

COUNCILLOR BRIEFING AND WORKSHOP SESSION MEETING NO. 2025(05)**2 APRIL 2025**

REPORT

COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Teresa Harding (via teams); Councillors Jacob Madsen, Pye Augustine, Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic (via teams), Paul Tully, Marnie Doyle, Andrew Antonioli, David Martin and Jim Madden

COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES:

Nil

OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), General Manager Planning and Regulatory Services (Brett Davey), General Manager Asset and Infrastructure Services (Seren McKenzie), General Manager Environment and Sustainability (Kaye Cavanagh) (via teams), General Manager Corporate Services (Matt Smith), General Manager Community, Cultural and Economic Development (Ben Pole), Sonia Gollschewski (Manager, Works and Field Services), Manager, Fleet Services (Darren Scott), Chief of Staff – Office of the Mayor (Melissa Fitzgerald) (via teams), Senior Project Manager (Barbara Dart), Acting Manager, Legal and Governance (General Counsel) (Allison Feres-MacDonald), Manager Compliance (Alisha Connaughton) and Senior Project Officer (Madeline Orwin)

EXTERNAL ATTENDEES:

Urban Utilities – Paul Arnold (Chief Executive Officer), Paul Vincent (Board Chair), Beverley Morton (Manager Shareholder Relations), Chris Bulloch (Executive Leader Infrastructure Planning and Delivery), James Dymock (Executive Leader People and External Relations)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

OFFICERS' REPORTS**1. URBAN UTILITIES PRESENTATION**

This briefing will be presented by Urban Utilities – Delivering for Ipswich. A year in review FY24.

MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the Urban Utilities presentation.

2. OPEN SPACE MAINTENANCE STANDARDS


This report is to inform Councillors on current state operations of Open Spaces Maintenance Standards, and actions identified and undertaken from the 2024 FieldForce4 review of mowing service delivery report.

MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on open space maintenance standards.

Councillors asked questions on the category of parks, the level of mowing standards for sporting clubs fields, herbicide/weeding treatments in parks, and contractors and workforce. Manager Works and Field Services to provide information to the Councillors in relation to the questions raised.

Attachments

1. Presentation - Open Space Landscape Standards [⇨](#) 
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3. STRATEGIC REGULATION PROJECT - STEP 1 POLICY AND STEP 2 PROCESS

With the need to undertake a comprehensive review of our current local laws comes the opportunity to take a holistic view of regulation and how, as a Council and a city, we can truly strive for the community vision of ***a city of opportunity for all.***

Council has adopted a three-step approach, which in summary is:

- **Step 1 (Policy): Development of a Strategic Regulation Policy** (sets Councils strategic position for regulation and builds on the current Compliance and Enforcement Policy)
- **Step 2 (Process):** Repeal the current **Local Law-Making Policy** and replace with a 'process' that is a more contemporary/modern procedure. A schedule would be developed for future local law reviews.
- **Step 3 (Local Laws): Comprehensive Local Law Review** – Creation of a new suite of local laws. Creating a new suite of laws will be more efficient than amending the current suite



This session relates to Step 1 with the proposal to update the current policy so it will include Council's overall position on regulation and not just how it responds to non-compliance; and to Step 2 with updating the current local law-making process

to be more contemporary and repealing the current policy as a policy is not required under legislation.

MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the Strategic Regulation Project - Step 1 Policy and Step 2 Process and the next steps of the project.

Attachments

1. Current ICC Local Law Making Policy [⇒](#) 
2. Presentation - Strategic Regulation Project [⇒](#) 

4. ICC STREET SWEEPER OPERATIONS

This report addresses the operational aspects of the Council's street sweeping services and is presented in response to Councillor enquiries. It provides detailed information on the current status and future plans for street sweeping operations within the City of Ipswich. The report covers key areas including the number of street sweepers owned by Council, where the street sweepers operate including frequency and potential demand and opportunities for street sweeping.

MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the street sweeper operations. Councillors asked questions on the street sweeping program and requested further information on the streets regularly swept as part of the twice a year program.

Attachments

1. Presentation - ICC Street Sweeper Operations 2025 [⇒](#) 

5. 95A BRISBANE ROAD, BOOVAL QLD - IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL LEASE TO SWIFTS LEAGUES CLUB LIMITED

This is a report concerning amendment to the lease that is proposed to be entered into between Ipswich City Council ('**Council**') as Lessor and Swifts Leagues Club Limited ('**Swifts**') as Lessee for part of 95a Brisbane Road, Booval, together with associated documentation for the amendment.

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

MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted the information presented on 95a Brisbane Road, Booval - Ipswich City Council Lease to Swifts Leagues Club Limited.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS

The meeting commenced at 9.06 am.

Councillor Marnie Doyle left the meeting at 9.23 am.

Councillor Marnie Doyle returned to the meeting at 9.25 am.

Mayor Teresa Harding left the meeting at 9.34 am.

Mayor Teresa Harding returned to the meeting via teams at 9.42 am.

Councillor Marnie Doyle left the meeting at 9.49 am.

Councillor Pye Augustine left the meeting at 10.02 am.

Councillor Marnie Doyle returned to the meeting at 10.06 am.

Mayor Teresa Harding left the meeting at 10.20 am.

The meeting adjourned at 10.20 am.

The meeting reconvened at 10.38 am with all councillors in attendance except Mayor Teresa Harding.

Councillor Andrew Antonioli left the meeting at 10.52 am.

Councillor Andrew Antonioli returned to the meeting at 11.06 am.

Councillor Jacob Madsen left the meeting at 11.26 am.

Councillor Jacob Madsen returned to the meeting at 11.35 am.

Mayor Teresa Harding returned to the meeting via teams at 11.36 am.

Councillor Marnie Doyle left the meeting at 12.03 pm.

Mayor Teresa Harding left the meeting at 12.07 pm.

Councillor Marnie Doyle returned to the meeting at 12.08 pm.

The meeting closed at 12.24 pm.

