

# Item 8.2

## **Additional Information Ordinary Meeting**

**Thursday, 28 January 2021**



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<b>Item:</b>	<b>8.2 Review of the Classification and Management of Council Information</b>		
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<b>Officer (title):</b>	<b>Chief of Staff</b>	<b>Approving GE (title):</b>	<b>Chief of Staff</b>

In response to questions raised by Councillors, please note the following additional information for your consideration.

**Questions:**

**(Cr D Law)** – Please provide the data for the first 12 months of the term of the previous council compared with the almost 12 months of this current council in relation to the number of Ordinary Meeting reports and confidential reports. Is there any additional data available that would support the recommendations in the report?

**(Cr P Cox)** – Please provide some comparative data for other major south east Queensland councils in relation to the classification of Council reports in the same first year of the current local government term.

**Response:**

For comparability purposes and to inform the preparation of the Council Agenda Report, the management of Council business in the first calendar year of the previous Council has been contrasted against the first calendar year of the current Council. Looking at these same points in time for the respective Councils, the comparative figures are:

<b>Council</b>	<b>Total Number of Reports considered in the period</b>	<b>Total Number of Reports resolved by Council as containing Confidential Information in their entirety</b>	<b>Percentage of Confidential Reports of the Total number of Reports considered in the period</b>
7 April 2016 – 31 December 2016	197	51	26%
23 April – 31 December 2020	98	8	8.2%

In considering the above figures, the April – December 2020 figure of (8) does not include public reports that had confidential attachments. There were (9) public reports with confidential attachments during this period. If you add these (9) reports to the (8) considered as Confidential in their entirety, then the 8.2% figure increases to 17% of reports which were resolved as containing confidential information (either in full or in part).

Council officers are continuing to source, validate and seek authorisation from other major south east Queensland councils in relation to the volume of confidential reports (either in full or in part) that have been considered during the April to December 2020 period. Once this data is available and authorisations have been received, this information will be circulated to Councillors and provided to the independent external consultant for consideration in the context of the proposed review (subject to Council resolving that the review should proceed).