

6.1 NOTICE OF MOTION: Cr Josh Topelberg – Live Streaming of Council Briefings and Council Meetings

That Council NOTES the current audio visual system used in the Council Chamber is nearing the end of its technological life and REQUESTS the Chief Executive Officer to investigate a system upgrade or replacement to support live streaming of Council Briefings and Council Meetings and to submit a report to Council by December 2015 to consider possible funding for the same through the Mid Year Budget Review.

REASON:

Live streaming of Council Briefings and Council Meetings would greatly increase the community's accessibility to and awareness of Council discussion and decision-making processes and would also support the City's agenda for increasing transparency and accountability in the City and the local government sector as a whole.

The City's Council meetings are already digitally recorded and those recordings are publicly accessible. However, it is understood the current audio visual system is nearing the end of its technological life and could not support live internet streaming of meetings.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT:

The Chief Executive Officer has no objection to the proposed Motion.

Administration has already commenced a review of the existing audio visual system used in the Council Chambers, including the networked computer screens, microphones, video camera and projector. Some of this equipment is approximately 20 years old, is indeed nearing the end of its technological life and becoming unreliable, and will need to be replaced in the near future.