

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2026(01)**17 FEBRUARY 2026**

REPORT

COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:

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

COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES:

Nil

OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), General Manager Environment and Sustainability (Kaye Cavanagh), General Manager Asset and Infrastructure Services (Seren McKenzie), General Manager Community, Cultural and Economic Development (Ben Pole), General Manager Planning and Regulatory Services (Brett Davey), General Manager Corporate Services (Matt Smith), Manager Natural Environment (Phil A Smith), Environmental Events and Partnerships Officer (Jennifer Bonnett), Acting Team Leader – Environment and Sustainability Education and Awareness (Jacque King), Environmental Education and Operations Manager (Grant Sorensen), Waterway Improvement Officer (Benny Penhallurick), Manager Media, Communications and Engagement (Mark Strong), Senior Media Officer (Darrell Giles) and Venue Technician (Thomas Haag)

WELCOME TO COUNTRY OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Councillor Jim Madden (Chairperson) delivered the Acknowledgement of Country

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE NO. 2025(11) OF 2 DECEMBER 2025**

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Jacob Madsen:

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

That the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee held on 2 December 2025 be confirmed.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antonioli

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

Augustine

Doyle

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

2. **2025 ENVIRONMENTAL EVENT HIGHLIGHTS REPORT**

This is a report outlining a summary of Environmental Events held during 2025, highlighting key events and campaigns delivered across the year and an overview of planned dates for 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Pye Augustine:

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

That the report on the 2025 Environmental Events Highlights be received and the contents noted.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antonioli

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

Augustine

Doyle

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

3. 2025 SUSTAINABLE IPSWICH - OVERVIEW REPORT

This is a report concerning the Sustainable Ipswich Overview Report.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

Seconded by Councillor Pye Augustine:

That the report on the Sustainable Ipswich Overview be received and the contents noted.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antoniolli

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

Augustine

Doyle

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

4. OFF-SITE STORMWATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORTS 2023-2024 AND 2024-2025

This is a report concerning the Off-site Stormwater Quality Improvement Program (the Program, formerly known as Stormwater Quality Offsets program) and its annual report (Attachment 1.).

Council publishes a report summarising important information about the Program for each of the financial years it operates. This includes details of the fees collected from participating developers, how they've been spent, and the stormwater pollution reductions and other benefits achieved. The attached annual report (the Annual Report) covers the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 financial years. It also describes changes made to the Program over this time and proposed next steps, including the preparation of a plan to deliver new off-site solutions over the next 5 – 10 years.

The Annual Report has been prepared in council's marketing template but will be turned into a graphic document suitable for public release after this committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Antonioli:

That the Off-site Stormwater Quality Improvement Program Annual Reports 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 as outlined in Attachment 1, be received and the contents noted.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antonioli

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

Augustine

Doyle

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

5. **ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT CAPITAL DELIVERY REPORT OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2025**

This is a report concerning the performance of the capital delivery program by the Environment and Sustainability Department for October-December 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:

Seconded by Councillor Marnie Doyle:

That the report on capital delivery by the Environment and Sustainability Department for October-December 2025 be received and the contents noted.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madden

Antonioli

Harding

Jonic

Madsen

Augustine

Doyle

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

The motion was put and carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

MATTERS ARISING

Nil

QUESTIONS / GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS

The meeting commenced at 1.55 pm.

The meeting closed at 2.10 pm.
