

ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE NO. 2026(01)

24 MARCH 2026

REPORT

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Teresa Harding (Chairperson); Councillors Pye Augustine, Andrew Antonioli, David Martin and Jim Madden

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Marnie Doyle, Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic and Councillor Jacob Madsen

OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE

Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), General Manager Community, Cultural and Economic Development (Ben Pole), Economic Development Manager (Dan Heenan), Advocacy Lead (Kate Adams), Senior Project Officer – Major Projects (Sibel Gradinscak)

ELECTION OF CHAIR OF ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mayor Harding advised she would be leaving the meeting around 1.30 pm for a meeting with the Brisbane 2032 Host Mayors Advisory Group.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Mayor Teresa Harding:
Seconded by Councillor Jim Madden:

That Councillor David Martin be elected to Chair the Advocacy Advisory Committee meeting once Mayor Teresa Harding leaves the meeting.

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE
Councillors:	Councillors:
Harding	Nil
Augustine	
Martin	
Madden	

The motion was put and carried.

Councillor Andrew Antonioli arrived at the meeting at 1.02 pm

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Actions update from Advocacy Advisory Committee 8 December 2025

50-CENT CONNECTED REGION INITIATIVE

Mayor Teresa Harding tabled a joint letter from the Mayor of Toowoomba Regional Council and the Mayor of Lockey Valley Regional Council seeking support for progressing the *50-cent connected* region initiative, and in particular, for advancing regional rail connectivity through a staged extension of passenger rail from Rosewood to Withcott.

ACTION

This matter to be discussed at a future councillor briefing session.

UPDATE

The Office of the Mayor will proceed with drafting the letter. No further action required from Chief Executive Officer.

UPDATE ON THE NORMAN STREET BRIDGE**ACTION**

Chief Executive Officer to advise next steps at a future meeting.

UPDATE

Funding agreement has been signed with DTMR and detailed business case now under development. Letter of support has also been received from DTMR and circulated to all Councillors.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE NO. 2025(04) OF 8 DECEMBER 2025**

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Advocacy Advisory Committee held on 8 December 2025 be confirmed.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

2. IPSWICH LEADERS FORUM

This is a report concerning the planning for the Ipswich Leaders Forum in late 2026.

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

RECOMMENDATION

- A. That the Advocacy Advisory Committee receive and note the progression of the Ipswich Leaders Forum planning.**
- B. That the Advocacy Advisory Committee provide input on the preferred date, guest list and facilitator.**

DISCUSSION

Advocacy Lead, Kate Adams provided an overview on the Ipswich Leaders Forum report and the potential dates for the forum.

Feedback was provided on the potential guest list and once this has been decided a date claimer will be sent out.


Councillor David Martin left the meeting at 1.07 pm and returned at 1.09 pm.

Potential facilitators for the forum were discussed.

ACTIONS

- 1. Once date claimer is sent, seek feedback on the agenda for the Ipswich Leaders Forum.**
- 2. Member for Moggill to be included on the invitees list in light of proposed electoral boundary changes that Karalee/Barellan Point and Chuwar would be part of that electorate.**

Attachments

- 1. Item 2 - Ipswich Leaders Forum Report 
 - 2. Attachment 1 - Ipswich Leaders Forum Proposed Guest List and Potential Dates - CONFIDENTIAL
 - 3. Attachment 2 - Ipswich Leaders Forum Potential Facilitators - CONFIDENTIAL
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3. GROWING IPSWICH: KEY PRIORITIES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

This is a report concerning the development of a public facing advocacy document *Growing Ipswich: Key Priorities for Infrastructure Investment* proposed to be launched at the Ipswich Leaders Forum. It includes the format and structure for what the document will include as well as a recommendation for supplementary engagement with community to understand how they prioritise council's key advocacy priorities.

RECOMMENDATION

- A. **That the Advocacy Advisory Committee receive and note the development of the *Growing Ipswich: Key Priorities for Infrastructure Investment* to be released at the Ipswich Leaders Forum.**
- B. **That the Advocacy Advisory Committee receive and note that community engagement will be conducted through the existing Living in Ipswich annual survey to identify how the community ranks council advocacy priorities.**

DISCUSSION

Mayor Harding invited Councillors to meet with the Advocacy Lead to discuss the key priorities.

ACTION

- 1. **Advocacy lead to provide a report to a future Advocacy Advisory Committee around August after public consultation has been undertaken.**

Mayor Teresa Harding left the meeting at 1.29 pm and invited Councillor David Martin to Chair the meeting.

4. TEAM ATTRACTION BROCHURE UPDATE

This is a report concerning an update on the stakeholder engagement since the Team Attraction Brochure was released in December 2025. The report also includes Training Camp Investment Guidelines and proposed venue additions for a new version of the Team Attraction Brochure.

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RECOMMENDATION

- A. **That the Advisory Committee receive and note the stakeholder engagement on the Team Attraction Brochure.**

- B. That the Advisory Committee receive and note the Training Camp Investment Guidelines and the proposed venue additions to a new version of the Team Attraction Brochure.**

DISCUSSION

It was noted that the Team Attraction brochure is a living document that will be updated as new venues come on line.

The Criterium Track at Raceview was discussed and suggested to be added to the cycling offering so that a review and assessment can be undertaken when other venues are reviewed.

5. ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF QUEENSLAND PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION

This is a report concerning the Queensland Redistribution Commission's (QRC) proposed redistribution of Queensland state electoral districts.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Advisory Committee note the QRC's proposed redistribution of the state electoral districts and the opportunity to provide objections to the proposals.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be advised.

7. GENERAL DISCUSSION (within the purpose and scope of the committee)

Nil

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS

The meeting commenced at 1.01 pm.

The meeting closed at 1.45 pm.
