

Public Question Time – answers to questions taken on notice*

Question from James Woollett

Mr Woollett spoke on behalf of the Middle Park Library Action Group and asked why there has been no consultation with staff at the Civic Kindergarten, Middle Park Primary School and Toy Library about opening hours? Additionally, he would like to know when will the opening hours be realigned? When will a functioning data collection system be installed? When will the children's collection be increased? Mr Woollett invited Councillors and Council staff to attend the next meeting of the Middle Park Library Action Group to be held on Friday at 1.30pm at the local Community Centre and answer questions then.

Response

In response to questions raised by James Woollett, Manager Cultural and Economic Development and Libraries Coordinator attended the regular meeting of Middle Park Library Action Group and provided answers to the questions.

Information provided includes:

Opening Hours Survey - The survey has now closed and the results are being collated for further analysis. One hundred survey were received; half via the online portal and half in hard copy format. Results will be provided to Council and Executive Team for consideration.

Visitor data collection - A vendor has been engaged to install the technology as requested. This will be complete by end September

Increasing children's collection at Middle Park Library - The library collections team leader is planning this project. This entails removal and relocation of titles to allow for extra required space.

Analysis of borrowing statistics to identify low loan titles is underway to target best outcomes without affecting the availability of other genres. This will be completed before 25 December 2018.

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