

SPECIAL COUNCILLOR BRIEFING AND WORKSHOP SESSION MEETING NO. 1 2024**23 JANUARY 2024**

REPORT

COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE: Mayor Teresa Harding; Councillors Sheila Ireland, Paul Tully, Andrew Fechner, Kate Kunzelmann, Russell Milligan (Deputy Mayor), Nicole Jonic and Marnie Doyle

COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES: Councillor Jacob Madsen

OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), General Manager Corporate Services (Matt Smith), General Manager Planning and Regulatory Services (Brett Davey), General Manager Environment and Sustainability (Kaye Cavanagh), General Manager Community, Cultural and Economic Development (Ben Pole), General Manager Asset and Infrastructure Services (Matt Anderson), Chief of Staff – Office of the Mayor (Melissa Fitzgerald), Senior Communications and Policy Officer (Jodie Richter), Manager Executive Services (Wade Wilson), Property Services Manager (Alicia Rieck), Senior Property Officer (Tenure) (Kerry Perrett), Senior Property Officer (Acquisition and Disposals) (Bianca Gaudry), City Design Manager (Nathan Rule), Strategic Planning Manager (Garath Wilson), Manager Community and Cultural Services (Don Stewart) (via audio-link), Team Leader – Environment and Sustainability Education and Awareness (Stephani Grove), Team Leader – Strategic Catchment and Conservation Planning (Belinda Whelband) and Community Services Manager (Melissa Dower)

Councillors Andrew Fechner, Jacob Madsen and Marnie Doyle were not present at the commencement of the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Councillors were provided opportunity to seek clarification and ask questions on all matters to be considered at the Council Ordinary Meeting on 25 January 2024.

1. PETITION – RESIDENTIAL UNIT DEVELOPMENTS ALONG WM HUGHES STREET, NORTH IPSWICH

This is a report concerning a petition received from residents of Woodend, Moores Pocket, Ipswich and Basin Pocket in relation to units being considered for North Ipswich.

2. RESPONSE TO PETITION – STOP THE ODOURS FROM SWANBANK INDUSTRIES

This is a report concerning a petition presented at the Council Ordinary Meeting of 7 December 2023 by Ms Tracey Butler on behalf of residents and petitioners in relation to the odours from Swanbank Industries. The resolution from that meeting was that the petition be referred to the Council Ordinary Meeting scheduled for 25 January 2024 for consideration.

3. INTERIM LOCAL LAW (PARKING) 2024)

This is a report concerning the proposed making of an interim local law for the purpose of regulating parking at 134 Parkland Drive Springfield Central pursuant to the resolution of Council on 24 August 2023.

4. REVIEW OF THE WASTE AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY TRANSFORMATION POLICY DIRECTIVES

This is a report concerning a review of progress made in the implementation of the Waste and Circular Economy Transformation Policy Directive (the Directive) (Attachment 1).

At a meeting of the Growth, Infrastructure and Waste Committee (Committee) on 3 December 2020, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Marnie Doyle tabled a notice of motion for the adoption of the new Directive and a series of delegations of actions to the Council Chief Executive Officer.

The motion was adopted by the Committee (with delegated power to make the Council decision) as a major priority of the Council in its term. In adopting the Directive, Council determined that it would guide Council's strategic and operational approach to managing and influencing systemic changes across waste, resource recovery, recycling and the circular economy to deliver better outcomes for the City of Ipswich and its residents towards 2030.

A Directive program implementation plan for the ten-year horizon was presented to and adopted by the Committee at its meeting on 16 June 2022. The implementation plan is attached as Attachment 2. At the same Committee meeting, an implementation program report on progress to that date was noted and adopted.

Progress in the implementation of the Directive has been reported to the Committee on a regular basis with the most recent update on 28 November 2023.

In June 2023 during discussion at the Committee it was agreed that it was timely to review progress of the implementation of the Directive and to make recommendations on future actions.

An internal review of the implementation of the Directive has been undertaken and this report and Attachment 3 include the assessment of the implementation to date.

This report presents a summary of the outputs and outcomes achieved after three years of implementation of the Directive. In summary, noting the ten-year horizon for the achievement of the outcomes intended by the Directive, progress at the three-year mark is considered positive and significant.

This report recommends that Council notes the progress, the continued implementation and the summary of actions that will be pursued to achieve the principles set out in the Directive.

5. NEW IPSWICH PLANNING SCHEME (DRAFT) – STAGE 3 PUBLIC CONSULTATION REPORT

This is a report concerning the outcomes of the public notification of the draft Ipswich Plan 2024. It is intended to facilitate Council's approval of a further draft of the Ipswich Plan 2024 (draft) and to proceed to Minister's consideration in accordance with the provisions of the *Planning Act 2016* (the Act), the *Planning Regulation 2017*, and the *Ministers Guidelines and Rules* (MGR).

Public consultation commenced on 15 May 2023 and ended on 16 July 2023. A total of 506 submissions were received. Each of these submissions have been reviewed and responded to, with changes made to the Ipswich Plan 2024 (draft) where appropriate. Several submissions were received outside of the statutory public consultation process as not properly made submissions, including some supplementary information regarding proposed made submissions. Where possible these have also been considered in the review.

Amendments that do not result in a significantly different scheme are proposed to be made to the Ipswich Plan 2024 (draft). The document and supporting mapping has been amended in response to the detailed review of the submissions, with these amendments primarily relating to clarification improvements, minor updates,

and minor corrections. Further public notification of the amendments are not required pursuant to the *Planning Act 2016* and the Ministers Guidelines and Rules.

These amendments do not result in the proposed Ipswich Plan 2024 being significantly different to the version released for public consultation. These results are proposed to be confidential to progress the Planning Scheme for the Ministers consideration.

The submissions register has been created as the basis for a response to the community and individuals that made submissions in respect to the proposed Planning Scheme.

6. LATE REPORT – RIPLEY ROAD CATALYST INFRASTRUCTURE AGREEMENT

This is a report concerning the proposed execution of a Catalyst Infrastructure Agreement for the delivery of Ripley Road construction works between the Cunningham Highway and Fisher Road.

7. LEASE FOR RENEWAL OVER TRUST LAND – ROSEWOOD SHOWGROUNDS – 1 RAILWAY STREET, ROSEWOOD

Council at its Ordinary meeting on 7 December 2023 recommended Governance and Transparency No. 3 be separated to individual matters and the Rosewood Showgrounds (The Green Shed) lease matter be referred to Council Ordinary meeting on 25 January 2024 and that the report be updated to include consultation with all relevant user groups as well as the Mayor and divisional Councillors.

8. LEASE FOR RENEWAL OVER FREEHOLD LAND AT COMMUNITY PARK, MARBURG FOR A SHED – 108 QUEEN STREET, MARBURG

Council at its Ordinary meeting on 7 December 2023 recommended Item 4 Governance and Transparency 28 November 2023 (Item No. 4) be separated to individual matters and referred to Council Ordinary meeting on 25 January 2024 and that the report be updated to include consultation with all relevant user groups as well as the Mayor and divisional Councillors.

9. LEASE FOR RENEWAL OVER FREEHOLD LAND FOR THE ROSEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE – 19 SCHOOL ROAD, ROSEWOOD

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**10. PROCUREMENT – DISPOSAL OF VALUABLE NON-CURRENT ASSET LEASES –
7 BRUCE LANE, CAMIRA – 389 LOCAL ROAD, SPRINGFIELD**

The Governance and Transparency Committee of 28 November 2023 referred this report to the Council Ordinary Meeting scheduled for 25 January 2024. The original report included 3 properties of which one related to Redbank Collingwood Sports Complex located at Smiths Road, Redbank. This property requires consultation with councillors on the upcoming indoor sports facilities plan for Council as well as matters relating to Olympic Legacy and therefore has been removed from this report and is to be presented at a future meeting.

This is a report concerning the procurement and recommendation of proposed new leases of the following facilities between Ipswich City Council (Council) and the below listed organisations.

22247	Langley Park Hall	Camira Friends & Neighbours Club Inc
22248	Camira Springfield Community Centre	Westside Community Care (Qld) Limited

**11. SURRENDER OF DRAINAGE EASEMENTS LOCATED AT 22 HUME DRIVE,
BUNDAMBA**

This is a report concerning the proposed surrender of existing Easement CA, Easement CB and Easement CC on SP319612 in Lot 540 on RP335462 located at 22 Hume Drive, Bundamba for drainage purpose.

**12. PROPOSAL TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY LOCATED AT PEAK CROSSING WITH
ENVIROPLAN LEVY FUNDS**

This is a report concerning ninety-three (93) hectares of significant conservation land at Peak Crossing proposed for voluntary acquisition using Ipswich Enviroplan Levy funds. The land will provide a four (4) percent increase to the adjoining Flinders-Goolman Conservation Estate.

13. PROPOSED POLICIES – RESOURCE RECOVERY

The Resource Recovery Branch has developed the attached policy documents in conjunction with internal and external stakeholders to ensure that the governance arrangements for Resource Recovery are clear, supportive and in line with the legislative requirements for the commercial business unit Ipswich Waste Services.

This is a report concerning Ipswich City Council's commitment to ensuring that Ipswich Waste Services complies with its competitive neutrality obligations and is able to fulfill its community service obligations to support the community in waste management and resource recovery.

14. PROPOSED DISASTER AWARENESS CAMERA NETWORK POLICY

This is a report concerning a proposed Disaster Awareness Camera Network Policy.

15. FLOOD RECOVERY RESILIENT HOMES FUND – VOLUNTARY HOME BUY BACK PROPOSED PROPERTY ACQUISITION

This is a report concerning the proposed acquisition of a residential property by Ipswich City Council for the purposes of the voluntary home buy-back program. This initiative gets its funding from the jointly funded Commonwealth and Queensland Governments Resilient Homes Fund under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

16. CEO ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2023

This is a monthly report by the Chief Executive Officer focusing on a summary of organisational performance in the areas of workplace health and safety, progress in the delivery of Council's Corporate and Operational Plans, our people and culture, financial management, capital program delivery, flood recovery, external funding, significant risks and legal matters. This report is for the month of November and December 2023. The report for this period highlights current significant matters and progress on key performance indicators.

17. BUDGET AMENDMENT 2023-2024

This is a report concerning proposed amendment of the 2023-2024 budget, submitted in accordance with Section 170(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

18. MONTHLY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT – NOVEMBER 2023

This is a report concerning Council's financial performance for the period ending 30 November 2023, submitted in accordance with section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

19. QUEENSLAND AUDIT OFFICE 2023 FINAL AUDIT REPORT

This is a report concerning the Queensland Audit Office findings and recommendations from the 2022-2023 external audit of Ipswich City Council.

20. DRAFT INCLUSION AND CONNECTEDNESS IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM 2024-2025

This is a report concerning the draft Inclusion and Connectedness Implementation Program 2024 -2026; it outlines the proposed approach to removing and reducing barriers experienced by people living with disabilities and encouraging and enabling full and meaningful participation in Ipswich.

This is an action-based program, created collaboratively with community members and Council to guide Ipswich in becoming a more inclusive and connected city for people with disabilities.

21. IPSWICH CHILDREN'S ART GALLERY OPTION

This is a report concerning an option to utilise the tenancy space in the redeveloped Venue Building that faces Brisbane Street through to the corner with Ellenborough Street as a new Children's Art Gallery for Ipswich.

The option to relocate Ipswich Art Gallery children's programming into a dedicated Children's Art Gallery at Level One of the Venue Building Lease MM3 has the potential to increase attendance by a net total 95,000 visits per annum (175,000 total visits across Ipswich Art Gallery and Children's Art Gallery) due to the increased capacity of exhibition and programming space.

An Ipswich Children's Art Gallery would be an exciting and valuable addition to Council's Cultural Heart, its connection to the Top of Town businesses and the revitalisation of Ipswich Central. Already significant work is underway to enhance connectivity and capacity of our cultural assets in Ipswich Central such as the Nicholas Street Precinct, the Ipswich Civic Centre and d'Arcy Doyle Place. This Cultural Heart has been highlighted as an essential social and economic driver by stakeholders and contributors from Bull and Bear Economics to the Office of The Queensland Government Architect and the Ipswich Central Partnership.

The estimated financial implications of this recommended option are set out in the report.

The creation of a new dedicated Children's Art Gallery for the residents and visitors to Ipswich is assessed as a strong candidate for external funding and / or state and federal funding programs.

This report recommends that the Council approve the active pursuit of external funding to enable the establishment and operation of a new dedicated Children's Art Gallery.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS

The meeting commenced at 10.03 am.

Councillor Andrew Fechner arrived at the meeting at 10.05 am.

Councillor Marnie Doyle arrived at the meeting at 10.13 am.

Councillor Marnie Doyle left the meeting at 10.42 am.

The meeting adjourned at 10.49 am.

The meeting reconvened at 12.06 pm.

Deputy Mayor Russell Milligan left the meeting at 12.06 pm.

The meeting closed at 12.48 pm.
