

**COUNCILLOR BRIEFING AND WORKSHOP SESSION MEETING NO. 2026(00)****10 MARCH 2026**

## REPORT

**COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Teresa Harding; Councillors 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 Corporate Services (Matt Smith), General Manager Planning and Regulatory Services (Brett Davey), General Manager Assets and Infrastructure Services (Seren McKenzie), General Manager Environment and Sustainability (Kaye Cavanagh), General Manager Community, Cultural and Economic Development (Ben Pole), Manager, General Counsel (Allison Ferres-MacDonald), Chief of Staff – Office of the Mayor (Melissa Fitzgerald) (via audio-link), Chief Information Officer (Angela Jackson), ICT Operations Manager (David Armstrong), Manager, Resource Recovery (David McAlister), Strategy and Business Planning Manager (Emma Thomson), Manager, Capital program Delivery (Graeme Martin), Manager, Works and Field Services (Sonia Gollschewski) and Acting Manager, Infrastructure Strategy (Mary Torres)

**EXTERNAL ATTENDANCE:**

Scott Smith – Chief Executive Officer (Council of Mayors SEQ)  
Aden Gutman – Manager Infrastructure and Planning (Council of Mayors SEQ)

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

Nil

**OFFICERS' REPORTS****1. IPSWICH TRADES HALL PARKING**

This report concerns Council's ability to enter parking arrangements with the Ipswich Trades Hall and Labour Day Committee.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the Ipswich Trades Hall parking and a report to be provided to the Finance and Governance committee for consideration.

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**2. SEQ SMART REGION DIGITAL PLAN**

The Smart Region Digital Plan provides a coordinated and forward-looking pathway to lift South-East Queensland's digital maturity, productivity, and regional competitiveness. Supported by \$50 million in City Deal funding for Local Digital Priority Projects (\$10M State, \$40M Federal), the plan outlines the essential regional capabilities required to reduce duplication, streamline customer experience, and accelerate innovation across SEQ.

Drawing on global benchmarking, industry engagement, and council collaboration, the plan identifies four foundational programs; Common Data Environment, Seamless Region Digital ID, Accelerated Digital Infrastructure, and Digital Governance & Implementation. These initiatives will enable region-wide digital collaboration, support priority pilot projects, and attract private sector investment at scale.

Together, these foundations position SEQ to operate as a genuinely integrated digital region, capable of delivering smarter services, preparing for rapid growth, and leveraging the opportunities ahead of Brisbane 2032 and beyond.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented by Council of Mayors (SEQ) the on SEQ Smart Region Digital Plan.

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**3. RESOURCE RECOVERY RESIDENTIAL SUBSIDY SCHEME DESIGN OVERVIEW**

This report outlines the design of two (2) residential subsidy schemes: Organics@Home, which will provide composting units directly to residents and the introduction of a Resource Recovery eVoucher, which enables households to choose between a FLEXiSKIP collection or a free Resource Recovery Centre drop-off. Drawing on trials and consultation with Brisbane, Logan and Redland Councils, both programs balance community expectations, service accessibility and financial sustainability. This report seeks feedback on the design approach and clarification of the approval pathway to progress the schemes to launch.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the Resource Recovery Residential Subsidy Scheme Design Overview.

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**4. CAPITAL PROJECTS**

To brief the Council on the current status of projects across the Capital Delivery Program.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the Capital Delivery Program.

**Attachments**

1. Presentation - Capital Projects Update [⇒](#) 
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**5. OPEN SPACE MAINTENANCE ACTION PLAN QUARTERLY UPDATE**

The Open Space Maintenance Action Plan has been developed in response to the community's strong expectations for well-maintained open spaces and the need to ensure sustainable, high-quality service delivery. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the key deliverables of this plan.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on the Open Space Maintenance Action Plan Quarterly Update.

**Attachments**

1. Presentation - Open Space Maintenance Action Plan [⇒](#) 
  2. Report - Open Space Maintenance Action Plan [⇒](#) 
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**6. RESPONSE TO PETITION - INSTALLATION OF A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON JONES ROAD, BELLBIRD PARK**

This briefing session report discusses a petition received from the local community requesting the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Jones Road, Bellbird Park, directly across from the Redbank Plains Scout Den.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Councillors in attendance noted the information presented on the Response to Petition – Installation of a Pedestrian Crossing on Jones Road, Bellbird Park and a report will be provided to the Infrastructure, Planning and Assets committee for consideration.

**Attachments**

1. Jones Road Petition [⇒](#) 
2. Jones Road Locality Plan [⇒](#) 
3. Jones Road Children Signs [⇒](#) 
4. Presentation - Reponse to Petition - Installation of Pedestrian Crossing [⇒](#)

**7. GAME ON FUNDING**

A verbal report was presented by the General Manager Community, Cultural and Economic Development on Game On funding opportunities.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Councillors in attendance noted and discussed the information presented on Game On funding and General Manager Community, Cultural and Economic Development to proceed with an expression of interest.

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**PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS**

The meeting commenced at 9.02 am.

Councillor Jacob Madsen arrived at the meeting at 10.02 am.

The meeting adjourned at 10.15 am.

The meeting reconvened at 10.38 am with all councillors in attendance except Councillor Paul Tully.

Councillor Paul Tully returned to the meeting at 10.39 am.

Councillor Marnie Doyle left the meeting at 10.48 am.

Mayor Teresa Harding left the meeting at 11.14 am.

Councillor Jim Madden left the meeting at 11.15 am.

Councillor Jim Madden returned to the meeting at 11.17 am.

Councillors Jim Madden and Jacob Madsen left the meeting at 11.18 am.

Councillors Jim Madden and Jacob Madsen returned to meeting at 11.23 am.

Councillor Marnie Doyle returned to the meeting at 11.37 am.

Councillor Andrew Antonioli left the meeting at 11.59 am.

Mayor Teresa Harding and Councillor Andrew Antonioli returned to the meeting at 12.02 pm.

Mayor Teresa Harding left the meeting at 12.03 pm.

Mayor Teresa Harding returned to the meeting via audio-link at 12.08 pm.

The meeting closed at 12.21pm.

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