

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2024(01)

11 JUNE 2024

REPORT

COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Jim Madden (Chairperson); Councillors Andrew Antonioli, Mayor Teresa Harding, Jacob Madsen, Pye Augustine and David Cullen (Observer)

COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES:

Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Jacob Madsen:

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

That a leave of absence is granted for Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antonioli

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

Augustine

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

WELCOME TO COUNTRY OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Councillor Jim Madden (Chairperson) delivered the Acknowledgement of Country

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

In accordance with section 150EQ of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Councillor Andrew Antonioli informed the meeting that he has a declarable conflict of interest in Item 1 titled Amendment of FOGO to GO and Associated Expansion of GO Collection Services.

The nature of the interest is that Councillor Antoniulli received a donation to his election campaign by the contractor in this matter, outside of the legislated declarable period.

Councillor Andrew Antoniulli invited the other councillors to determine if he can continue to participate in the decision-making process.

It was moved by Mayor Teresa Harding and seconded by Councillor Pye Augustine that Councillor Andrew Antoniulli does not have a declarable conflict of interest in the matter because there is no personal or financial benefit to the councillor and therefore a reasonable person would trust that the final decision is made in the public interest.

The eligible councillors present at the meeting decided that Councillor Andrew Antoniulli may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter.

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE
Councillors:	Councillors:
Madden	Nil
Antoniulli	
Harding	
Jonic	
Madsen	
Augustine	

Councillor Andrew Antoniulli did not take part in the vote.

The motion was put and carried.

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Nil

OFFICERS' REPORTS

1. **AMENDMENT OF FOGO TO GO AND ASSOCIATED EXPANSION OF GO COLLECTION SERVICES**

This is a report concerning a proposed change to the Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) bin collection service with a return to Garden Organics (GO) only service and the associated expansion of a city-wide GO service instead of the originally planned FOGO service.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Antoniulli:

- A. That Council agree to return the current Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) service back to a Garden Organics (GO) only service and provide the required communication and education program.**
- B. That during the 2025-2026 financial year Council expand the core kerbside waste collection service to include a Garden Organics service and cease the current Opt-in Garden Organics collection program.**
- C. That the Garden Organics Service be provided on a fortnightly basis to all eligible domestic residents.**
- D. That Council consider the budget implications of these recommendations in developing the 2024-2025 and ongoing Budgets.**
- E. That the utility charge policies for the 2025-2026 Budget be developed to reflect the recommendations of this report, including provisions for prorating any utility charges, subject to the commencement date of the Garden Organics service.**
- F. That Council continue to actively pursue the funding opportunities to support the implementation of this new service through the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation and Australian Carbon Credit Units under the Federal Government’s Emissions Reduction Fund.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antoniolli

Harding

Madsen

Augustine

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Jim Madden:

Seconded by Councillor Pye Augustine:

That in accordance with section 254J(3)(g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the meeting move into closed session to discuss Item 2 titled Sub-Regional Alliance Material Recovery Facility Update.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Madden Nil
Antoniolli
Harding
Jonic
Madsen
Augustine

The motion was put and carried.

The meeting moved into closed session at 1.00 pm.

MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION

RECOMMENDATION

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

That the meeting move into open session.

The meeting moved into open session at 1:07 pm.

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE
Councillors:	Councillors:
Madden	Nil
Antoniolli	
Harding	
Jonic	
Madsen	
Augustine	

The motion was put and carried.

2. SUB-REGIONAL ALLIANCE MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY UPDATE

It is considered necessary to take the discussion of this report into a closed session as the confidential attachments contain information relating to contracts that may be made by Council as well as commercial-in-confidence financial information.

Additionally, as the Council owned commercial entity "Greenovate" that has been created to operate in a competitive commercial environment into the future, maintaining confidentiality of future projected operating cost is vital for its interests.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The detailed requirements for the recommendations are addressed in the confidential Sub-Regional Waste Alliance Materials Recovery Facility Update June 2024. The proposed amendments to the shareholders agreement are to provide assurance to the Board of Greenovate that the Board will have sufficient financial allocation from the partner Council's to enact all required documents to commence works on the Material Recovery Facility (MRF). The MRF continues to be a project that will deliver significant long term operational and financial benefits to the partner Councils.

"The attachment/s to this report are confidential in accordance with section 254J(3)(g) of the Local Government Regulation 2012."

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

- A. That, subject to resolutions of Logan City Council and Redland City Council supporting the share subscriptions in Greenovate Pty Ltd as specified in the Securityholders Agreement as attached in the Confidential Attachment, and the grant funding agreement being executed by the Company for at least the grant funding amount specified in the report titled Sub-Regional Waste Alliance Materials Recovery Facility Update, Council resolves to:**
- a) **subscribe for the number of shares in the Company as specified in the Securityholders Agreement as attached in the Confidential Attachment; and**
 - b) **enter into the Securityholders Agreement between Council, Logan City Council and Redland City Council as attached in the Confidential Attachment.**
- B. That as part of the next budget / budget amendment, Council allocates funding in accordance with the payment schedule set out in the Securityholders Agreement as attached in the Confidential Attachment to fulfil its share subscription in the Company as set out in the Sub-Regional Waste Alliance Materials Recovery Facility Project Update.**
- C. That upon expiry of a future Materials Recovery Facility contract, the confidential report titled Sub-Regional Waste Alliance Materials Recovery Facility Project Update, be placed into the public records.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antonioli

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

Harding
Madsen
Augustine

The motion was put and carried.

3. RED IMPORTED FIRE ANT UPDATE

This report concerns the new roles and responsibilities established by the State Government (Department of Agriculture and Fisheries) regarding the treatment of red imported fire ant nests on council-owned land as of 1 July 2024.

***RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:
Seconded by Councillor Pye Augustine:

That the update report on the Red Imported Fire Ant be received and the contents noted.

Mayor Harding proposed the following as recommendation B.

- B. That Council write to the Minister for Department Agriculture and Fisheries outlining the unfairness and the success of the program does need a coordinated approach.

Mayor Harding withdrew her proposed recommendation B.

AFFIRMATIVE
Councillors:
Madden
Antonioli
Harding
Madsen
Augustine

NEGATIVE
Councillors:
Nil

The motion was put and carried.

4. PROPOSED UPDATES TO DISASTER MANAGEMENT POLICY AND THE LOCAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN

This report concerns proposed amendments and updates to the Ipswich City Council Disaster Management Policy and the City of Ipswich Local Disaster Management Plan (LDMP).

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:

Seconded by Councillor Pye Augustine:

- A. That the revised Local Disaster Management Plans as outlined in Attachment 5, be adopted.**
- B. That the revised Disaster Management Policy as outlined in Attachment 4, be adopted.**
- C. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to make amendments deemed necessary on the basis of further comments received from members of the Local Disaster Management Group and Local Recovery and Resilience Group, who form part of the governance arrangements for the adoption of the Local Disaster Management Plan.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antoniolli

Harding

Madsen

Augustine

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

5. SES LOCAL CONTROLLER HONORARIUM PAYMENTS

This is a report concerning ongoing annual honorarium payments to the Ipswich City SES Unit Local Controller. A previous council resolution enabled the first honorarium payment; this report seeks a resolution to cover future payments.

***RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Antoniolli:

Seconded by Councillor Jacob Madsen:

That Council pay the Ipswich City SES Unit Local Controller an honorarium of \$35,000 per year, ongoing.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antoniolli

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

Harding
Madsen
Augustine

The motion was put and carried.

6. WATERFEST CAMPAIGN

This is a report concerning the 2024 “WaterFest” campaign, highlighting the success of the program which was delivered from February to May 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Pye Augustine:

Seconded by Councillor Jacob Madsen:

That the report on the WaterFest Program be received and its contents noted.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antoniolli

Harding

Madsen

Augustine

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 12.46 pm.

The meeting closed at 1.33 pm.

*** Refer Council Ordinary Meeting of 20 June 2024 for amendments.