

Councillor Question Time – answers to questions taken on notice*

Regarding the Middle Park Library, were the reduced hours a reflection of the dwindling attendance numbers?

Can officers clarify if library staff have been manually recording attendance?

Carol Jeffs, General Manager Community and Economic Development, responded that the issue of recording of numbers manually would be taken on notice.

The question regarding reduced hours at the library would also be taken on notice, with a comment that the library service is managed in the context of the whole city, and that decisions regarding the allocation of library resources are made looking at the overall service.

(Cr Crawford)

Response

Further to the point already made by Ms Jeffs, opening hours at Middle Park Library have remained unchanged for many years now.

The questions raised at the meeting by Mr Sabada around visitor numbers at Middle Park have been responded to.

I can confirm that staff maintain a manual count of visitors, a process that has been in place since an issue with the branch door counter was identified. Attendance numbers at the branch have been consistent over this period.

**Note: answers to any questions in Councillor Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.*