

COUNCILLOR BRIEFING AND WORKSHOP SESSION MEETING NO. 2023(04)

28 FEBRUARY 2023

REPORT

<u>COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:</u>	Mayor Teresa Harding; Deputy Mayor Jacob Madsen (via audio-link), Councillors Sheila Ireland, Paul Tully, Marnie Doyle, Andrew Fechner, Kate Kunzelmann, Russell Milligan and Nicole Jonic
<u>COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES:</u>	Nil
<u>OFFICER'S ATTENDANCE:</u>	Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), Acting General Manager Planning and Regulatory Services (Alisha Connaughton), Acting General Manager Infrastructure and Environment (Graeme Martin), Chief of Staff – Office of the Mayor (Melissa Fitzgerald), Acting General Manager Coordination and Performance (Barbara Dart), General Manager Corporate Services (Matt Smith), General Manager Community, Cultural and Economic Development (Ben Pole), Manager Environment and Sustainability (Kaye Cavanagh), Program Manager (Flood Recovery) (Matt Mulroney), Program Manager (Flood Resilient Homes) (Melanie de Kleyn), Solicitor (Nicola Harris), Executive Services Manager (Wade Wilson), Manager Asset Services (Brett McGrath), Project Lead (Asset Management) (Erin Goetz), Asset Manager (Alvin Valle) and Program Coordinator (Council Asset Flood Recovery) (Marianne Young)
<u>EXTERNAL ATTENDEES:</u>	Leo Hammett – BECA – Business Director – Advisory, Andrew Kramer – Lat 27 Studios – Practice Director

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Nil

OFFICERS' REPORTS

1. BI-MONTHLY STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

This forms part of the regular bi-monthly strategic priorities workshops for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors to meet with the Chief Executive Officer to discuss strategic priorities, opportunities, challenges and risks.

This workshop will focus on risks, including a discussion on a recent Global Risks Report 2023 published by the World Economic Forum and council's corporate risk register. From the discussion on risks, an initial discussion will be facilitated on the strategic priorities for the Councillors.

MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance discussed strategic priorities, opportunities, challenges and risks.

2. RESILIENT HOMES FUND VOLUNTARY BUY BACK PROGRAM PROPERTY UPDATE

Briefing is to provide an update on the status of properties identified in current tranches from 1 – 4, along with discussion on community title/ body corporate unit complexes registered for home buy-back.

Based on the properties included in these tranches (182 in total) Ipswich has exhausted its suggested allocation from Queensland Reconstruction Authority. This does not account for any properties that may withdraw from the program before being made an offer or declining the offer. As at 6 February 2023, Ipswich local government area has 239 properties registered for voluntary buy back.

Noting this and to ensure we are in the best possible position; this briefing will include a discussion on status of current tranches and outcomes for those who will miss out on available funding from the current program.

MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on Resilient Homes Fund Voluntary Buy Back Program Property.

Councillors queried if residents who have a property for sale in the identified tranches, have been approached by council or the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) to discuss the Buy Back program. Manager Environment and Sustainability to consult with the QRA regarding the properties listed for sale.


3. EFFECTIVE ASSET MANAGEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

This briefing session is concerning an update on the current activities under the Effective Asset Management Project – Stage 3 (EAMP – Stage 3). Following the KPMG reports on asset management, presented to council in May 2022, works have commenced on the 5-year roadmap under the EAMP – Stage 3 with several of the key governance elements being developed. The briefing session includes the proposed resolution for the assignment of asset ownership to the asset classes.

MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the update on the Effective Asset Management Project.

Attachments

1. Infrastructure Asset Management Policy revised February 2023 [⇒](#) 

4. COLLEGES CROSSING RECREATION RESERVE CONCEPT OPTIONS AND ENGAGEMENT PLANNING

Colleges Crossing Recreation Reserve (the Reserve) has experienced numerous flood events and was significantly impacted during both the February and May 2022 flood events. Following the 2022 flood events it was determined that Council needs to consider options for the site to provide quicker flood recovery response, activation and future use of the site in consultation with the community.

This briefing session is to provide the Mayor and Councillors with an opportunity to review the proposed concepts for the Reserve and the associated engagement planning for consultation with the community on a suitable option to move forward with reconstruction.

MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the Colleges Crossing Recreation Reserve Concept Options and Engagement Planning.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS

The meeting commenced at 10.13 am.

Councillor Ireland arrived at the meeting at 10.17 am.

The meeting adjourned at 11.11 am.

The meeting reconvened at 12.36 pm with all councillors in attendance except Councillor Ireland.

Mayor Harding arrived at the meeting at 12.36 pm.

Deputy Mayor Madsen left the meeting at 1.41 pm.

Councillor Ireland left the meeting at 1.59 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 2.08 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 2.38 pm with all councillors in attendance except Councillors Ireland, Jonic, Milligan and Deputy Mayor Madsen.

Councillor Milligan returned to the meeting at 2.42 pm.

Mayor Harding left the meeting at 3.08 pm.

Deputy Mayor Madsen returned to the meeting at 3.09 pm.

The meeting closed at 3.18 pm.
