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Council committee meetings to be opened to the public

The City of Albany's regular Council committee meetings will be opened to the public following a decision at the May Ordinary Council Meeting.

Each month five separate committees meet to discuss projects, initiatives and issues; and make recommendations to be formally considered at Ordinary Council Meetings.

The committees include Economic Development, Community Services, Corporate Services and Finance, Works and Services; and Planning and Development.

Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington said the decision to open the meetings to the public meant members of the community could now be even more involved in the City of Albany's decision making process.

Members of the public will be entitled to address the committee meetings under the same conditions as those which apply to Ordinary Council Meetings, recognising that there will be occasions, as laid out in the *Local Government Act*, where the committees will need to deliberate *in camera*.

Mr Wellington said the changes aligned with the City of Albany's Community Strategic Plan key themes of 'A Sense of Community' and 'Civic Leadership'.

The change will take effect after the next Ordinary Council Meeting on June 24. The dates and times for the committee meetings will be made available at www.albany.wa.gov.au.

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