

## **Councillor Question Time**

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### **Question from Councillor Martin:**

In relation to the EcoCentre Lease, the Council budget documents refer to a 10-year lease and the EcoCentre are requesting up to a twenty-one year lease. Can officers advise what actions would need to be taken if we wanted to change the lease term as currently defined in the draft budget?

### **Response:**

The advice Council Officers have received is that varying the lease term to be greater than 10 years represents a material change.

Noting Council Officers are unable through Council's Property Policy to grant leases for more than 10 years and reflecting the material change, the following process needs to be followed:

- A Council resolution amending the term of the lease to longer than 10 years,
- Community consultation to be undertaken on the revised lease term to satisfy the requirements of s115(4) of the Local Government Act 2020; and
- Following the completion of the community consultation, for the matter to be brought back to Council for its consideration and decision on the lease term.

*\*Please note: answers to any questions in Public Question Time and Councillor Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.*