

	Meeting (No)	Full Council
	Date	Tuesday 4th January 2022
	Document	MOTION Councillor Surgeries
		Ref No FC6/68a

Subject of Motion - Councillor Surgeries

Why this proposal is being made

To improve relations and communication with the local community

What is being proposed

To hold weekly Councillor surgeries at Neston Library alongside the Police surgeries for an initial period of 3 months, extended to 6 months if successful. At the end of the initial trial period a review will take place and a decision will be made about whether to continue. The surgeries will be publicised on the NTC website and on social media. A questions and answers crib sheet will be drawn up and added to during the 3 / 6 months.

What the financial implications will be

None identified

What the expenditure budget line(s) is (are)

N/A

What the implications will be for staff resources

Councillors will participate in the surgeries on a rota basis by self-nomination. A list of available Councillors who are happy to attend should be drawn up for the initial 3 month trial period. Any queries raised may require investigation / research which can be carried out either by the Councillor or Council Staff. Responses to questions should be forwarded to the resident concerned and may also be posted on the NTC website should be retained and added to a crib sheet for ongoing use by Councillors.

The formal motion on which the Council or Committee will vote

To set up Community Engagement Surgeries for an initial trial period of 3 months, which can be extended to 6 months if successful, to be held at Neston Library alongside the Police Surgeries.

Proposed by Cllr M Hinks

The Council's strategic objectives the proposal supports:

1. Make a success of the Town Hall, Market and Market Square;	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Support economic development throughout Neston;	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Campaign with partners to achieve the Neston Public Transport Standard;	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Campaign with partners to enhance and protect the local environment;	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Engage effectively with the local community and facilitate its development and wellbeing;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Campaign with partners to improve community safety.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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