

12. 12. 2001

## NOTICES OF MOTION

### 1. POLICY ON MEETING TIMES

To consider the following motion, notice of which has been given by Councillor Oscar Alpers pursuant to Standing Order 2.16:

*That in setting dates and times for meetings, the Council, all Committees, Community Boards and Committees of Community Boards give due consideration to the desirability of holding meetings at times which are conducive to:*

- (a) Public attendance at those meetings;*
- (b) The efficient operation of the Council's administration, convenience of Council officers and avoiding making unreasonable demands on Council officers;*
- (c) The desirability of it remaining possible for Councillors to remain representative of the community by enabling Councillors to lead balanced lives, while fulfilling family responsibilities and pursuing careers (whether in paid employment or self employment), without unnecessary obstacles.*
- (d) The saving of public expenditure by scheduling multiple meetings on the same day.*

*Following the local body elections, the Council Secretary sent a questionnaire to Councillors asking what days and times for meetings were most suitable to Councillors in order that times could be selected that were convenient to the maximum number of Councillors. The convenience of Councillors is only one of several issues to be considered.*

*Accordingly, I have given notice of a motion, which could form the basis of a Council policy.*