



**PROPOSED DEFFERAL MOTION AT
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
(Elected Members)**

Name: Cr Katy Mair
Date of Meeting: 21 July
Meeting of the: Ordinary Meeting of Council
Item No. M20/5751
Title of Item New Council Policy – CP-113 Attendance at Events Policy

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Procedural Motion

That Item M20/5751 New Council Policy – CP-113 Attendance at Events Policy be deferred to the 18 August 2020 Ordinary Meeting of Council to allow for discussion at an Elected Member Information Session prior to that meeting.

Reasons:

1. The second paragraph of this Policy appears to be a little confusing and lacking in explanation. The paragraph begins and ends “Attendance at an event ... City’s Gift Register.”
2. Elected Members are not allowed to accept a gift of more than \$300 but paragraph two of the Policy Statement states that it “excludes the gift holder from the requirement to disclose an interest if the ticket is above \$300...”
3. Paragraph two talks about disclosure of interests but does not clarify whether Elected Members need to declare a financial or a code of conduct interest.
4. This Policy goes beyond the legislative requirement to declare an interest if a gift is \$50 and over. It requires Elected Members to declare an interest and/or put a gift of \$1 upwards on the gift register and/or declare an interest in any matter that comes before Council in respect to an event attended.
5. This Policy talks about ticketed events but does not address hospitality. An event may be free but an Elected Member may receive refreshments such as a coffee and a sandwich potentially costing \$15, does the Elected Member need to declare this?
6. The declarations demanded by this policy could be onerous on Elected Members carrying out their legislative duties to assist their communities and should be brought back to reasonable standards set by the State Government Legislation.