



**9.3 - Notice of Motion – Review of Council Policy 1.1.14 – Forums of Council – Policy Concept Forums, Question & Answer Agenda Forums and Workshops (SJ4082)**

<b>Councillor</b>	Councillor Rich
<b>Disclosure of Officers Interest:</b>	No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has an interest to declare in accordance with the provisions of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> .

**Notice of Motion**

A Notice of Motion was received from Councillor Rich via email on Monday, 10 April 2023.

The Notice of Motion is “That Council REQUESTS that the Chief Executive Officer conducts a review of Council Policy 1.1.14 – Forums of Council – Policy Concept Forums, Question & Answer Agenda Forums and Workshops and presents recommendations for Council’s consideration.”

**Officer Comment**

Council Policy 1.1.14 - Forums of Council – Policy Concept Forums, Question & Answer Agenda Forums and Workshops was adopted by Council in 2017. The Policy provides a framework for the conduct of Policy Concept Forums, Question & Answer Agenda Forums and Council Workshops.

The Policy broadly aligns with the Department of Local Government’s Operational Guidelines Number 5 – Council Forums.

In respect to policy review, in June 2022 Council noted a proposed forward calendar of routine policy review.

The timetable noted by Council had the Council Policy 1.1.14 - Forums of Council – Policy Concept Forums, Question & Answer Agenda Forums and Workshops to be reviewed between February to March 2024. This timeframe had been selected by Officers to enable the Council to reconsider the policy following the 2023 ordinary local government elections.

If Council wished to bring forward a review of Council Policy 1.1.14 - Forums of Council – Policy Concept Forums, Question & Answer Agenda Forums and Workshops it could resolve to do so but Officers would recommend that Council resolve to defer consideration of a policy within the schedule where substantial work is yet to commence.

The two policies that meet this criteria are:

- the keeping of three to six dogs; and
- trails

With the Dog Local Law process underway, Officers consider that there is greater merit in advancing the policy review associated with the keeping of three to six dogs. Accordingly, if Council wished to bring forward the review of Council Policy 1.1.14 – Forums of Council – Policy Concept Forums, Question & Answer Agenda Forums and Workshops, Officers would recommend that Council also agrees to defer work on the trails policy.

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Such an approach would accommodate the organisation's activities in this regard which include embedding the Shire's project management framework, planning and delivery of the 2023-24 audit program, preparing the draft 2023-24 Corporate Business Plan, annual delegations review, progressing the policy review schedule, and making preparations for the 2023 ordinary local government election.

**Voting Requirements:** Simple Majority

### **Councillor Recommendation**

That Council REQUESTS that the Chief Executive Officer conducts a review of Council Policy 1.1.14 – Forums of Council – Policy Concept Forums, Question & Answer Agenda Forums and Workshops and presents recommendations for Council's consideration.

### **Alternate Officer Recommendation**

That Council:

1. REQUESTS that the Chief Executive Officer conducts a review of Council Policy 1.1.14 – Forums of Council – Policy Concept Forums, Question & Answer Agenda Forums and Workshops and presents recommendations for Council's consideration; and
2. RESOLVES that Council Policy 2.1.1 – Trails is deferred to the February to March 2024 timeframe within the policy review forward program to facilitate point 1.