

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2025(02)**18 MARCH 2025**

REPORT

COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Jim Madden (Chairperson); Councillors Andrew Antonioli (Deputy Chairperson) (via teams) , Mayor Teresa Harding, Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic, Jacob Madsen, Pye Augustine and David Martin (Observer)

COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES:

Nil

OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), General Manager Environment and Sustainability (Kaye Cavanagh), General Manager Asset and Infrastructure Services (Seren McKenzie), General Manager Corporate Services (Matt Smith), Manager Media, Communications and Engagement (Mark Strong), Senior Media Officer (Darrell Giles), Manager Natural Environment (Phil A Smith), Acting Environment and Conservation Manager (Belinda Whelband), Project Officer (Natural Environment) (Carmel O'Neill), Senior Communications and Policy Officer (Jodie Richter), Theatre Technician (Harrison Cate) and Theatre Technician (Tom Haag)

WELCOME TO COUNTRY OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Councillor Jim Madden (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. 2025(01) OF 18 FEBRUARY 2025**

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Pye Augustine:
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

That the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee held on 18 February 2025 be confirmed.

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

The motion was put and carried.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

2. **CITY OF IPSWICH URBAN GREENING PLAN 2022-2042 PROGRESS REPORT**

Urban greening is established as an important part of making a modern city resilient and liveable. It has the added benefit of protecting vegetation and wildlife. The urban forest, urban corridors, and vegetation within public and private realms make up what we refer to as 'urban greening'. The City of Ipswich Urban Greening Plan 2022–2042, endorsed by council in August (the Plan) sets an informed and evidence-based direction in achieving increased vegetation cover in priority areas within the urban footprint of Ipswich to best achieve the multiple benefits it can provide. The progress report in Attachment 1 demonstrates the achievements of the first two (2) years of the implementation of the Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Antoniolli:

That Council receives and notes the contents of this progress report for the City of Ipswich Urban Greening Plan 2022 – 2042.

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

The motion was put and carried.

3. SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY PROGRESS REPORT - MARCH 2025

This is a report concerning the progress in implementing Ipswich City Council's Sustainability Strategy 2021-2026. The strategy and its associated implementation plan are in their fourth year of implementation. These set out several actions over the five (5) year period and as of February 2025, 67% are marked completed. Some of the actions are substantial projects within themselves and are implemented over multiple years and/or ongoing in nature.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Pye Augustine:

Seconded by Councillor Jacob Madsen:

That the report titled "Sustainability Strategy Implementation – March 2025" be received and noted.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antoniolli

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

Augustine

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

MATTERS ARISING

Nil

QUESTIONS / GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS

The meeting commenced at 12.57 pm.

The meeting closed at 1.08 pm.
