

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

30 APRIL 2025

Held in the Council Chambers, Administration Building
1 Nicholas Street, Ipswich

The meeting commenced at 9.01 am

1. ATTENDANCE AT COMMENCEMENT

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

2. WELCOME TO COUNTRY OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mayor Teresa Harding delivered the Acknowledgement of Country

3. OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Brad Pain – Catalyst Church

4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

5. CONDOLENCES

Nil

6. TRIBUTES

Nil

7. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Nil

8. PRESENTATIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Mayor Teresa Harding presented the Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper) with two awards:

- the Jan Gehl Centrepiece Award for Excellence in Placemaking and Excellence in Placemaking
- highly commended in the Place Engagement category in the Place Leaders Asia Pacific Awards.

Mayor Harding stated that these awards recognised Ipswich City Council's wholistic approach to people centred placemaking in the revitalisation of Ipswich Central.

Council won the prestigious inaugural Jan Gehl Centrepiece Award at the Place Leaders Asia Pacific Awards which is the region's premier accolade for excellence in creating vibrant people focussed spaces.

Council was also awarded highly commended for strengthening Ipswich's cultural heart through creative engagement in the place engagement category for its grass roots creative engagement that helped reposition the city as a cultural hub.

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nil

10. MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

Nil

11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

In accordance with section 150ET(4) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Councillor Andrew Antonioli advised of his previously declared Declarable Conflict of Interest in relation to Item 14.1 titled Suspected Councillor Conduct Breach – Matter C/24/00786 within the Council Ordinary Meeting of 27 March 2025 in which he left the meeting.

Councillor Andrew Antonioli advised he will leave the meeting for the consideration of this matter.

In accordance with section 150EQ of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Councillor Paul Tully informed the meeting that he has a declarable conflict of interest in Item 4 of the Infrastructure Planning and Assets Committee titled Ipswich General Cemetery – Heritage Project.

The nature of the interest is that Councillor Tully is a Trustee of the Goodna Cemetery Trust in which he does not receive any financial benefit.

Councillor Paul Tully invited the other councillors to determine if he can continue to participate in the decision process.

It was moved by Mayor Teresa Harding and seconded by Councillor David Martin that Councillor Paul Tully may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on 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 Paul Tully may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding

Madsen

Augustine

Jonic

Doyle

Antoniolli

Martin

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

Councillor Paul Tully did not take part in the vote on this matter

The motion was put and carried.

In accordance with section 150EQ of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Councillor Jim Madden informed the meeting that he has a declarable conflict of interest in Item 4 of the Infrastructure Planning and Assets Committee titled Ipswich General Cemetery – Heritage Project.

The nature of the interest is that he has a distant relative who had a headstone at Ipswich Cemetery that was removed.

Councillor Jim Madden invited the other councillors to determine if he can continue to participate in the decision process.

It was moved by Mayor Teresa Harding and seconded by Councillor Andrew Antoniolli that Councillor Jim Madden may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on 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 Jim Madden may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding

Madsen

Augustine

Jonic

Tully

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

Doyle
Antoniolli
Martin

Councillor Jim Madden did not take part in the vote on this matter.

The motion was put and carried.

In accordance with section 150EQ of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Councillor Andrew Antoniolli informed the meeting that he has a declarable conflict of interest in Item 7 of the Finance and Governance Committee titled Procurement – Contract Extension 13482 Grounds Maintenance and Associated Services.

The nature of the interest is that the owner of one of the companies (SAVCO) resides in the same street as Councillor Antoniolli.

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

It was moved by Mayor Teresa Harding and seconded by Councillor David Martin that Councillor Andrew Antoniolli may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on 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 Antoniolli may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

Councillor Antoniolli did not take part in the vote on this matter.

The motion was put and carried.

In accordance with section 150EQ of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic informed the meeting that she has a declarable conflict of interest in Item 2 of the

Economic and Cultural Development Committee titled Quarterly Event Sponsorship and Ticket Allocation Report January 2025 – March 2025 in relation to Willowbank Raceway.

The nature of the interest is that she is a life member of the Willowbank Raceway Incorporated and is not a member of the executive and does not receive any gifts or remuneration.

Councillor Nicole Jonic invited the other councillors to determine if she can continue to participate in the decision process.

It was moved by Mayor Teresa Harding that Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on 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.

In accordance with section 150EM of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic informed the meeting that she has a prescribed conflict of interest in Item 2 of the Economic and Community Development Committee titled Quarterly Event Sponsorship and Ticket Allocation Report January 2025 – March 2025 in relation to the Ipswich Turf Club.

The nature of the prescribed conflict of interest is that Deputy Mayor Jonic is on the Executive of the Ipswich Turf Club as Treasurer.

Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic advised that she will leave the meeting room (including any area set aside for the public) while this matter is being discussed and voted on.

12. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

12.1

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING

RESOLUTION C2025/00/384

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:

Seconded by Councillor David Martin:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 27 March 2025 be confirmed.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antoniolli
Martin

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

Madden

The motion was put and carried.

13. MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

14. BUSINESS OUTSTANDING – INCLUDING CONDUCT MATTERS AND MATTERS LYING ON THE TABLE TO BE DEALT WITH

At 9.25 am Councillor Andrew Antonioli left the meeting room due to a previously declared interest in Item 14.1

Councillor Jim Madden moved that Item 14 be deferred for consideration until after Item 18 to allow all council officers not required for Item 14 to continue with business as usual.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madsen

Jonic

Tully

Martin

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Harding

Augustine

Doyle

All Councillors except Councillor Andrew Antonioli were present when the vote was taken.

The motion was put and carried.

At 9.28 am Councillor Andrew Antonioli returned to the meeting room.

Item 14.1 was considered after Item 18 when the meeting reconvened at 12.45 pm.

Councillor Jacob Madsen arrived at the meeting at 12.48 pm.

14.1

**SUSPECTED COUNCILLOR
CONDUCT BREACH -
MATTER C/24/00786**

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

- A. That Council decide whether or not the councillor has engaged in a conduct breach for Allegation 1.
- B. That Council decide whether or not the councillor has engaged in a conduct breach for Allegation 2.

- C. That if the local government decides the councillor has engaged in a conduct breach—what action the local government will take under section 150AH to discipline the councillor.
- D. That Confidential Attachment 3 titled Councillor Investigation Report for the investigation be made publicly available within 10 business days after the decision is made.
- E. That the Chief Executive Officer provide notice to the Office of the Independent Assessor of the decision, reasons for the decision; and where an order is made under section 150AH, details about the order.

Mayor Teresa Harding proposed to move all recommendations separately.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

- A. That Council decide that the councillor did engage in a conduct breach for Allegation 1.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding

Augustine

Doyle

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Madsen

Jonic

Tully

Martin

Madden

All Councillors except Councillor Andrew Antoniolli were present when the vote was taken.

The motion was put and lost

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

- B. That Council decide that the councillor has engaged in a conduct breach for Allegation 2.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding

Augustine

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Madsen

Jonic

Doyle

Tully
Martin
Madden

All Councillors except Councillor Antonioli were present when the vote was taken.

The motion was put and lost

Mayor Teresa Harding withdrew the original motion for Recommendation C as it was decided that the councillor has not engaged in a conduct breach.

The seconder of the original motion agreed to the withdrawal of Recommendation C.

Recommendations D and E were renamed C and D respectively.

RESOLUTION C2025/00/385

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

- C. That Confidential Attachment 3 titled Councillor Investigation Report for the investigation be made publicly available within 10 business days after the decision is made.**
- D. That the Chief Executive Officer provide notice to the Office of the Independent Assessor of the decision, reasons for the decision; and where an order is made under section 150AH, details about the order.**

AFFIRMATIVE

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Councillors:

Harding

Nil

Madsen

Augustine

Jonic

Tully

Doyle

Martin

Madden

All Councillors except Councillor Andrew Antonioli were present when the vote was taken.

The motion was put and carried.

Councillor Paul Tully tabled the following recommendation in relation to the decision of Item 14.1 for Allegations 1 and 2.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Paul Tully:

Seconded by Councillor Jim Madden:

That Council, having considered the two matters regarding alleged conduct breaches by Councillor Antonioli referred from the Office of the Independent Assessor (OIA) to the Council's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) on 29 October 2024, decides as follows:

ALLEGATION 1

Having considered all of the evidence and material provided in relation to Allegation 1, and in accordance with section 150AG(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2009 (the Act), the Council decides on the balance of probabilities that Councillor Antonioli has not engaged in a conduct breach, for the following reasons:

(a) Councillor Antonioli had the right to make the reported comments in accordance with Section 21 of the *Human Rights Act 2019* which states inter alia:

"21 Freedom of expression

(1) Every person has the right to hold an opinion without interference.

(2) Every person has the right to freedom of expression which includes the freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds, whether within or outside Queensland and whether -

a) orally; or

b) in writing; or

c) in print; or

d) by way of art; or

e) in another medium chosen by the person."

Such right is acknowledged in Section 5 of Council's *Media and Corporate Communications Policy (the Policy)* which states:

"Human Rights Commitment

Ipswich City Council (Council) has considered the human rights protected under the Human Rights Act 2019 (Qld) when adopting and/or amending this policy. When applying this policy, Council will act and make decisions in a way that is

compatible with human rights and give proper consideration to a human right relevant to the decision in accordance with the Human Rights Act 2019 (Qld)."

A councillor's right to raise matters of public importance in his or her role as an elected member is a fundamental right of the councillor and the right of the community to be informed of such matters.

The comments by Councillor Antonioli were made in response to one media outlet following complaints from traders in the Ipswich Mall - who had leasing contracts with the Ipswich City Council - that their takings had been seriously affected by the decision of Council to permit food trucks close to their premises. It was not a decision of full council and Councillors were not consulted before the decision was made. As the Divisional councillor, Councillor Antonioli had the right to comment directly on the issue.

The comments made by Councillor Antonioli were permitted pursuant to *Paragraph 6 of Section 6 "Scope" of the Policy*, which states, inter alia:

"This policy does not preclude Councillors from making their own statements or comments which may conflict with Council's position...ensuring that their comments are not portrayed by them as the official view of Council."

Councillor Antonioli's comments were not portrayed by him as the "official view of Council".

His comments were also protected by the over-arching provisions of *Paragraph 7 of Section 6 of the Policy* which states:

"Nothing in the policy shall be interpreted as affecting the right of individual Councillors to raise or comment on issues of public importance or significance to them and to speak about such matters as elected representatives of the local community or in some other capacity".

This clause reflects the overriding democratic right of all Councillors to make comments completely free of the strictures of the Policy, thus reinforcing the fundamental right of elected members to speak publicly on matters relating to their community.

(b) Councillor Antonioli was clearly speaking in his proper divisional role and his statutory citywide councillor role having regard to *Sections 12(1) and 12(6) of the Act* which state:

(1) "A councillor must represent the current and future interests of the residents of the local government area."

(6) "When performing a responsibility, a councillor must serve the overall public interest of the whole local government area."

(c) Councillor Antonioli's comments were consistent with *Paragraph 8 of Section 2 "Purpose and Principles" of the Policy* which states inter alia:

"The purpose of this policy is to ... ensure Councillors have fair and equitable opportunity to engage with the community about divisional, committee and other community matters through Council's external communication networks, recognising the citywide role and responsibilities of all Councillors under section 12 of the Local Government Act 2009."

(d) Councillor Antonioli's comments were protected under the implied right of freedom of opinion and expression guaranteed by the High Court under the Australian Constitution – *Lange v Australian Broadcasting Corporation [1997] HCA 25*. A restriction on a councillor's right - and arguably his or her duty - in championing their community is inconsistent with this implied constitutional right of freedom of political expression. The Independent Assessor recognised this in a public statement in 2021 regarding the right of councillors to "critically" raise matters relevant to their community, This arose following a complaint - which was subsequently dismissed - against the Mayor of Barcaldine Regional Council over public comments made by him regarding the state government rollout of the Covid-19 vaccination program in his region. The Independent Assessor said:

"I want to make it very clear that I am not reducing anyone's ability to speak. It is critical to the role of councillors that they represent their communities and can do by critically making points. Councillors do that across Queensland all the time". – Independent Assessor, public briefing transcript, Brisbane, 7 December 2021, p9, State Development and Regional Industries Committee.

Council is of the view that Councillor Antonioli's comments were also protected by this advice.

(e) The proper consideration of Councillor Antonioli's comments and alleged conduct breach relates solely to his comments in an *Ipswich Tribune* article of 2 October 2024. Subsequent events such as staff thoughts or feelings or how others may have interpreted or felt about the comments are not relevant to a proper examination of the actual words used by Councillor Antonioli. He must be judged solely in relation to the printed comments made by him. Those comments appear to be a fair description of his genuinely held views as an elected member without identifying or criticising any particular staff member.

(f) Staff working in a political and at times emotionally charged environment, at any of Australia's three levels of government, must expect vigorous debate and public commentary from time to time which is directed specifically at a particular decision. Councillor Antonioli did not name or identify any particular officers and his comments were clearly aimed at the decision and not the decision maker(s).

CONCLUSION IN RELATION TO ALLEGATION 1

In accordance with *Section 11 of Council's Investigation Policy*, the standard of proof is the civil standard i.e. on the balance of probabilities to the reasonable satisfaction of the tribunal.

In *Briginshaw v Briginshaw (1938) 60 CLR 336*, it was held that "reasonable satisfaction" in civil matters must be considered in light of the seriousness of the allegation and the gravity of the potential consequences when determining whether the evidence satisfies the civil standard.

Dixon J. observed at 361-362: "Except upon criminal issues to be proved by the prosecution, it is enough that the affirmative of an allegation is made out to the reasonable satisfaction of the tribunal. But reasonable satisfaction is not a mind that is attained or established independently of the nature and consequence of the fact or facts to be proved. The seriousness of an allegation made, the inherent unlikelihood of an occurrence of a given description, or the gravity of the consequences flowing from a particular finding, are considerations which must affect the answer to the question whether the issue has been proven to the reasonable satisfaction of the tribunal".

Similarly, in *Qantas Airways Limited v Gama (2008) FCAFC 69*, Branson J. commented on those statements and said:

"His Honour made plain that before accepting the truth of evidence of a particular allegation, the tribunal should give consideration to the nature of the allegation and the likely consequences which will follow should it be accepted".

The Briginshaw principle has been followed by the *Councillor Conduct Tribunal* accepting the applicability of this principle.

In this matter, a finding by Council of a conduct breach could result in significant consequences for Councillor Antonioli including exclusion from a stated local government meeting, removal from council appointed position(s) or mandatory reimbursement of the Council for some or all of the costs arising from the councillor's conduct breach - of at least \$18,975 i.e. the investigation cost.

After careful consideration of all of the available evidence and material, Council decides that it is not reasonably satisfied, on the balance of probabilities, that Councillor Antonioli engaged in a conduct breach in relation to Allegation 1.

Accordingly, Council decides that Allegation 1 has not been substantiated in accordance with *the Local Government Act 2009* and the relevant legal principles.

ALLEGATION 2

Having considered all of the evidence and material provided in relation to Allegation 2, and in accordance with section 150AG(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2009 (the Act), the Council decides on the balance of probabilities that Councillor Antonioli did not engage in a conduct breach, for the following reasons:

- (a) The words used to the CEO were directly related to Councillor Antonioli's clear concerns that consideration of the rights of Ipswich Mall traders with leasing contracts with the Ipswich City Council had been subsumed by the feelings of unidentified staff who were the original decision maker(s) in the matter.
- (b) Councillor Antonioli acted appropriately in his email to the CEO by stating that his "comments were not aimed at staff

members but the administration". He did not criticise any individual staff to the CEO.

- (c) Although the tone of his words may have been somewhat forthright, his priority at all times was clearly to resolve the serious matters raised by the traders in the media whom he described as "the mum and dad businesses" and not to hurt the feelings of the CEO. The CEO stated at interview on 30 January 2025 that she took "mild offence" to Councillor Antonioli's comments.
- (d) Elected members in a political environment will at times have forthright discussions with senior council officers as part of the democratic process and frank exchanges between Councillors and senior officers. Before a conduct breach could reasonably be regarded as having occurred in these circumstances, it would necessarily require a relatively significant level of inappropriate or offensive behaviour, rather than just mild offence, which is not evidenced in this matter.

CONCLUSION IN RELATION TO ALLEGATION 2

In accordance with *Section 11 of Council's Investigation Policy*, the standard of proof is the civil standard i.e. on the balance of probabilities to the reasonable satisfaction of the tribunal.

In *Briginshaw v Briginshaw (1938) 60 CLR 336*, it was held that "reasonable satisfaction" in civil matters must be considered in light of the seriousness of the allegation and the gravity of the potential consequences when determining whether the evidence satisfies the civil standard.

Dixon J. observed at 361-362: "Except upon criminal issues to be proved by the prosecution, it is enough that the affirmative of an allegation is made out to the reasonable satisfaction of the tribunal. But reasonable satisfaction is not a mind that is attained or established independently of the nature and consequence of the fact or facts to be proved. The seriousness of an allegation made, the inherent unlikelihood of an occurrence of a given description, or the gravity of the consequences flowing from a particular finding, are considerations which must affect the answer to the question whether the issue has been proven to the reasonable satisfaction of the tribunal".

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The Briginshaw principle has been followed by the *Councillor Conduct Tribunal* accepting the applicability of this principle.

In this matter, a finding by Council of a conduct breach could result in significant consequences for Councillor Antonioli including exclusion from a stated local government meeting, removal from council appointed position(s) or mandatory reimbursement of the Council for some or all of the costs arising from the councillor's conduct breach - of at least \$18,975 i.e. the investigation cost.

After careful consideration of all of the available evidence and material, Council decides that it is not reasonably satisfied, on the balance of probabilities, that Councillor Antonioli engaged in a conduct breach in relation to Allegation 2.

Accordingly, Council decides that Allegation 2 has not been substantiated in accordance with *the Local Government Act 2009* and the relevant legal principles.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Paul Tully:

Seconded by Councillor Jim Madden:

That Councillor Tully's motion be presented separately in the minutes as a separate motion.

ADJOURN MEETING

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding

That the meeting be adjourned at 2.14 pm to reconvene at 2.30 pm.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding

Madsen

Augustine

Jonic

Tully

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

Doyle
Martin
Madden

All Councillors except Councillor Andrew Antonioli were present when the vote was taken.

The motion was put and carried.

The meeting reconvened at 2.30 pm.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Paul Tully:
Seconded by Councillor Jim Madden:

That Councillor Tully's motion be presented separately in the minutes as a separate motion.

After discussion, Councillor Paul Tully withdrew his motion to present the motion separately.

The seconder of the motion agreed to the withdrawal of the motion.

RESOLUTION C2025/00/386

Moved by Councillor Paul Tully:
Seconded by Councillor Jim Madden:

That Council, having considered the two matters regarding alleged conduct breaches by Councillor Antonioli referred from the Office of the Independent Assessor (OIA) to the Council's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) on 29 October 2024, decides as follows:

ALLEGATION 1

Having considered all of the evidence and material provided in relation to Allegation 1, and in accordance with section 150AG(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2009 (the Act), the Council decides on the balance of probabilities that Councillor Antonioli has not engaged in a conduct breach, for the following reasons:

(a) Councillor Antonioli had the right to make the reported comments in accordance with Section 21 of the *Human Rights Act 2019* which states inter alia:

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The comments made by Councillor Antonioli were permitted pursuant to *Paragraph 6 of Section 6 "Scope" of the Policy*, which states, inter alia:

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Councillor Antonioli's comments were not portrayed by him as the "official view of Council".

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(6) "When performing a responsibility, a councillor must serve the overall public interest of the whole local government area."

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Council is of the view that Councillor Antonioli's comments were also protected by this advice.

(e) The proper consideration of Councillor Antonioli's comments and alleged conduct breach relates solely to his comments in an *Ipswich Tribune* article of 2 October 2024. Subsequent events such as staff thoughts or feelings or how others may have interpreted or felt about the comments are not relevant to a proper examination of the actual words used by Councillor Antonioli. He must be judged solely in relation to the printed comments made by him. Those comments appear to be a fair description of his genuinely held views as an elected member without identifying or criticising any particular staff member.

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identify any particular officers and his comments were clearly aimed at the decision and not the decision maker(s).

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"His Honour made plain that before accepting the truth of evidence of a particular allegation, the tribunal should give consideration to the nature of the allegation and the likely consequences which will follow should it be accepted".

The Briginshaw principle has been followed by the *Councillor Conduct Tribunal* accepting the applicability of this principle.

In this matter, a finding by Council of a conduct breach could result in significant consequences for Councillor Antonioli including exclusion from a stated local government meeting, removal from council appointed position(s) or mandatory reimbursement of the Council for some or all of the costs arising from the councillor's conduct breach - of at least \$18,975 i.e. the investigation cost.

After careful consideration of all of the available evidence and material, Council decides that it is not reasonably satisfied, on the balance of probabilities, that Councillor Antonioli engaged in a conduct breach in relation to Allegation 1.

Accordingly, Council decides that Allegation 1 has not been substantiated in accordance with *the Local Government Act 2009* and the relevant legal principles.

ALLEGATION 2

Having considered all of the evidence and material provided in relation to Allegation 2, and in accordance with section 150AG(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2009 (the Act), the Council decides on the balance of probabilities that Councillor Antonioli did not engage in a conduct breach, for the following reasons:

- (e) The words used to the CEO were directly related to Councillor Antonioli's clear concerns that consideration of the rights of Ipswich Mall traders with leasing contracts with the Ipswich City Council had been subsumed by the feelings of unidentified staff who were the original decision maker(s) in the matter.
- (f) Councillor Antonioli acted appropriately in his email to the CEO by stating that his "comments were not aimed at staff members but the administration". He did not criticise any individual staff to the CEO.
- (g) Although the tone of his words may have been somewhat forthright, his priority at all times was clearly to resolve the serious matters raised by the traders in the media whom he described as "the mum and dad businesses" and not to hurt the feelings of the CEO. The CEO stated at interview on 30 January 2025 that she took "mild offence" to Councillor Antonioli's comments.
- (h) Elected members in a political environment will at times have forthright discussions with senior council officers as part of the democratic process and frank exchanges between Councillors and senior officers. Before a conduct breach could reasonably be regarded as having occurred in these circumstances, it would necessarily require a relatively significant level of inappropriate or offensive behaviour, rather than just mild offence, which is not evidenced in this matter.

CONCLUSION IN RELATION TO ALLEGATION 2

In accordance with *Section 11 of Council's Investigation Policy*, the standard of proof is the civil standard i.e. on the balance of probabilities to the reasonable satisfaction of the tribunal.

In *Briginshaw v Briginshaw (1938) 60 CLR 336*, it was held that "reasonable satisfaction" in civil matters must be considered in light of the seriousness of the allegation and the gravity of the potential consequences when determining whether the evidence satisfies the civil standard.

Dixon J. observed at 361-362: "Except upon criminal issues to be proved by the prosecution, it is enough that the affirmative of an allegation is made out to the reasonable satisfaction of the tribunal. But reasonable satisfaction is not a mind that is attained or established independently of the nature and consequence of the fact or facts to be proved. The seriousness of an allegation made, the inherent unlikelihood of an occurrence of a given description, or the gravity of the consequences flowing from a particular finding, are considerations which must affect the answer to the question whether the issue has been proven to the reasonable satisfaction of the tribunal".

Similarly, in *Qantas Airways Limited v Gama (2008) FCAFC 69*, Branson J. commented on those statements and said:

"His Honour made plain that before accepting the truth of evidence of a particular allegation, the tribunal should give consideration to the nature of the allegation and the likely consequences which will follow should it be accepted".

The Briginshaw principle has been followed by the *Councillor Conduct Tribunal* accepting the applicability of this principle.

In this matter, a finding by Council of a conduct breach could result in significant consequences for Councillor Antonioli including exclusion from a stated local government meeting, removal from council appointed position(s) or mandatory reimbursement of the Council for some or all of the costs arising from the councillor's conduct breach - of at least \$18,975 i.e. the investigation cost.

After careful consideration of all of the available evidence and material, Council decides that it is not reasonably satisfied, on

the balance of probabilities, that Councillor Antonioli engaged in a conduct breach in relation to Allegation 2.

Accordingly, Council decides that Allegation 2 has not been substantiated in accordance with *the Local Government Act 2009* and the relevant legal principles.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madsen

Jonic

Tully

Martin

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Harding


Augustine

Doyle

All Councillors except Councillor Andrew Antonioli were present when the vote was taken.

The motion was put and carried.

Attachments

1. Councillor Investigation Report 

15. RECEPTION AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

15.1

REPORT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING AND ASSETS COMMITTEE NO. 2025(03) OF 22 APRIL 2025

RESOLUTION C2025/00/387

Moved by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Infrastructure, Planning and Assets Committee No. 2025(03) of 22 April 2025.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding

Madsen

Augustine

Jonic

Tully

Doyle

Antonioli

Martin

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**INFRASTRUCTURE,
PLANNING AND
ASSETS COMMITTEE
– ITEM 1**

RESPONSE TO NOTICE
OF MOTION
REGARDING
WELCOME TO
SUBURB/TOWN SIGNS

RESOLUTION C2025/00/388(IPAAC)

Moved by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

- A. That Council receive and note the report responding to the Notice of Motion concerning Suburb and Town Signs.**
- B. That Council confirm Set A as presented in this report be used for all Suburb and Town Sign replacements.**
- C. That within six (6) months council replace all of the brown signs in Division 1 and 4 with Set A style signs.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antonioli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**INFRASTRUCTURE,
PLANNING AND
ASSETS COMMITTEE
– ITEM 2**

RESPONSE TO
PETITION - ENFORCE
STRICTER PENALTIES
FOR UNCONTROLLED
AND THREATENING
DOGS IN RIVERVIEW,
QUEENSLAND

RESOLUTION C2025/00/389(IPAAC)

Moved by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

That Council receive and note the content of the report.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antonioli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**INFRASTRUCTURE,
PLANNING AND
ASSETS COMMITTEE -
ITEM 3**

CONFIRMATION OF
MINUTES OF THE
INFRASTRUCTURE,
PLANNING AND
ASSETS COMMITTEE
NO. 2025(02) OF 18
MARCH 2025

RESOLUTION C2025/00/390

Moved by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

**That the minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning and
Assets Committee held on 18 March 2025 be
confirmed.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antonioli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**INFRASTRUCTURE,
PLANNING AND
ASSETS COMMITTEE
– ITEM 4**

IPSWICH GENERAL
CEMETERY -
HERITAGE PROJECT

RESOLUTION C2025/00/391(IPAAC)

Moved by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

**That the report be referred to a future meeting for
consideration.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antonioli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**INFRASTRUCTURE,
PLANNING AND**

RESOLUTION C2025/00/392(IPAAC)

Moved by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

**ASSETS COMMITTEE
– ITEM 5**

**EXERCISE OF
DELEGATION REPORT**

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

**That the Exercise of Delegation report for the period
25 February 2025 to 7 April 2025 be received and the
contents noted.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antoniolli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**INFRASTRUCTURE,
PLANNING AND
ASSETS COMMITTEE
– ITEM 6**

**PLANNING AND
ENVIRONMENT
COURT ACTION
STATUS REPORT**

RESOLUTION C2025/00/393(IPAAC)

Moved by Councillor Andrew Antoniolli:
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

**That the Planning and Environment Court Action
status report be received and the contents noted.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antoniolli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**INFRASTRUCTURE,
PLANNING AND
ASSETS COMMITTEE
– ITEM 7**

**PROVISIONAL
PROJECTS APPROVAL**

RESOLUTION C2025/00/394(IPAAC)

Moved by Councillor Andrew Antoniolli:
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

**That Council approve the Provisional Projects listed
below and progress to design and construction, in**

accordance with the Capital Investment in Provisional Projects Policy:

- 1. Division 2 – Installation of mature shade tree at Evan Marginson Park, Goodna \$10,000.**
- 2. Division 2 – Beautification and safety improvements at Langley Park, Camira \$45,000.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antoniolli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**INFRASTRUCTURE,
PLANNING AND
ASSETS COMMITTEE
– ITEM 8**

PUBLIC MONUMENTS
AND MEMORIALS –
ASSESSMENT OF
APPLICATION FROM
SPRINGFIELD LAKES
NATURE CARE
INCORPORATED

RESOLUTION C2025/00/395(IPAAC)

Moved by Councillor Andrew Antoniolli:
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

That the Queen’s Jubilee commemorative sign as detailed in Attachment 2 of this report, be approved by Council.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antoniolli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**INFRASTRUCTURE,
PLANNING AND
ASSETS COMMITTEE
– ITEM 9**

RESOLUTION C2025/00/396(IPAAC)

Moved by Councillor Andrew Antoniolli:
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

PUBLIC MONUMENTS
AND MEMORIALS –
ASSESSMENT OF
APPLICATION FROM
BRISBANE BANGLA
LANGUAGE SCHOOL
AND ETHNIC
SCHOOLS
ASSOCIATION

- A. That the report be received and the contents noted.**
- B. That the Public Monument and Memorials application, as detailed in Attachment 1 of this report, be approved.**
- C. That Council enter into a legal agreement with the Brisbane Bangla Language School and Ethnic Schools Association to fund construction of the Mother Language Monument in Robelle Domain, Springfield Central, at a location to be approved by Council.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antoniolli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**INFRASTRUCTURE,
PLANNING AND
ASSETS COMMITTEE
– ITEM 10**

ASSET AND
INFRASTRUCTURE
SERVICES
DEPARTMENT
CAPITAL DELIVERY
REPORT FEBRUARY
2025

RESOLUTION C2025/00/397(IPAAC)

Moved by Councillor Andrew Antoniolli:

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

That the report on capital delivery by the Asset and Infrastructure Services Department for the month of February 2025 be received and the contents noted.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antoniolli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**SUSPENSION OF
MEETING
PROCEDURES****RECOMMENDATION**

Moved by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:
Seconded by Councillor David Martin :

That the provision of these meeting procedures be suspended, as is necessary, for the purpose of considering the membership of Councillor Pye Augustine to the Infrastructure Planning and Assets Committee.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antonioli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

**MEMBERSHIP OF
INFRASTRUCTURE
PLANNING AND
ASSETS COMMITTEE****RESOLUTION C2025/00/398**

Moved by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

That Councillor Pye Augustine be appointed as a member of the Infrastructure, Planning and Assets Committee.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antonioli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

**RESUMPTION OF
MEETING
PROCEDURES**

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

**That provision of these meeting procedures be
resumed to continue with the order of business.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antonioli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

**15.2
REPORT OF FINANCE
AND GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE NO.
2025(03) OF 22 APRIL
2025**

RESOLUTION C2025/00/399

Moved by Councillor Paul Tully:
Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

**That Council adopt the recommendations of the
Finance and Governance Committee No. 2025(03) of
22 April 2025 subject to a variation in relation to Item
5 titled Procurement – Tender VP445749 – Purga
School Road Bridge Replacement Works by
substituting the recommendation from the committee
with the following recommendations:**

- A. That pursuant to Section 228 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012* (Regulation), Council award Tender No. VP445749 Bridge Replacement Works Purga School Road, Purga.**
- B. That Council enters into a contract with the Supplier identified in the confidential Attachment 1 for the lump sum amount of \$5,352,827.15 excluding GS and the contingency amount as listed in confidential Attachment 1.**
- C. That pursuant to Section 257(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2009, Council resolve to**

delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to take “contractual action” pursuant to Section 238 of the Regulation, in order to implement Council’s decision.

- D. That owing to the confidential nature of the recommendations, that once adopted by Council, the recommendations be made public.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antoniolli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**FINANCE AND
GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE - ITEM 1**

CONFIRMATION OF
MINUTES OF THE
FINANCE AND
GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE NO.
2025(02) OF 18
MARCH 2025

RESOLUTION C2025/00/400

Moved by Councillor Paul Tully:

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

That the minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee held on 18 March 2025 be confirmed.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antoniolli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**FINANCE AND
GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE – ITEM 2**

RESOLUTION C2025/00/401(FAGCC)

Moved by Councillor Paul Tully:

STRATEGIC
CONTRACTING
PROCEDURES

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

- A. That after:**
- (a) consideration of the costs and benefits of complying with Chapter 6, Part 2 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Regulation)*; and
 - (b) provision of the public notice of this proposed resolution which occurred on Wednesday 5 March 2025; and
 - (c) pursuant to section 218(1) of the Regulation,
- Council decides to apply Chapter 6, Part 2 'Strategic Contracting Procedures' of the Regulation to its contracts from 1 July 2025.
- B. That prior to the date on which the Strategic Contracting Procedures are to apply, being 1 July 2025, a further report be presented to Council regarding the adoption of a Contract Manual and Contracting Plan, as are required by Chapter 6, Part 2 of the Regulation.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antoniolli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**FINANCE AND
GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE – ITEM 3**

PROCUREMENT -
CIVIC CENTRE
TICKETING SOFTWARE

RESOLUTION C2025/00/402(FAGCC)

Moved by Councillor Paul Tully:

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

- A. That pursuant to Section 235(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Regulation)*, Council resolve that the exception applies because of the specialised nature of the services that are sought and it would be impractical and disadvantageous to invite quotes or tenders for the provision of the Vivaticket Ticketing Software.**

- B.** That Council continue the contractual arrangement (Council file reference number 15-16-247) with Vivaticket Pty Ltd, at an approximate purchase price of \$110,000 excluding GST for the extended term, being a one (1) year period, with one (1) additional option to extend of one (1) year at the discretion of Council (as purchaser).
- C.** That pursuant to Section 257(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolve to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to take “contractual action” pursuant to section 238 of the Regulation, in order to implement Council’s decision.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding

Madsen

Augustine

Jonic

Tully

Doyle

Antoniolli

Martin

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**FINANCE AND
GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE – ITEM 4**

**PROCUREMENT -
AMAZON WEB CLOUD
COMPUTING
SERVICES**

RESOLUTION C2025/00/403(FAGCC)

Moved by Councillor Paul Tully:

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

- A.** That pursuant to Section 235(f) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Regulation), Council utilise government agency contractual arrangement AWS 3.0 Agreement by the Commonwealth of Australia as represented by the Digital Transformation Agency for the provision of Amazon Web Service Offerings (Council file reference number 250207-000239), with the supplier listed as Tenderer A (Supplier) in Confidential Attachment 1.
- B.** That under the government agency contractual arrangement, Council’s approximate spend will be \$9,500,000 excluding GST over the entire term, the end date of the initial term being 3 years after the commencement, with current options for extension

at the discretion of the Commonwealth of Australia as represented by the Digital Transformation Agency of an additional one (1) x three (3) year term.

- C. That pursuant to Section 257(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolve to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to take “*contractual action*” pursuant to section 238 of the Regulation, in order to implement Council’s decision.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antoniolli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:

Seconded by Councillor Paul Tully:

That in accordance with section 254J(3)(g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the meeting move into closed session to discuss Item 5 titled Procurement – Tender VP445749 – Purga School Road Bridge Replacement Works.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antoniolli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

The meeting moved into closed session at 9.44 am.

**MOVE INTO OPEN
SESSION**

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:
Seconded by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

That the meeting move into open session.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antonioli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

The meeting moved into open session at 9.50 am.

**FINANCE AND
GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE – ITEM 5**

RECOMMENDATION

PROCUREMENT -
TENDER VP445749 -
PURGA SCHOOL ROAD
BRIDGE
REPLACEMENT
WORKS

That Item 5 be referred to the next Council Ordinary meeting for further consideration.

In adopting the recommendations of the Finance and Governance Committee, the committee recommendation for Item 5 was replaced with the following recommendations:

RESOLUTION C2025/00/404(FAGCC)

Moved by Councillor Paul Tully:
Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

A. That pursuant to Section 228 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012* (Regulation), Council award Tender

No. VP445749 Bridge Replacement Works Purga School Road, Purga.

- B. That Council enters into a contract with the Supplier identified in the confidential Attachment 1 for the lump sum amount of \$5,352,827.15 excluding GS and the contingency amount as listed in confidential Attachment 1.**
- C. That pursuant to Section 257(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2009, Council resolve to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to take “contractual action” pursuant to Section 238 of the Regulation, in order to implement Council’s decision.**
- D. That owing to the confidential nature of the recommendations, that once adopted by Council, the recommendations be made public.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antoniolli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

As per Recommendation D of Item 5 the supplier is Alder Constructions Pty Ltd

**FINANCE AND
GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE – ITEM 6**

PROCUREMENT -
5577 ADELONG
AVENUE, THAGOONA
- PAVEMENT
REHABILITATION

RESOLUTION C2025/00/405(FAGCC)

Moved by Councillor Paul Tully:

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

- A. That pursuant to Section 228 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Regulation), Council award Tender No. 5577 Adelong Avenue, Thagoona – Pavement Rehabilitation.**
- B. That Council enter into a contractual arrangement with the Supplier identified in confidential Attachment 1, for the lump sum amount of two**

million, eight hundred and eighteen thousand, three hundred and ninety-five dollars and forty-four cents (\$2,818,395.44) excluding GST and the contingency amount as listed in confidential Attachment 1.

C. That pursuant to Section 257(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolve to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to take “*contractual action*” pursuant to section 238 of the Regulation, in order to implement Council’s decision.

D. That owing to the confidential nature of the recommendations, that once adopted by Council, the recommendations be made public.

AFFIRMATIVE

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Councillors:

Harding

Nil

Madsen

Augustine

Jonic

Tully

Doyle

Antoniolli

Martin

Madden

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

As per Recommendation D of Item 6 the supplier is Naric Pty Ltd trading as Naric Civil.

**FINANCE AND
GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE – ITEM 7**

PROCUREMENT -
CONTRACT
EXTENSION 13482
GROUNDS
MAINTENANCE AND
ASSOCIATED SERVICES

RESOLUTION C2025/00/406(FAGCC)

Moved by Councillor Paul Tully:

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

A. That the contractual arrangement Council contract (13482-1) with SKYLINE LANDSCAPE SERVICES (QLD) PTY LTD; (13482-2) with AUSTSPRAY ENVIRONMENTAL WEED CONTROL PTY LTD; (13482-4) with SAVCO VEGETATION SERVICES PTY LTD and (13482-5) with RIVERCITY GARDEN & LAWN PTY LTD (Suppliers) for Grounds maintenance and Associated Services be varied as follows:

- (i) Add a final extension of all contracts for six (6) months (period from 25 July 2025 to 24 January 2026),

- B. That Council enter into deed of variation with the Suppliers to appropriately amend the existing contractual arrangement.**
- C. That pursuant to Section 257(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolve to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to take “contractual action” pursuant to section 238 of the Regulation, in order to implement Council’s decision.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding

Madsen

Augustine

Jonic

Tully

Doyle

Antoniolli

Martin

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**FINANCE AND
GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE – ITEM 8**

AMENDMENT OF
LEASE BETWEEN
IPSWICH CITY
COUNCIL (LESSOR)
AND SWIFTS LEAGUES
CLUB LTD (LESSEE)
AND ENTRY INTO
ASSOCIATED
DOCUMENTATION

RESOLUTION C2025/00/407(FAGCC)

Moved by Councillor Paul Tully:

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

- A. That pursuant to section 236(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Regulation), Council resolve that the exception at section 236(1)(c)(iii) of the Regulation applies to the disposal of interest in part of the land at 95a Brisbane Road, Booval more particularly described as part of Lot 169 on Registered Plan 24111, for the purpose of a Sports and Recreation Club, because it is for renewal of a lease to the existing lessee.**
- B. That Council vary the lease (Council file reference number L-6232) with Swifts Leagues Club Limited (Lessee) by entering into the Form 13 Amendment contained in Attachment 1 to this report, with options for extension of an additional three (3) x ten (10) year terms.**
- C. That Council enter into the associated documentation contained in Confidential Attachment 2 to this report.**

D. That pursuant to Section 257(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolve to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to take “contractual action” pursuant to section 238 of the Regulation, in order to implement Council’s decision.

AFFIRMATIVE

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Councillors:

Harding

Nil

Madsen

Augustine

Jonic

Tully

Doyle

Antoniolli

Martin

Madden

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**FINANCE AND
GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE -
QUESTION ON
NOTICE - ITEM 8**

Mayor Teresa Harding stated that in the officer’s report for Item 8 it talks about the tenure of property policy ordinarily requiring a business plan to be submitted in order to justify a term of five (5) years in length and that Swifts have not provided a formal business plan. Mayor Harding queried why a formal business plan has not been provided.

That the General Manager, Corporate Services provide the Mayor and Councillors with the reason why a formal business plan has not been provided by Swifts.

RESPONSE

The following response to this question was provided to all councillors:

At present the Tenure of Property Policy does not specifically call out the format or the specific content that a business case should address where a lease term of 5 years or greater is requested. It should also be noted that the current request relates to a variation of an existing lease rather than the grant of a new lease.

Swifts have provided explanations of their plans on occasion through the discussions, both prior to the resolution on 8 December 2022 and during more recent discussions. Whilst these have not taken the form of a

traditional business case, they have identified their planned future use for the premise and provided some concept designs for the facility they are planning to construct.

Swifts have also flagged concerns regarding the commercial risk present in a competitive market and are particularly apprehensive about any plans for future development being made publicly available.

Based on the above, we are comfortable that the requirements of the Tenure of Property Policy have been met.

**FINANCE AND
GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE – ITEM 9**

MONTHLY FINANCIAL
PERFORMANCE
REPORT - MARCH
2025

RESOLUTION C2025/00/408(FAGCC)

Moved by Councillor Paul Tully:

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

That the report on Council's financial performance for the period ending 31 March 2025, submitted in accordance with section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, be considered and noted by Council.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding

Madsen

Augustine

Jonic

Tully

Doyle

Antoniolli

Martin

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

ADJOURN MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:

That the meeting be adjourned at 10.21 am to reconvene at 10.50 am.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Harding Nil
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antoniolli
Martin
Madden

The motion was put and carried.

The meeting reconvened at 10.50 am.

Councillor Jacob Madsen arrived at the meeting at 10.51 am.

UNSUITABLE MEETING CONDUCT

Mayor Teresa Harding found that Councillor Andrew Antoniolli had displayed unsuitable meeting conduct during the meeting in relation to commentary for Item 8 (Amendment of Lease between Ipswich City Council (lessor) and Swifts Leagues Club Ltd (lessee) and entry into associated documentation).

Mayor Harding stated that she gave Councillor Antoniolli a warning when he made some statements that weren't based on fact. Under the Code of Conduct 2.1 it states, we must treat fellow councillors, local government employees and members of the public with courtesy, honesty and fairness.

Mayor Harding found that Councillor Antoniolli made some statements that weren't factually correct and after giving a warning he not only stated those statements again, but also chided her for letting him know.

Under the Meeting Conduct Policy 9.1.9 – it states that when the chairperson speaks during the process of a debate, the councillor then speaking or offering to speak shall immediately cease speaking and each councillor present shall preserve strict silence so that the chairperson can be heard without interruption.

Mayor Harding stated that Councillor Antoniolli not only chided her but also said that she interjected him. Mayor Harding advised that she would now record the incident as unsuitable meeting conduct. Mayor Harding advised that under Council's Meeting Conduct Policy there were three ways that this matter could be dealt with. She advised she would deal with this matter by requesting Councillor Antoniolli cease the unsuitable meeting conduct for the rest of the meeting in accordance with (a) which states '*ceasing the unsuitable meeting conduct and refraining from exhibiting the conduct*'.

**15.3
REPORT OF
COMMUNITY AND
SPORT COMMITTEE
NO. 2025(03) OF 22
APRIL 2025**

RESOLUTION C2025/00/409

Moved by Councillor Jacob Madsen:
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

**That Council adopt the recommendations of the
Community and Sport Committee No. 2025(03) of 22
April 2025.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antoniolli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**COMMUNITY AND
SPORT COMMITTEE –
ITEM 1**

RESPONSE TO PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION
MATTER RAISED BY
MR KEN SALTER

RESOLUTION C2025/00/410(CASCC)

Moved by Councillor Jacob Madsen:
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

**That Council receive and note the report concerning
the Public Participation matter on the possible social
and economic impact on Swifts Rugby League
Football Club and Redbank Plains Bears Rugby
League Football Club.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antoniolli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**COMMUNITY AND
SPORT COMMITTEE –
ITEM 2**

DAMAGE TO
SPORTING CLUBS
CAUSED BY EX-
TROPICAL CYCLONE
ALFRED 2025

RESOLUTION C2025/00/411(CASCC)

Moved by Councillor Jacob Madsen:
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

That the report be received and the contents noted.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antoniolli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**COMMUNITY AND
SPORT COMMITTEE –
ITEM 3**

CONFIRMATION OF
MINUTES OF THE
COMMUNITY AND
SPORT COMMITTEE
NO. 2025(02) OF 18
MARCH 2025

RESOLUTION C2025/00/412

Moved by Councillor Jacob Madsen:
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

**That the minutes of the Community and Sport
Committee held on 18 March 2025 be confirmed.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antoniolli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**COMMUNITY AND
SPORT COMMITTEE –
ITEM 4**

RESOLUTION C2025/00/413(CASCC)

Moved by Councillor Jacob Madsen:
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

CUSTOMER
EXPERIENCE REPORT
1 OCTOBER 2024 TO
31 MARCH 2025

That the Customer Experience Report 1 October 2024 to 31 March 2025 concerning Council's Customer Experience Program of work be received and the contents noted.

AFFIRMATIVE

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Councillors:

Harding

Nil

Madsen

Augustine

Jonic

Tully

Doyle

Antoniolli

Martin

Madden

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**15.4
REPORT OF
ECONOMIC AND
CULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE NO.
2025(03) OF 22 APRIL
2025**

RESOLUTION C2025/00/414

Moved by Councillor Pye Augustine:

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Economic and Cultural Development Committee No. 2025(03) of 22 April 2025 with the exception of the recommendation relating to the Ipswich Turf Club in Item 2.

AFFIRMATIVE

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Councillors:

Harding

Nil

Madsen

Augustine

Jonic

Tully

Doyle

Antoniolli

Martin

Madden

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**ECONOMIC AND
CULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE - ITEM 1**

RESOLUTION C2025/00/415

Moved by Councillor Pye Augustine:

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

CONFIRMATION OF
MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC AND
CULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE NO.
2025(02) OF 18
MARCH 2025

That the minutes of the Economic and Cultural Development Committee held on 18 March 2025 be confirmed.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antoniolli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**ECONOMIC AND
CULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE – ITEM 2**

QUARTERLY EVENT
SPONSORSHIP AND
TICKET ALLOCATION
REPORT JANUARY
2025 - MARCH 2025

RESOLUTION C2025/00/416(EACDC)

Moved by Councillor Pye Augustine:

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

A. That Council receive and note the following event sponsorship allocations during the 1 January 2025 to 31 March 2025 period:

Event Sponsorship Category 2 over \$15,000 (excl. GST) endorsed by Council:

- Ipswich Show Society \$35,000 (excl. GST) in cash support for the 2025 Ipswich Show
- Willowbank Raceway Incorporated \$35,000 (excl. GST) in cash support for the 2025 Gulf Western Oil Winternationals.

B. That Council receive and note the following event sponsorship ticket allocations made during the 1 January 2025 to 31 March 2025 period:

- 2025 CMC Rocks, 35 corporate hospitality tickets for advocacy and capacity building purposes.

C. That Council receive and note that no event impact study support was confirmed during the 1 January 2025 to 31 March 2025 period.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antoniolli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

At 10.59 am Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic left the meeting room due to a previously declared interest in the matter relating to the Ipswich Turf Club.

RESOLUTION C2025/00/417(EACDC)

Moved by Councillor Pye Augustine:

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Antoniolli:

A. That Council receive and note the following event sponsorship allocations during the 1 January 2025 to 31 March 2025 period:

Event Sponsorship Category 2 over \$15,000 (excl. GST) endorsed by Council:

- **Ipswich Turf Club \$20,000 (excl. GST) in cash support for the 2025 Ipswich Cup**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Tully
Doyle
Antoniolli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

All Councillors except Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic were present when the vote was taken.

The motion was put and carried.

At 11.00 am Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic returned to the meeting room.

**ECONOMIC AND
CULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE – ITEM 3**

NICHOLAS STREET
PRECINCT - MARCH
2025 NICHOLAS
STREET PRECINCT
PROJECT CONTROL
GROUP

RESOLUTION C2025/00/418(EACDC)

Moved by Councillor Pye Augustine:
Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

**That the March 2025 NSP PCG Report be received
and the contents noted.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antoniolli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**15.5
REPORT OF
ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE NO.
2025(03) OF 22 APRIL
2025**

RESOLUTION C2025/00/419

Moved by Councillor Jim Madden:
Seconded by Councillor Andrew Antoniolli:

**That Council adopt the recommendations of the
Environment and Sustainability Committee No.
2025(03) of 22 April 2025.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antoniolli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE - ITEM 1**

RESOLUTION C2025/00/420

Moved by Councillor Jim Madden:

CONFIRMATION OF
MINUTES OF THE
ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE NO.
2025(02) OF 18
MARCH 2025

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Antoniolli:

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

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding

Madsen

Augustine

Jonic

Tully

Doyle

Antoniolli

Martin

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE – ITEM 2**

WASTE AND
CIRCULAR ECONOMY
TRANSFORMATION
DIRECTIVE -
QUARTERLY REPORT

RESOLUTION C2025/00/421(ESC)

Moved by Councillor Jim Madden:

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Antoniolli:

That the report be received and the contents noted.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding

Madsen

Augustine

Jonic

Tully

Doyle

Antoniolli

Martin

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE – ITEM 3**

AUSTRALIAN
GOVERNMENT FLOOD
WARNING

RESOLUTION C2025/00/422(ESC)

Moved by Councillor Jim Madden:

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Antoniolli:

A. That Council owned and operated Flood Warning Infrastructure Network assets be transferred to the

**INFRASTRUCTURE
PROGRAM**

**Commonwealth of Australia (Bureau of
Meteorology).**

- B. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to undertake all necessary arrangements to facilitate the implementation of recommendation A.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding

Madsen

Augustine

Jonic

Tully

Doyle

Antoniolli

Martin

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE – ITEM 4**

**POST TROPICAL
CYCLONE ALFRED
RESPONSE AND
RECOVERY UPDATE**

RESOLUTION C2025/00/423(ESC)

Moved by Councillor Jim Madden:

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Antoniolli:

That the report be received and the contents noted.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding

Madsen

Augustine

Jonic

Tully

Doyle

Antoniolli

Martin

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried by block resolve.

**ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE -
QUESTION ON
NOTICE – ITEM 4**

Councillor Pye Augustine queried whether the South East Redbacks are one of the clubs stipulated in the report under Sporting Clubs (16 clubs provided post-event status reports).

That the Manager, Community and Cultural Services provide clarification on whether the South East

Redbacks Club is one of the 16 clubs that provided post-event status reports.

RESPONSE

The Manager, Community and Cultural Services provided clarification and confirmed that the South East Redbacks was one of the clubs that provided post-event status reports.

16. OFFICER'S REPORTS

16.1 CEO ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR MARCH 2025

RESOLUTION C2025/00/424

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:
Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

That the Chief Executive Officer Organisational Performance Report for the month of March 2025 be received and the contents noted.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antoniolli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

Item 16.2 on the agenda titled Procurement – Tender VP445749 – Purga School Road Bridge Replacement Works was dealt with during consideration of Item 5 of Item 15.2 – Report of Finance and Governance Committee.

17. NOTICES OF MOTION

17.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - A NEW SYNTHETIC ATHLETICS TRACK FOR IPSWICH

RESOLUTION C2025/00/425

Moved by Councillor Marnie Doyle:
Seconded by Councillor Pye Augustine:

A. That Ipswich City Council:

- 1. Prepare a report that identifies appropriate Ipswich City Council council-owned properties**

where a synthetic athletics track could be located.

2. That the report be presented to a future meeting of the Economic and Cultural Development Committee, no later than the June 2025 meeting of that committee.

B. That Ipswich City Council prepare an advocacy campaign designed to attract State and/or Commonwealth Government grant funding to assist with the planning, design, and construction of a new synthetic athletics track for Ipswich.

C. That the Ipswich 2032 Legacy Roadmap be updated to reflect the above.

AFFIRMATIVE

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Councillors:

Harding

Nil

Madsen

Augustine

Jonic

Tully

Doyle

Antoniolli

Martin

Madden

The motion was put and carried.

17.2

NOTICE OF MOTION - UNLOCKING OF BARRIER ACROSS ROAD RESERVE AT THE NORTHERN END OF DE GRAAF ST BELLBIRD PARK

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Paul Tully:

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

That as a temporary measure to be evaluated over six months, Council forthwith unlock the barrier across the unmade road reserve at the northern end of De Graaf St Bellbird Park.

Councillor Tully proposed the following amendment to the original motion:

That Council waive the bond for access to De Graaf Street Bellbird Park by local residents who wish to access their properties and this waiver apply for six months pending a review of the Council charge for access to Council land.

The seconder of the original motion agreed to the amendment.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Paul Tully:

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

That Council waive the bond for access to De Graaf Street Bellbird Park by local residents who wish to access their properties and this waiver apply for six months pending a review of the Council charge for access to Council land.

Councillor Andrew Antonioli proposed the following additional Recommendation:

That Council delegate to the CEO the power to approve the waiver of fees in similar circumstances in relation to other properties within the City of Ipswich.

The mover and seconder of the amended motion agreed to the addition of the further recommendation.

RESOLUTION C2025/00/426

Moved by Councillor Paul Tully:

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic:

- A. That Council waive the bond for access to De Graaf Street Bellbird Park by local residents who wish to access their properties and this waiver apply for six months pending a review of the Council charge for access to Council land.**
- B. That Council delegate to the CEO the power to approve the waiver of fees in similar circumstances in relation to other properties within the City of Ipswich.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding

Madsen

Augustine

Jonic

Tully

Doyle

Antonioli

Martin

Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

18. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

Unconfirmed

ADJOURN MEETING **RECOMMENDATION**

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:

That the meeting be adjourned at 11.47 am to reconvene at 12.45 pm.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Harding
Madsen
Augustine
Jonic
Tully
Doyle
Antoniolli
Martin
Madden

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

The meeting reconvened at 12.45 pm.

When the meeting reconvened at 12.45 pm, Councillor Andrew Antoniolli and Councillor Jacob Madsen were not present.

At this point in the meeting Item 14.1 titled Suspected Councillor Conduct Breach – Matter C24/00786 was considered.

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting closed at 2.36 pm.

“These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next scheduled Council Ordinary Meeting”