
MM9/20 COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Mayor, Councillor Jerome Laxale

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Following comments made during debate at the 25 August Council Meeting, Councillors attended an informal meeting to discuss how Council and its committees could be run more effectively. On some items there was agreement, and on others there wasn't.

Ultimately, Councillors did agree that meetings should not run for as long, and that each Councillor had a responsibility to help achieve that.

The recommendation below is an attempt to find compromise among a broad range of discussion topics, with the ultimate goal of making Council and its committees more constructive, effective and efficient.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Councillors reaffirm their commitment under the City of Ryde Code of Meeting Practice November 2019 that Council and Committee meetings should be orderly, with Councillors noting their requirement to behave in a way that contributes to the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- (b) That the Ryde Central Committee be abolished, noting that the General Manager should report major matters on Ryde Central to Councillors should they arise from time to time.
- (c) That the Finance and Governance Committee be given the same level of delegation as the Works and Community Committee, noting that certain matters may still require to be resolved by Council as required under the Local Government Act.
- (d) That the General Manager recommence the optional Councillors briefing session prior to each ordinary Council meeting, starting October 2020.
- (e) That the General Manager, where practicable, provide workshop presentations to Councillors via Boardvantage three (3) working days prior to the day of the scheduled workshop.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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Council, submitted on 22 September 2020.