
MM23/19 CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE - Mayor Jerome Laxale**File Number: MYR/07/10/20 - BP19/1119**

Background

Council's core business is to deliver on the Council approved Community Strategic Plan and the Four Year Delivery Plan. Council also has many strategies and plans that have been approved by Council setting out the strategic, financial, legal and policy framework to conduct the business of Council.

During Council meetings, it has been the practice for many Notices of Motion to be put forward. These can distract Councillors from core business and the policy objectives already in place. At times, these Notices of Motion are at odds with the Council's policy framework and Councillors need to make decisions without an informed report before them.

As recommended by the NSW Government's Model Code of Meeting Practice, this Mayoral Minute recommends that Council's current Code of Meeting Practice be amended by the addition of a clause that ensures that Notices of Motion of this kind are accompanied by a report outlining further information on the matter.

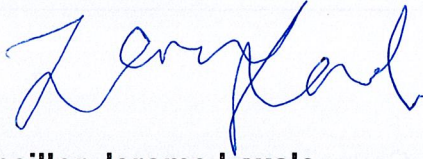
RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council amend the City of Ryde Code of Meeting Practice – Giving Notice of Business to be considered at Council Meetings, with the following additional clause;

3.23 If the General Manager considers that a notice of motion submitted by a Councillor for consideration at a meeting of the Council has legal, strategic, financial or policy implications which should be taken into consideration by the meeting, the General Manager may either:

- a. prepare a report in relation to the notice of motion for inclusion with the business papers for the meeting at which the notice of motion is to be considered by the Council or;
 - b. by written notice in relation to the notice of motion for inclusion with the business papers, defer consideration of the notice of motion to the next meeting, pending preparation of such a report.
- (b) That Council consider the new additional Clause 3.23 of Council's Code of Meeting practice to not be a substantial amendment and accordingly not require public exhibition of the amendment.

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