

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2022(01)

10 FEBRUARY 2022

REPORT

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

COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES: Nil

OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), Acting General Manager Corporate Services (Jeff Keech), General Manager Infrastructure and Environment (Sean Madigan), Acting Environment and Sustainability Manager (David McAlister), Chief of Staff – Office of the Mayor (Melissa Fitzgerald), Senior Policy and Communications Officer (David Shaw), Natural Environment and Land Manager (Phil A Smith), Senior Digital Media and Content Officer (Jodie Richter), Chair – Retail Sub-Project Sub Committee (James Hepburn), Theatre Technician (Harrison Cate)

OTHER ATTENDANCE: Pro-Av Representative (Brad Hebbard)

WELCOME TO COUNTRY/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Councillor Russell Milligan (Chairperson) delivered the Acknowledgement of Country.

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(11) OF 1 DECEMBER 2021**

RECOMMENDATION

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

That the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee held on 1 December 2021 be confirmed.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Milligan

Fechner

Harding

Madsen

Kunzelmann

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

2. **AGGRESSIVE NATIVE BIRD PROGRAM UPDATE**

This is a report providing an update on Council's Aggressive Native Bird Program. The program experienced high volumes of requests in 2021 and the successful delivery of the program resulted in positive community safety outcomes by means of education and awareness communications, and the relocation of aggressive birds in sensitive and vulnerable locations.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Fechner:

Seconded by Mayor Teresa Harding:

That the report be received and the contents noted.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Milligan

Fechner

Harding

Madsen

Kunzelmann

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

3. UPDATES TO THE IPSWICH ENVIROPLAN PROGRAM AND LEVY POLICY

This is a report concerning recommendation 4 from the Environment Conservation Strategies and Compliance Audit (A2021-10) that 'Enviroplan policy be amended to the extent that it is clear that the Enviroplan funds are accounted within Council's general ledger through accounts that are specifically identified for the Enviroplan'.

In order to action this recommendation, alternative wording is presented below which more accurately reflects the practice whilst trying to maintain the intent of the statements purpose. In this regard the following change is proposed.

'All revenue raised through the levy is accounted for separately from Council's general revenue and is not at any time available for expenditure as general revenue.'

is updated to:

'All revenue raised through the levy is placed into Council's general revenue and is accounted for in a clear and transparent way to ensure it is used for Enviroplan project and program spending only.'

And

- All revenue collected including any revenue raised through approved levy business activities is held and accounted for separately from Council's general revenue.
- Levy revenue should not be available at any time for expenditure as general revenue.

is updated to;

- All revenue collected including any revenue raised through approved environment levy business activities is held in Councils general revenue but accounted for separately.
- Levy revenue should not be available at any time for expenditure on items which fall outside the purpose, principles and intent of this policy.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Fechner:

- A. That the current policy titled "Ipswich Enviroplan Program and Levy Policy" as outlined in Attachment 1 be repealed.**

B. That the draft policy titled “Ipswich Enviroplan Program and Levy Policy” as outlined in Attachment 3, be adopted.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Milligan

Fechner

Harding

Madsen

Kunzelmann

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

4. IPSWICH INTEGRATED CATCHMENT PLAN

This is a report concerning the Ipswich Integrated Catchment Plan (IICP). The IICP is the culmination of over 2.5 years of work across multiple departments and is the most detailed and comprehensive flood study ever undertaken by council. The Plan is intended to ensure the Ipswich community is ready, informed, and resilient ahead of the next flood event.

The IICP attempts to look at flooding and flood risk through the lens of Council’s roles within catchment management and community impacts. The outcome of the plan is in depth and detailed technical evidence report supporting six chapters of work across: land use and planning; physical mitigation; community awareness and resilience; emergency management; property specific actions; current and future flood risk. Each chapter is connected and yet each is focused on addressing a different aspect of floodplain management.

It is presently a national exemplar for integrated planning and generating interest from other regional state and industry.

The IICP includes an actions list/investment strategy with 72 recommendations.

The IICP was scoped and began prior to the appointment of the new Council however Councillor and community engagement has been significant and ongoing. Most recently the IICP was presented to Councillors as a Briefing on the 7th September. Subsequently further supplementary information was supplied in response to that session.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Fechner:

Seconded by Councillor Kate Kunzelmann:

- A. That Council adopt the Ipswich Integrated Catchment Plan and associated technical report and studies, as the primary strategic local floodplain management plan as recommended by the Queensland Flood Commission of Inquiry and the Brisbane River Strategic Floodplain Management Plan.**
- B. That Council develop an implementation and investment plan that identifies current and future funding requirements for the implementation of the Ipswich Integrated Catchment Plan actions and seek to identify funding sources in future operational and capital budgets and/or external grants.**
- C. That the Executive Summary be amended to change the wording “The IICP includes an actions list/investment strategy with 72 recommendations.” to “The IICP includes an actions list/investment strategy with 68 recommendations.”**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Milligan

Fechner

Harding

Madsen

Kunzelmann

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

5. FRANKLIN VALE CREEK CATCHMENT RESTORATION PLAN 2021-2026

This is a report concerning the development of the *Franklin Vale Creek Catchment Restoration Plan 2021-2026* (refer to Attachment 1). The plan was developed by the Australian River Institute/Griffith University in collaboration with Council staff and landholders within the catchment. The purpose of the plan is to guide delivery of future projects as part of the *Franklin Vale Creek Catchment Initiative*. Projects are funded through the Council’s Stormwater Quality Offsets Program.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Jacob Madsen:

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Fechner:

- A. That the Franklin Vale Creek Catchment Restoration Plan 2021-2026 be received and noted.**
- B. That Council’s partnership with the Australian Rivers Institute/Griffith University be perpetuated through the participation and collaboration of student internships and research programs (when required) in association with the Franklin Vale Creek Initiative.**

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 1.10 pm.

The meeting closed at 1.36 pm.
