

Responsible Officer Executive Services	Adopted 25 July 2006
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OBJECTIVE

To enable openness and accountability in Council's decision making.

POLICY

The Agenda for each ordinary meeting of Council will provide a "Questions from the Gallery" segment.

A period of no more than 15 minutes will be allowed for "Questions from the Gallery". Individuals will be permitted to ask only **one** question, relating to Council business, of the Mayor. A subsequent question may be asked at the discretion of the Mayor.

In the event that the Mayor is unable to answer the question he/she will seek advice from Council officers. In the event that questions cannot be answered at the time of being asked they will be taken on notice and a written response will be provided, a subsequent question may be asked at the discretion of the Mayor.

The Mayor may rule that a question not be answered if they she considers that the question is vague, irrelevant, insulting or improper.

Statements will not be permitted.

The Mayor may require that the question be provided in writing at the meeting to ensure an accurate interpretation is made.

Questions from the Gallery and any answer given will not be required to be recorded in the minutes of the relevant meeting unless the Elected Members present at the meeting resolve that an entry should be made.

DELEGATION

That pursuant to section 44 of the Local Government Act 1999, Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer authority to administer Council's Policies.



Document Control

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