

9.4 - Notice of Motion - Establishment of a Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Youth Advisory Council (SJ4376)

Elected Member	President Coales
Disclosure of Officers Interest:	No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has an interest to declare in accordance with the provisions of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> .

Notice of Motion

A Notice of Motion was received from President Coales on Tuesday, 30 April 2024.

The Notice of Motion is “That Council REQUESTS the Chief Executive Officer investigate options for the establishment of a Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Youth Advisory Council and present the options and resourcing requirements to Council at a future Policy Concept Forum.”

Relevant Previous Decisions of Council

Nil.

Officer Comment

A Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a group of young people that actively advise their local government authority on matters pertinent to youth. Topics may include youth events and activities, providing input on facility upgrades/builds, or providing guidance on consultation methods and information dissemination to youth and their families.

These forums provide young people with a means of coming together to generate ideas and make decisions about matters that affect them in their local community. It also provides a learning opportunity for young people and encourages greater participation from youth in a variety of local government initiatives.

The format of a YAC (such as frequency of meetings, membership ages, objectives and tenure) vary from Council to Council, subject to a range of factors within the local area.

The supervision of participants/minors, guardian permission requirements and meeting other child safe practices as outlined in *Council Policy 5.1.16: Child Safety and Wellbeing*, also need to be taken into account when forming this valuable network, with consideration to appropriate Shire resourcing for mentoring, administration and implementation support, essential in assisting the YAC to drive initiatives from identification through to completion.

To implement a YAC will require additional resources to facilitate and administer and Officers expect that priority initiatives will emanate from the group which will also require additional organisational resources to implement.

Officers are able to progress with investigating options for a YAC, with key considerations and resourcing requirements to be presented back to Council at a future Policy Concept Forum.

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Attachments (available under separate cover)

Nil.

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

Elected Member Recommendation

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