

REGULATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE NO. 2025(01)**5 FEBRUARY 2025**

REPORT

COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Paul Tully (Chairperson) (via teams); Councillors Andrew Antonioli, Jim Madden and Augustine (Observer)

COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES:

Councillor Marnie Doyle

OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE:

General Manager Corporate Services (Matt Smith), Acting Manager Legal and Governance (General Counsel) (Allison Ferres-MacDonald), Corporate Governance Manager (Shasha Ingbritsen), Senior Project Manager (Corporate Services) (Barbara Dart), Executive Services Manager (Wade Wilson) and Council Liaison Officer (Kylie Curley)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE REGULATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE NO. 2024(02) OF 1 OCTOBER 2024**

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Regulation Advisory Committee held on 1 October 2024 be confirmed.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

2. **STRATEGIC REGULATION PROJECT UPDATE**

This is a report providing an update on the Strategic Regulation Project. A three (3) step approach was adopted by Council at its August 2024 meeting. The

three (3) steps are a Strategic Regulation Policy, updating Council's local law-making process and a comprehensive local law review with a new suite of laws to be developed.

This update provides information on:

- what is proposed to be in and out of scope for the project
- the project methodology for each of the three (3) steps in the project
- next steps including a Shape Your Ipswich project page

Project summaries are attached that highlight for each step

- the phases and timeframes
- where stakeholder and community engagement will occur and how
- when reports to committees and council will be submitted for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report and its contents be noted.

DISCUSSION

The committee discussed the overall project plan summary including submissions, public consultation and project methodology moving towards the next phase of the project.

3. CONSISTENCY REVIEW: LOCAL LAWS AND THE NEW PLANNING SCHEME

NOTE: At the Finance & Governance Committee of 14 November 2024, this report was referred to the Regulation Advisory Committee for consideration. Since then, the recommendations of the report have been changed from a number of procedural recommendations to make local laws to 'That the report be received, and the contents noted' due to:

- ***The Local Government Act Section 29B requirement for council to let the public know that a local law has been made by publishing a notice in the gazette and on its website within 1 month after the day when the council made the resolution to make the local law (meaning the laws commence then).***
- ***The commencement date of the new planning scheme is not yet confirmed, and council needs to wait to align the commencement of these laws to that of the scheme.***

Wording within the report has only been amended to reflect that the new scheme will commence in 2025 (not late 2024) and to move the recommendations of the 14 November 2024 report into proposed recommendations in the section titled “Next Steps: Requirements of a Future Report”. Once the commencement of the new planning scheme is known a future report will be sent with the proposed recommendations.

Council is preparing to implement a new planning scheme (the draft scheme) in 2025. As a result of this, a project has been undertaken comparing the draft scheme with Council’s current local laws to determine any critical gaps or inconsistencies that could impede regulatory functions once the draft scheme commences.

Out of Council’s 14 Local Laws and Subordinate Local Laws only seven (7) require changes – with 18 key changes identified. In July 2024, Council resolved to commence the formal local law-making process to enable those key changes to the identified local laws to be made in a timely manner and coincide with the commencement of the draft scheme. The local law-making process has now been completed and this report provides outcomes of the public consultation, anti-competitive provisions review and State interest check process with the amending laws now presented for adoption.

If adopted by resolution, commencement of the amended laws occurs within one month with a notice to be published in the Queensland Government Gazette and on council’s website. This will all occur to coincide with the commencement of the new planning scheme 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received, and the contents noted.

4. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be advised.

5. GENERAL DISCUSSION (within the purpose and scope of the committee)

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS

The meeting commenced at 9.04 am.

Councillors Jim Madden and Pye Augustine arrived at the meeting at 9.05 am.

Councillor Jim Madden left the meeting at 9.06 am.

Councillor Jim Madden returned to the meeting at 9.08 am.

Councillor Pye Augustine left the meeting at 9.25 am.

Councillor Pye Augustine returned to the meeting at 9.27 am.

The meeting closed at 9.43 am.
