

COUNCILLOR BRIEFING AND WORKSHOP SESSION MEETING NO. 2021(12)

3 AUGUST 2021

REPORT

COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE: Members Mayor Teresa Harding; Councillors Marnie Doyle, Andrew Fechner, Kate Kunzelmann, Russell Milligan, Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic, Sheila Ireland and Jacob Madsen

COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES: Councillor Paul Tully

OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), Acting General Manager Coordination and Performance (Barbara Dart), Acting General Manager Infrastructure and Environment (Sean Madigan), General Manager Planning and Regulatory Services (Peter Tabulo), Chief of Staff (Melissa Fitzgerald), Environment and Sustainability Manager (Kaye Cavanagh), Native Title and Cultural Heritage Officer (Tina Longford), Project Manager (Greg Thomas), People and Culture Manager (Talia Love-Linay), City Design Manager (Dannielle Owen), Natural Environment and Land Manager (Phil Smith), Acting Engagement Manager (Melanie Rippon), Manager Communication and Engagement (Laura Bos), Senior Community Engagement Officer (Christine Lane), Stakeholder Engagement Officer (Vada Hoger) and Digital Media and Content Manager (Brenton Waters)

EXTERNAL ATTENDEES: Chris Bulloch - Executive Leader, Integrated Solutions, Urban Utilities, Beverley Morton – Shareholder & Strategic Stakeholder Manager, Urban Utilities, Ross Muir - General Manager Customer, Strategy & Planning, Seqwater, Mike Foster Manager Strategic Engagement, Seqwater

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Nil

OFFICERS' REPORTS

1. **TRADITIONAL OWNER REFERENCE GROUP**

This is a briefing concerning the establishment of the Traditional Owner Reference Group (as per action 2.1.1 of the Ipswich City Council Indigenous ACCORD 2020 – 2025) and its subsequent role, relationship, and responsibilities with Ipswich City Council (Council) and the Native Title Party.

MATTERS ARISING:

The Native Title and Cultural Heritage Officer to provide a copy of the draft Signage Policy and the Welcome to Country Policy to Councillors, as well as the draft Cultural protocol and processes for Traditional Welcome to Country, Traditional Dance, Didgeridoo and Smoking Ceremonies requests, as listed in the Purpose, Scope and Objectives of the Terms of Reference – Traditional Owner Community Reference Group.

2. **WATER SECURITY**

Urban Utilities and Seqwater to provide a detailed briefing session to the Mayor and Councillors on the water cycle, current SEQ water security status (supply levels), modelling and future predictions, plans to meet the water supply challenges over the next 30 years and the proposed recommissioning of the Western Corridor Recycled Water Scheme and Purified Recycled Water to ensure water security for SEQ residents and businesses. It is also an opportunity to provide a brief on the proposed joint regional water security and purified recycled water communications and engagement program and to address any Councillor questions.

3. **PEOPLE AND CULTURE STRATEGY 2010-2026**

The People and Culture Strategy 2021-2026 will guide Council in developing an empowered, connected, resilient workforce and a culture that supports Council to perform at its best.

The Strategy builds upon the foundations set under the People and Culture Strategic Plan 2019-2021 and recognises that true organisational transformation requires long-term focus and energy to embed sustainable change.

The Strategy is the key people strategic plan for Ipswich City Council over the next five (5) years and is of critical importance to ensuring the Council workforce has the capability and capacity to deliver upon iFuture. The Manager People and

Culture wishes to collaborate with the Mayor and Councillors on this key strategy before submitting to the Chief Executive Officer for approval.

MATTERS ARISING:

The People and Culture Manager to take on board the feedback received on the three (3) objectives and consider the possibility of including a strategy action focusing on accountability of the workforce towards the Ipswich community.

In relation to the Good Governance Framework and Guide, the People and Culture Manager to crosscheck against the Inspiring Leaders program to ensure that the information in the strategy has been sufficiently highlighted.

4. DRAFT NEW PLANING SCHEME- REVISED TIMELINE

A discussion was held regarding a revised timeline for the draft new planning scheme.

MATTERS ARISING:

The General Manager Planning and Regulatory Services to provide the councillors with further details about the scheme structure and draft timeline at the next New Planning Scheme briefing session.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PANELS/CRGS

This workshop follows two (2) previous sessions to explore ways of engaging with the community and takes into consideration existing channels, that is, Community Reference Groups (CRGs) and Community Consultative Committees (CCCs).

6. IPSWICH FIRST

This workshop will explore the purpose, branding and distribution of council's digital newsletter channel Ipswich First.

MATTERS ARISING:

The Acting General Manager Coordination and Performance to provide information on actions that will be undertaken to assist with greater clarity and communication on media statements and external communications (Ipswich First) including a better search functionality for statements on Council's website.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS

The meeting commenced at 10.18 am.

The meeting closed at 4.50 pm.
