

Notice of Motion

Submitted on 30 November 2016

Attention: Eric Perry, Relationship Manager, Local Board Services

In accordance with Standing Order 3.11.1, I hereby give notice that I wish to move the following motion at the 15 December 2016 meeting of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

Recommendations

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) Requests officers urgently provide legal and other relevant advice clarifying the position as to whether the Board can continue to hold workshops in the open, and requests that the advice be based on legal opinion regarding relevant legislation and any relevant clauses in Standing Orders.
- b) Requests that the advice sought in resolution a) above be provided prior to the first business meeting in 2017 of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board (noted as 21 February 2017), and prior to the Board determining its Community Forum or workshop / briefing meetings' timetables or processes.

Background

1. The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board requests officers to provide legal advice clarifying the position of holding workshops in public or public excluded. Last term the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board held open workshops and only closed them when they met conditions agreed to by the Board.
2. This term the Board has been advised that officers have reviewed the open workshops and decided that they did not conform to Standing Orders. Therefore, the advice has been to hold workshops behind closed doors.
3. The Board has decided on the principle of openness and transparency, and therefore it is important to ensure that the Board meets this principle. The Board has workshopped potential new methods of work shopping, holding briefings, and methods of distributing information in an endeavour to determine which items or presentations should be dealt with in a particular way. Some items, previously workshopped, might go into business meetings.
4. However, it is important to clarify the advice being offered the Board.

Signed



Grant Gillon

Chairperson, Devonport-Takapuna Local Board