
SPECIAL MOTION NO. 8 – TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Wesley Harcourt
- (ii) Councillor Colin Aherne

“This Council notes the significant levels of public concern about the Council’s private dealings with property developers. It determines to address those concerns by making publicly available all agenda and minutes of the meetings administration councillors and senior officers have had with developers about specific local sites detailing what was discussed and what was agreed.

The Council appreciates that some issues will be commercially confidential. It therefore agrees to appoint a genuinely independent person to assess this aspect and advise the Council which in turn agrees to consider that advice while reaching its decisions about commercial confidentiality issues.

The council asserts that transparency is an important aspect of maintaining public trust with the public who fund the vast majority of salaries of all whom it employs and fund almost all it does through their taxes. It agrees to formulate new protocols that allow the public to have a greater knowledge of its dealings with property developers.”