

Submission of Motions

Notice of Motion

Motion received in terms of Standing Order No 19 on 21 April 2021, proposed by Councillor Graeme Campbell, seconded by Councillor Martin Grant Hose, as follows:-

“Since the beginning of the current council in 2017, the number of motions being put to Council under Standing Order 19 have grown exponentially. In some cases, these motions have little or nothing to do with actual council business, functions or matters within the Council's control. In far too many occasions, the desired outcome of these motions could have been easily achieved via the member(s) contacting the relevant Council Resource and working with officers to deliver their desired goal. If the matter could not be dealt with as business as usual or under delegated authority but required a decision by the Council or Committee this would allow Officers to bring a report to Council to allow elected members to make an informed decision and consequently be a more efficient and effective use of time and resources.

We would like this position to change and therefore, we are asking the council to approve this motion which seeks the following:-

- 1) To expand Standing Order 19 so that any motion brought to the full council, should relate to matters within the remit, functions, powers and therefore the authority of the council and:
- 2) If the above can be satisfied, the councillor bringing the motion to full council, should at least have attempted to resolve the matter through either the resource leadership or Chief Executive's office first. This in effect means that motions are only brought to the full council for decision, where the councillor has failed to achieve their desired outcome through normal council channels first.”