

**POLICY
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

BLACKTOFT PARISH COUNCIL

The agenda can include provision for public participation. This does not mean that members of the public join in the debate: it means that the meeting is adjourned at a suitable moment so that the public can make their points.

Some councils allow time for public information before the meeting – it is best not to leave it until the end. If the public session is during the meeting, the council should resolve to adjourn the meeting before allowing the public to speak.

However, people such as principal authority officers, the local police officer, technical experts and the Clerk, can be invited to speak during the meeting.

The public and press must be invited to all council meetings. Some items, such as staff details, tendering discussions, legal proceedings and sensitive disputes, should not be discussed in public. The council must then resolve to exclude the public and press just for those items, so it is helpful if they come last on the agenda.

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