

Presented to	October Ordinary Meeting of Council 18 October 2022
Related to Item	Property Development Policy and Register
Submitted by	Cr Pazolli
Attachments	Town of Cambridge Council Policy 033 Developer Contact with Staff Policy Town of Cambridge Council Policy 039

- X With Notice** to be provided 5 clear working days prior to the meeting
- Without Notice** an absolute majority resolution of the Council will be required for the motion to be considered
- For Urgent Consideration** Mayoral approval required

That the Council directs the Chief Executive Officer to prepare draft Council policies for Council's discussion at an EMES / workshop followed by consideration & adoption at or before the March 2023 Ordinary Meeting of Council, that provides policy guidelines for Elected Members and all staff (and Planning Staff in particular) for the management and registration of all Elected Member and staff contacts with Property Developers involved in or likely to be involved in property developments within the City of Melville. The policy shall define EM / staff duties, responsibilities and recording of such contacts.

To be presented to the October Ordinary Meeting of Council

Objective, Benefit and Potential Risks to be considered:

- To ensure staff / EM property developer contact is declared in an open and transparent register of contact.
- Reduce any perception of bias in contacts with property developers.

Reasons for the Motion

1. Applicants, objectors and members of the community must have trust in Council Members' ability to make decisions free of influence or the perception of influence, particularly in respect of town planning and development decisions.
2. Contact with developers is a normal and necessary function of the role of a Council Member and duties of planning staff. However, the nature and frequency of that contact can sometimes lead to allegations or perceptions of bias, influence or even corruption being made towards Council Members / staff. Implementing transparent decision-making processes and registration of such contacts can reduce opportunities for such allegations or perceptions to be raised.
3. Refer to Town of Cambridge [Council Policy 033](#) and [Council Policy 039](#) as examples of such policies.

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