

**MM9/24 MAYOR'S PUBLIC FORUM - Mayor, Councillor Trenton Brown****File Number: CLM/24/1/1/8 - BP24/232**

The proposal for a Mayor's Public Forum is an initiative aimed at encouraging transparency and community involvement. By holding regular monthly meetings in the Council Chambers and other community facilities, the Mayor's forum would offer a structured opportunity for residents to interact directly with the Mayor and Senior Staff, discussing a wide array of topics that impact both individuals and the broader community. The Mayor's Forum aims to significantly enhance communication and trust between the Council and our community.

In the interests of transparency, it is important to consult and engage with members of the public on issues that affect them and our community and respond to issues facing our community with genuine solutions.

I am therefore proposing to introduce a Mayor's Public Forum whereby consistent engagement could be undertaken with the community on a monthly basis.

The Forum would provide a platform and the opportunity for community members to engage with the Mayor and senior staff on a broad range of issues.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That a Mayor's Public Forum be introduced on a monthly basis with the Mayor and Senior Staff.
- (b) That the Forum be held in the Council Chambers from 6pm, commencing in April 2024, on a trial basis and then progressively held across each ward so that ease of access is considered for residents. Other community facilities will be considered so that geographic access is achieved for residents across all three wards.
- (c) That the Executive Assistant to the Mayor and other staff attend the Forum to provide administrative support.
- (d) That it be publicised via Councils usual communication channels.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

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Council, submitted on 26 March 2024.