

**COUNCILLOR BRIEFING AND WORKSHOP SESSION MEETING NO. 2026(00)**

**10 FEBRUARY 2026**

REPORT

**COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:**

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

**COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES:**

Nil

**OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), General Manager Asset and Infrastructure Services (Seren McKenzie), General Manager Corporate Services (Matt Smith), General Manager Environment and Sustainability (Kaye Cavanagh), General Manager Community, Cultural and Economic Development (Ben Pole), Manager Strategy, Governance and Performance (Haiden Taylor), Manager Capital Program Delivery (Graeme Martin), Acting Manager Infrastructure Strategy (Mary Torres), Principal Officer – Strategy Performance (Candice Johns), Sustainability and Climate Change Coordinator (Brodie Smith), Asset Manager (Francesco Di Cosmo), Design and Coordination Manager (Benjamin Bruce) and Chief of Staff – Office of the Mayor (Melissa Fitzgerald)

**EXTERNAL ATTENDANCE:**

Steven Mallows (Transport and Main Roads – Acting Regional Director, Metropolitan), John Ryan (Transport and Main Roads – Deputy Regional Director, Metropolitan), Graham Kerr (Transport and Main Roads – Acting Deputy Regional Director, Metropolitan)

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

Nil

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

1. **TMR BRIEFING TO COUNCILLORS**

This report advises that officers from the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) will attend a scheduled session to provide Councillors with an opportunity to discuss current and emerging transport matters relevant to Ipswich.

MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented by Transport and Main Roads.

Projects discussed –

- Centenary Motorway Planning Study (Darra to Yamanto)
- Ipswich City Council – proposed Wensley Road Interchange at Centenary Highway (Ripley Development Area)
- Cunningham Highway Connection Road (East Street), Mansfield Place and Olga Street intersection
- Ipswich Second River Crossing
- Ipswich – Warrego Highway Connection Road, David Trumpy Bridge
- Cunningham Highway (Ipswich – Warwick), Ipswich – Rosewood Road intersection, planning (Amberley Turnoff)
- Cunningham Highway interchanges upgrades – Ripley Road and Swanbank Road interchange, planning
- Warrego Highway and Mount Crosby Road Interchange project
- Bremer River Bridge (westbound) strengthening
- Centenary Motorway Exit 33

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## 2. CORPORATE PLAN 2026-2031 DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS

Community engagement for the Corporate Plan 2026–2031 was conducted between 20 October and 7 December 2025 through multiple channels. Presented within the briefing are the findings from the community engagement and recommendations on priority outcomes for the 2026-2031 Corporate Plan.

### MATTERS ARISING:

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the Corporate Plan 2026-2031 Development Community Engagement findings and a report will be provided to a Council Ordinary meeting for consideration.

### Attachments

1. Community Engagement report Corporate Plan 2026-2031 [↗](#) 
2. iFuture Vision Check In Community Engagement Report [↗](#) 
3. Presentation - Corporate Plan 2026-2031 Development [↗](#) 

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## 3. CLIMATE EMERGENCY DECLARATION WORKSHOP

This report provides key information regarding a petition submitted to Council in August 2025 by the Ipswich Climate Action Group (ICAG). At Council meeting on 2 December 2025, Council resolved that the officer report presented to the

Environment and Sustainability Committee No. 2025(11) of 2 December 2025 be referred to a future councillor briefing / workshop for discussion.

The petition called upon Ipswich City Council to:

1. Declare a Climate Emergency
2. Achieve a net zero emissions across all Council operations by 2030.
3. Establish a community-council partnership to support a sustainable and liveable future.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Councillors in attendance noted, discussed and raised questions on the information presented on the Climate Emergency Declaration and a report will be provide to a Council Ordinary meeting for consideration.

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**4. DRAFT PUBLIC ART POLICY**

Ipswich City Council is committed to strengthening its public art program by overseeing a consistent and accountable approach to commissioning, acquisition, and management of public art in the Ipswich local government area.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the draft Public Art Policy. Feedback was provided and edits will be made to the draft Policy for it to be discussed at a further Councillor workshop.

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**5. CHAMPIONS WAY CONCEPT DESIGN**

This briefing report outlines progress to date on the design of the Champions Way road upgrade, in support of the Notice of Motion Resolution C2025/00/295.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the progress to date of the Champions Way road upgrade.

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**PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS**

The meeting commenced at 9.01 am.

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Councillor Jacob Madsen left the meeting at 9.40 am.

Councillor Andrew Antonioli left the meeting at 9.44 am.

Councillor Jacob Madsen returned to the meeting at 9.47 am.

Councillor Andrew Antonioli returned to the meeting at 9.52 am.

The meeting adjourned at 10.17 am.

The meeting reconvened at 10.43 am with all councillors in attendance.

Councillor Andrew Antonioli left the meeting at 11.51 am.

Councillor Andrew Antonioli returned to the meeting at 11.55 am.

Councillor Jacob Madsen left the meeting at 12.26 am.

The meeting closed at 1.06 pm.

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