

NOTICE OF MOTIONS UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 16

To consider the following notice of motions submitted under Procedure Rule 16:

1. The following motion has been submitted by Councillor Kasumu, and will be seconded by Councillor Hellyer:

“We are all aware of the pressures on council finances. As we strive to optimise our resources, it has become evident that there is a significant opportunity to enhance efficiency, reduce costs, and streamline our operations through a transition from elections by thirds to all-out elections.

Currently, our council operates under a system where a portion of council seats are contested every year, bar one, resulting in annual election-related expenditures and administrative efforts. This approach, while providing regular opportunities for electoral participation, has proven to be costly and resource intensive.

We are all aware of low turnout at local elections. By transitioning to all-out elections, we would consolidate our electoral efforts to once every four years, aligning with the county elections in 2025 and then subsequent county elections. This strategic alignment would not only lead to substantial cost savings by reducing the frequency of elections but would also enhance voter turnout and engagement, as history has shown higher participation rates during consolidated election cycles.

This Council therefore will:

1. **Initiate a Comprehensive Review:** Conduct a thorough analysis of the potential cost savings, logistical considerations, and any legal or procedural implications associated with transitioning to all-out elections.
2. **Engage with the Community:** Launch a robust public engagement campaign to involve and listen to residents’ views on the proposed change, gather their input, and address any concerns or questions they may have.
3. **Develop a Transition Plan:** Based on the findings of the comprehensive review and community engagement efforts, formulate a transition plan outlining the steps, timelines, and resources required to implement all-out elections in alignment with the county elections in 2025.
4. **Ensure Legal and Procedural Compliance:** Legal and election officers to ensure that the transition plan adheres to all applicable laws, regulations, and best practices.
5. **Report Back to Council:** Present the findings, community feedback, transition plan, and any recommendations to the council for further deliberation, modifications if necessary, and final approval within 6 months.”