



PROPOSED NOTICE OF MOTION

(Elected Members)

Name: Cr Katy Mair

Date of Meeting: 20 August 2019

Meeting of the: Ordinary Meeting of Council

Subject: Community Forum

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"That the Council requests the CEO to investigate

1. holding monthly Community Forums in the Council Chambers to hear questions and deputations by residents and resident groups on any issue.
2. recording minutes of those Community Forums for future reference.

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REASONS:

1. There is concern about limitations on deputations such as they must relate to items on the Agenda of Agenda Briefing Sessions and Council Meetings, the number of presentations is limited, and those who can present is also limited.
2. A separate Community Forum should be available monthly to allow residents and resident groups the opportunity to ask questions and present deputations to Council on any issue of concern to them. As with ABF and OMC, they should notify their intention to ask questions or give a deputation preferably prior to the meeting.
3. If this is successful, the Council could consider applying the same rules to question time, namely that the questions at Agenda Briefing Forums and the Ordinary Council Meeting should be related to items on the Agenda.
4. We should invite the media to attend these Community Forums just as they do at Agenda Briefing Forums and Ordinary Council Meetings and we should advertise them in the media.
5. We could hold these community forums on the same evenings as an Elected Members Briefing Session. If residents attend, the EMIS meeting will be delayed until all matters are dealt with. However, if no residents wish to attend, the EMIS continues as usual.
6. This solution may reduce conflict at ADF and Council Meetings. It may also shorten the length of the Council Meeting.
7. The positive outcome for Council of Community Forums is that Elected Members and Officers will be more available to the community and it would increase our dialogue with our residents.

SIGNATURE: _____

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