



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

13th November 2007

GM8 COUNCIL MEETING ARRANGEMENTS
FILE: 335 AVB (NRN) CC: MRB {Folio No. *}

SUMMARY:

To decide whether the informal information sessions are to continue after the three (3) month trial period

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DESCRIPTION:

Council in August resolved to trial for a three (3) month period the holding of informal information sessions with staff to discuss Council meeting agenda items.

The information sessions are held on the Monday prior to the Council meeting and commenced in September 2007. The November meeting will see the conclusion of the trial period.

From a staff perspective the meetings have been of value and the September and October meetings haven't been as prolonged as in the past.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil

- *Social*

Both Councillors and staff are better informed.

- *Economic (Financial)*

If Council meetings continue to be not prolonged this will allow secretarial staff to attend to other duties.

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

- *General Manager's Review*

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council continue to hold information sessions with staff on the Monday prior to the Council meeting and the public be invited to attend as observers.

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GENERAL MANAGER