

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

CONCEPT/AGENDA FORUM

	Issue	Response / Action
10:15am-12:30pm	Chief Executive Officer to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round One of the National Stronger Regions Fund; • iPad Policy; • Kodja Place Review (<i>see attached</i>); and • Showgrounds Planning. 	

PROJECTS FORUM

	Manager / Officer Updates on the Annual Budget (Monthly)	Comment
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Manager of Corporate Services to give an update on the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Philosophy Policy; • Airport Billboards; • Asset Management Plan Grant; and • Workforce Plan Grant. 	

COUNCILLOR Q & A

2:00pm – 2:40pm	Councillor Updates <i>Opportunity for Councillors to outline meetings attended, discussions had or queries received for Councillor and Officer information.</i>	
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10:00am Morning Tea Provided

12:30pm Lunch Provided

Info Bulletin	Will be circulated	Councillors to review and ask questions out of session or at the next briefing session. A copy of any question, and the response will be circulated to all Councillors for information.
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GUESTS

(By prior notice and scheduling with the CEO or President)

External

Nil

Internal

Anthony Middleton - Manager of Corporate Services
Mort Wignall – Manager of Regulatory & Community Services
Craig McVee – Manager of Works & Services

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer

Explanatory Notes

COUNCILLOR Q&A

Is where Councillors can ask operational questions of the Chief Executive Officer.

PROJECTS FORUM

Is where Senior Management/officers provide monthly Status Reports on Projects adopted via the Annual Budget or a formal request has been directed by Council to the CEO.

AGENDA FORUM

Is where officers provide a status update or seek guidance in the work up of an item for a future agenda. This allows Councillors to stay informed and ensure items have been adequately researched by the time the item is formally presented to Council. No decisions are made on the item and all aspects considered will form part of the officer's report.

CONCEPT FORUM

Is where plans, strategies, and opportunities can be work shopped between staff and Councillors to guide the initial stages of development and test concepts before allocating further resources to the concept work up. This is normally not open to the public unless otherwise advised, where the workshop may involve members of a committee or community group. This is supported by the Department of Local Government Guideline on Council Forums that states:

Behind closed doors and in a relatively informal manner are the two notable characteristics of concept forums. Holding such meetings behind closed doors is justified in that many of the ideas and concepts are preliminary and while looking for that creative gem some may be extreme, expensive or impractical and never adopted.

Discussion on such proposals in a public forum would be counter-productive. Privacy and informality allows elected members to propose ideas, ask questions and discuss issues for the better understanding of those in attendance. Such forums assist individuals to become better informed and to clarify their views.