

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2021(06)**8 JULY 2021**

REPORT

<u>COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:</u>	Councillor Russell Milligan (Chairperson); Councillors Andrew Fechner (Deputy Chairperson), Mayor Teresa Harding, Jacob Madsen, Kate Kunzelmann and Marnie Doyle (Observer)
<u>COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES:</u>	Nil
<u>OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE:</u>	Acting Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), Acting General Manager Infrastructure and Environment (Sean Madigan), General Manager Community, Cultural and Economic Development (Ben Pole), Manager Economic and Community Development (Cat Matson), General Manager Planning and Regulatory Services (Peter Tabulo), Acting General Manager Corporate Services (Sylvia Swalling), Executive Services Manager (Wade Wilson), Senior Policy and Communications Officer (David Shaw), Manager Environment and Sustainability (Kaye Cavanagh), Team Leader (Strategic Catchment and Conservation Planning)(Tim Shields), Acting Senior Emergency Management Officer (Kristie Mckenna), Principal Media Advisor (Darrell Giles) and Theatre Technician (Harrison Cate)

NAIDOC WEEK – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Councillor Russell Milligan (Chairperson) moved the following acknowledgement of Country in celebration of NAIDOC Week:

I would like to begin today by acknowledging the traditional custodians of Country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and community. I pay my respect to their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region. I honour the Elders, past, present and emerging and I extend my welcome to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people who are present today for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across the nation.

Council have engaged Wirrinyah Conservation Services to provide revegetation and weed eradication at the Evelyn Dodd Park. This work provides a local First Nations business opportunity to apply cultural knowledge to care for Country, increase their business knowledge and upskill their staff. Our Elders and leaders have the opportunity to provide peer to peer mentoring, practise culture through land management and strengthen further community involvement.

This enhances the value Council places on Aboriginal cultural heritage restoration and maintenance and acknowledges the importance for caring for our natural areas, waterways and open spaces. This investment in Indigenous engagement improves the environmental and cultural heritage outcomes for Ipswich and fosters culture, family and language.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2021(05) OF 10 JUNE 2021**

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Fechner:
Seconded by Mayor Teresa Harding:

That the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee held on 10 June 2021 be confirmed.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Milligan

Fechner

Harding

Madsen

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Kunzelmann (Abstain as was not present)

The motion was put and carried.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

2. **ADOPTION OF IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL OFFSETS POLICY**

This is a report concerning adoption of a new Council policy. Council requires a corporate Environmental Offsets Policy to guide decision making in relation to the use of environmental offsets in line with both the *Environment Protection and*

Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cwth) and Environmental Offsets Act 2014 (Qld). A draft policy has been created which is proposed to sit independently but work alongside the Biodiversity Offsets Planning Scheme Policy (PSP) currently in draft. These are intended to set the principles and guide the process for good offset management, governance and delivery for Council.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:
Seconded by Councillor Andrew Fechner:

- A. That Council adopt the Environmental Offsets Policy as detailed in Attachment 1 of the report by the Team Lead (Strategic Conservation and Catchment Planning) dated 31 May 2021.**
- B. That Figure 1 on page 4 of the Environmental Offsets Policy be included in a larger font.**

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE
Councillors:	Councillors:
Milligan	Nil
Fechner	
Harding	
Madsen	
Kunzelmann	

The motion was put and carried.

3. REVIEW OF LOCAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN 2021

This is a report concerning the legislated annual review of the City of Ipswich Local Disaster Management Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Kate Kunzelmann:
Seconded by Mayor Teresa Harding:

- A. That the Local Disaster Management Plan for the City of Ipswich, as detailed in Attachment 2 be approved.**
- B. That the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Mayor, be authorised to make amendments deemed necessary based on further comment received from members of the Local Disaster Management Group, who form part of the governance arrangements for the adoption of this plan.**

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE
Councillors:	Councillors:
Milligan	Nil

Fechner
Harding
Madsen
Kunzelmann

The motion was put and carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

MATTERS ARISING

Nil

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS

The meeting commenced at 11.11 am.

The meeting closed at 11.22 am.
