

OFFICERS REPORT

IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY – DEVELOPER CONTACT

Submitting Councillor: Cr Josh Fergeus

MOTION

That Council:

- 1. Re-affirms its commitment to the highest levels of transparency.*
- 2. Directs Officers to provide advice to Council on the development of a policy addressing Councillor contact with developers.*
- 3. Requests that in developing this advice, Officers take into consideration the success or otherwise of the approaches taken by the City of Bayswater, City of Adelaide, City of Vincent, Town of Bassendean, City of Rockhampton, and other Councils which have implemented such a policy.*
- 4. That this advice is presented by the February 2021 meeting of Council.*

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications to this motion.

IMPACT ON INTERNAL RESOURCES

Development of advice regarding a policy and the assessment of how other councils have implemented such a policy will be undertaken within existing resources.

COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICIES

The Council has undertaken a number of actions since 2017 to improve its transparency in decision making.

RELEVANCE TO WORK ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY OFFICERS OR COMMITTEES

No work around this issue has been done, to date.

Officers have sighted several policies used by interstate councils regarding this matter.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

There are no other considerations regarding the motion.