

## **Protocol on Forums**

1.0 The Council recognises that in addition to its formal Committee structure, there is a place for bodies, often composed of both Council Members and non-Council members, which can meet to discuss issues on a less formal basis.

2.0 The Council recognises and supports the following forums:

2.1 The Environment Forums

The Health Forum

In these cases, the forums are independent of the Council, though the Council may nominate Members to represent it. Any such nominations will be made at the Annual meeting unless vacancies occur during the year. Where the constitution of the forum permits it, the fact that a Member is not the Council's official nomination will not prevent him or her from attending meetings of the forum.

2.2 The Coastal Issues Forum

The Economic Development Forum

The Housing Forum

These are forums set up by and managed by the Council, which may alter their terms of reference or membership by simple resolution at any meeting.

3.0 Any proposal to add a forum to this protocol shall be placed before the Council at any ordinary meeting.

4.0 Decisions, recommendations and questions of the forums shall be dealt with by the Protocol on Reporting Lines included in these formal documents.