meet the interests of stakeholders.
- ii. To appoint the President and put in place suitable arrangements to monitor his/her performance.
- iii. To ensure the establishment and monitoring of systems of control and accountability, including financial & operational controls, risk management and a delegations framework.
- iv. To monitor institutional performance against plans and performance indicators, which are, where possible and appropriate, benchmarked against other institutions.
- v. To ensure the institution remains sustainable, financially viable and maintains an excellent reputation.
- vi. To assure itself that there is an effective framework – overseen by Senate – to manage the quality of education and to maintain academic standards.
- vii. To assure itself that the student experience at City, including student welfare, is delivered to a high standard.
- viii. To ensure there is an effective process in place to monitor and evaluate the performance and effectiveness of the Council and its Committees.

Council is responsible for approving annual returns to the Office for Students (OfS) as required including an annual report on the Prevent Duty; and an Annual Assurance Statement relating to academic quality and standards.

Council also receives an annual slavery and human trafficking statement (as required by the Modern Slavery Act 54) and an annual statement on Research Integrity.

Note:

The Charter states that Council cannot delegate its powers:

- i. To appoint and dismiss the President and to approve the President's terms and conditions of appointment.
- ii. To approve the annual business plan recommended by the President.
- iii. To amend the Charter.
- iv. To make Statutes or Ordinances
- v. To adopt the institution's Annual Accounts
- vi. To appoint the institution's Auditors.