

Council Member Developer Contact

ITEM 11.1 14/05/2019
Council

Council Member
Councillor Simms

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Receiving Officer:
Mark Goldstone, Chief Executive
Officer

MOTION ON NOTICE:

Councillor Simms will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:

'That Council:

1. Supports the regular disclosure of Council member contact with developers on an online register to improve transparency and community trust in decision making.
2. Requests that administration provide a report on how this might occur, considering in particular, the City of Vincent's Policy on 'Council Member Contact With Developers' (See eg: policy number 4.2.15 <https://www.vincent.wa.gov.au/documents/592/4215-council-member-contact-with-developers>).

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT:

1. The conflict of interest provisions under the Local Government Act provide a framework to ensure appropriate governance controls relating to Council Member activity.
2. Unlike some other states, South Australian councils operate under a Council Assessment Panel (and State Commission Assessment Panel) structure, thereby further limiting conflict of interest situations for Councillors with regard to development.
3. If this Motion is supported, a report will be brought into Council that considers:
 - 3.1. how this could be implemented in the SA legislative system
 - 3.2. requirements on conflict of interest and declaration of interests that already exist for Council members.

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