

**COUNCILLOR BRIEFING AND WORKSHOP SESSION MEETING NO. 2025(16)**

**9 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**REPORT**

**COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:**

Acting Mayor Nicole Jonic; Councillors Jacob Madsen, Pye Augustine, Paul Tully, Marnie Doyle, Andrew Antonioli, David Martin and Jim Madden

**COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES:**

Mayor Teresa Harding

**OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), General Manager Community, Cultural and Economic Development (Ben Pole), Resource Recovery Manager (David McAlister), General Manager Environment and Sustainability (Phil A Smith), General Manager Asset and Infrastructure Services (Seren McKenzie), General Manager Planning and Regulatory Services (Brett Davey), General Manager Corporate Services (Sonia Cooper), Chief of Staff – Office of the Mayor (Melissa Fitzgerald), Manager, General Counsel (Allison Ferres-MacDonald), Chief Information Officer (Angela Jackson), Cyber Security Lead (Adrian Kaminski), Manager Strategy, Governance and Performance (Haiden Taylor) and Principal Officer (Strategy Performance) (Candice Johns), Chief Information Officer (Angela Jackson), Cyber Security Lead (Adrian Kaminski) and Manager Community and Cultural Services (Don Stewart)

**EXTERNAL ATTENDANCE:**

Chris White – Greenovate (Acting Chief Executive Officer)

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

At Item 2 titled Rugby League Ipswich Councillor David Martin made a declaration.

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

1. **GREENOVATE – SECURITYHOLDERS UPDATE**

This briefing will provide information on the proposed new Director for Greenovate as well and short update on the Material Recycling Facility (MRF) build progress.

Additionally, a suite of documents is being provided ahead of the September Environment and Sustainability Committee, due to availability of the Acting Greenovate CEO to attend the briefing, and the confidential nature of Director appointment details.

Noting the formal decision to appoint the new director through normal Committee and Council process. Councillors are welcomed to bring forward questions around the Board appointment and any other queries they have around the MRF program or supplied documents.

MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the update of the Greenovate Securityholders.

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In accordance with section 150EQ of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Councillor David Martin informed the meeting that he has a declarable conflict of interest in Item 2 titled Ipswich Rugby League.

The nature of the interest is that Councillor Martin was an Ipswich Rugby League Honorary Board Member from 2019 -2021.

As no decision making or voting takes place at these meetings, this declaration is for noting only.

After discussions and questions from councillors, Councillor David Martin decided that he will leave the meeting place while the matter is discussed.

2. RUGBY LEAGUE IPSWICH

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the historic arrangements between Council and Rugby League Ipswich – so that Council can consider the RLI request for a renewed agreement rather than the current 20-year lease for office space, access to the corporate centre and use of fields at North Ipswich Reserve.

MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on Rugby League Ipswich.

**ACTION:** A further workshop will be arranged by the Chief Executive Officer supported by the provision of further historical information.

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3. INFORMATION AND CYBER SECURITY POLICY

The Information and Cyber Security Policy was due for review in December 2023. The Policy has been reviewed to improve clarity, readability and understanding and reflect improvements to Council's cyber maturity. There were several role


references within the Policy that were no longer applicable due to changes within the Branch; therefore, they have been updated to improve readability.

Roles and responsibilities have been updated to improve clarity. The name of the Policy has been updated to reflect the scope of Council's cyber security responsibilities. Key stakeholders have been added to the Policy reflecting the cross departmental nature of cyber security and related documents have been updated to reflect the changing technology and policy landscape.

#### MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the Information and Cyber Security Policy.

#### Attachments

1. Presentation - Information and Cyber Security Policy 

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#### 4. DEVELOPMENT OF THREE YEAR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

This item has been brought to the Councillor briefing session for discussion following a Councillor request. The purpose of the briefing is to discuss the current process for the three year capital program formulation and determine any changes in this process for the 2026-2027/2028-2029 capital.

#### MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the development of the three year capital works program.

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#### 5. CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN PROVISIONAL PROJECTS PROCEDURE

At the June Council Ordinary Meeting the *Capital Investment in Provisional Projects Policy* was adopted by Council.

At the 22 July 2025 meeting of the Infrastructure Planning and Assets Committee, the *Capital Investment in Provisional Projects Procedure* was presented for noting, however was laid on the table for consideration at a future meeting.

At the request of Councillors, a workshop was held 5 August to discuss the Procedure in more detail. Amendments have been made following the August workshop and the Procedure is being brought to the September workshop for further review as requested.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Councillors in attendance noted the information presented on the revised Capital Investment in Provisional Projects Procedure and a revised Procedure will be provided to the Infrastructure, Planning and Assets committee for consideration.

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**6. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

This forms part of the regular strategic priorities workshops for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors to meet with the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Leadership Team to discuss strategic priorities, opportunities, challenges and risks.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on strategic priorities, opportunities, challenges and risks. Councillors queried council branding of household wheelie bins.

General Manager Community, Cultural and Economic Development to provide information on the Ipswich City Council branding guide.

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**PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS**

The meeting commenced at 9.02 am.

Councillor David Martin left the meeting due to a declared interest at 9.22 am.

Councillor Marnie Doyle left the meeting at 9.33am.

Acting Mayor Nicole Jonic left the meeting at 9.39am.

Acting Mayor Nicole Jonic returned to the meeting at 9.44am.

The meeting adjourned at 10.03 am.

The meeting reconvened at 10.28 am with all councillors in attendance except for Councillor Marnie Doyle.

Councillor Jacob Madsen left the meeting at 10.30am.

Councillor Marnie Doyle returned to the meeting at 11.12 am.

Councillor Paul Tully left the meeting at 11.44 am.

Councillor Paul Tully returned to the meeting at 11.48 am.

Acting Mayor Nicole Jonic left the meeting 12.05 pm.

Councillor Pye Augustine left the meeting at 12.17pm.

The meeting closed at 12.18 pm.

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