

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2021(02)

11 MARCH 2021

REPORT

COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE: Councillor Russell Milligan (Chairperson); Mayor Teresa Harding, Councillors Andrew Fechner (Deputy Chairperson), Jacob Madsen and Kate Kunzelmann

COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES: Nil

OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive Officer (David Farmer), Acting General Manager Infrastructure and Environment (Sean Madigan), General Manager Planning and Regulatory Services (Peter Tabulo), General Manager Community, Cultural and Economic Development (Ben Pole), Manager Environment and Sustainability (Kaye Cavanagh), Natural Environment and Land Manager (Phil Smith), Team Leader (Strategic Catchment and Conservation Planning)(Tim Shields), Manager Procurement (Richard White), Chief Financial Officer (Jeff Keech), Chair – Retail Sub-Project Sub Committee (James Hepburn), Engagement Manager (Allison Grant), Manager Economic and Community Development (Cat Matson), Media and Communications Manager (Darrell Giles) and Theatre Technician (Harrison Cate)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. **REPORT - ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2021(01) OF 11 FEBRUARY 2021**

This is the report of the Environment and Sustainability Committee No. 2021(01) of 11 February 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Fechner:
 Seconded by Councillor Kate Kunzelmann:

That the report of the Environment and Sustainability Committee held on 11 February 2021 be received and noted.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Milligan

Fechner

Harding

Madsen

Kunzelmann

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

2. PROPOSAL FOR RESILIENT RIVERS BREMER RIVER CATCHMENT OFFICER HOSTED AS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SCENIC RIM AND IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL

This is a report concerning a formal partnership with Scenic Rim Regional Council and the South East Queensland Council of Mayors CoMSEQ through the Resilient Rivers Initiative (RRI), to financially support the establishment of a *Bremer River Catchment Management Officer* role.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Fechner:
 Seconded by Councillor Jacob Madsen:

- A. That Council provide financial support of \$30,000 for the establishment of the Bremer River Catchment Management Officer role in partnership with Scenic Rim Regional Council.**
- B. That Council enter into a partnership agreement with Scenic Rim Regional Council and South East Queensland Council of Mayors (CoMSEQ), outlining the terms and desired outcomes of the funding arrangement.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Milligan

Fechner

Harding

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

Madsen
Kunzelmann

The motion was put and carried.

3. ASSESSMENT OF 12-26 EUGENE STREET, BELLBIRD PARK FOR ENVIROPLAN ACQUISITION

This is a report concerning a desktop assessment of 12-26 Eugene Street, Bellbird Park (Lots 901 & 902 RP909175) for consideration of acquisition under the *Ipswich Enviroplan Program & Levy Policy* and *Ipswich Enviroplan Program & Levy Procedure*.

Recognising the intent of the Enviroplan Program and Levy, Council takes a strategic, priority based and financially prudent approach when it comes to considering land for acquisition as part of this program.

It is acknowledged that 12-26 Eugene Street, Bellbird Park contains a number of natural and ecological values, and has a value to the local community. However, it is recommended that purchasing 12-26 Eugene Street, Bellbird Park through the Ipswich Enviroplan Levy does not represent a strategically sound investment and as such, Council should not pursue further assessment to secure the property through this mechanism.

“The attachment/s to this report are confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(f), (e), (g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.”

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Fechner:
Seconded by Councillor Kate Kunzelmann:

That Council not pursue the acquisition of the property identified as 12-26 Eugene Street, Bellbird Park through the Enviroplan Levy based upon findings of an initial desktop assessment and an independent kerbside evaluation of the land; instead the protection or acquisition of land adjacent to Woogaroo Creek will be considered under the planning process as part of any future development proposal.

VARIATION TO MOTION

Mayor Teresa Harding proposed a variation to the motion:

That Recommendation B be included as follows:

- B. That a spreadsheet be provided to all Councillors outlining the Enviroplan Budget.

The mover and seconder of the original motion agreed to the proposed variation.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Fechner:

Seconded by Councillor Kate Kunzelmann:

- A. That Council not pursue the acquisition of the property identified as 12-26 Eugene Street, Bellbird Park through the Enviroplan Levy based upon findings of an initial desktop assessment and an independent kerbside evaluation of the land; instead the protection or acquisition of land adjacent to Woogaroo Creek will be considered under the planning process as part of any future development proposal.**
- B. That a spreadsheet be provided to all Councillors outlining the Enviroplan Budget.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Milligan

Fechner

Harding

Madsen

Kunzelmann

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

Attachments

1. Enviroplan Acquisition Request - Bellbird Park Preservation Group ➡
 2. Initial Assessment of 12-26 Eugene Street Bellbird Park ➡
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4. CHERISH THE ENVIRONMENT FOUNDATION

This is a report concerning Council's future involvement and membership of Cherish the Environment Foundation Limited.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Fechner:

Seconded by Councillor Kate Kunzelmann:

- A. That Council develop an exit strategy from Cherish the Environment Foundation Limited, and that the exit strategy be developed in partnership with the Cherish the Environment Foundation Directors.**
- B. That Council source the required legal and governance advice to develop the exit strategy and to provide guidance to Council and Cherish the Environment Foundation through the transition phase.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Milligan

Fechner

Harding

Madsen

Kunzelmann

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

MATTERS ARISING

Nil

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS

The meeting commenced at 12.52 pm.

The meeting closed at 1.17 pm.
