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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF IPSWICH CENTRAL REDEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: GENERAL MANAGER - COORDINATION AND PERFORMANCE

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This is a report concerning the proposed establishment of a Standing Committee of Council to govern the Ipswich Central Redevelopment Project.

The Ipswich Central Redevelopment Project is a significant project that requires effective governance and oversight by the Ipswich City Council.

Establishing a Standing Committee will ensure that the elected Council has appropriate and transparent governance over the project.

### **RECOMMENDATION/S**

Confirmed at the Council Ordinary Meeting of 26 May 2020

- A. That Council establish the Ipswich Central Redevelopment Committee.**
- B. That Deputy Mayor Marnie Doyle be appointed as Chairperson of the Ipswich Central Redevelopment Committee and that membership comprise of Mayor Teresa Harding, Councillors Kate Kunzelmann, Nicole Jonic and Russell Milligan.**
- C. That the Ipswich Central Redevelopment Committee be held 10 minutes after the conclusion of the General Purposes Committee on 23 June 2020 and 21 July 2020 with further meetings to be confirmed by Council.**
- D. That the terms of reference for the Ipswich Central Redevelopment Committee as shown in Attachment 1 be adopted.**

### **RELATED PARTIES**

Councillor Madsen may have a potential conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

Councillor Fechner may have a potential conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

## **ADVANCE IPSWICH THEME**

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### **PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND**

The Ipswich City Council is currently expending significant funds for the redevelopment of the Ipswich Central Business District. This redevelopment involves the construction of a new Council administration building, library, civic space and the redevelopment of various retail and commercial assets.

With the election of the new Council, it is timely for Council to consider its options in relation to the appropriate governance structure for the Ipswich Central Redevelopment Project.

This report is seeking a decision from Council in relation to the governance structure it would like to put in place to ensure that the risks associated with the project are managed and that the Council has an appropriate level of oversight on the project.

The project was previously governed by a Project Steering Committee consisting of Mr Steve Greenwood in the role of independent chair, the Interim Administrator, the Ipswich City Council Chief Executive Officer and the General Manager Corporate Services.

This report recommends that Council establish a Standing Committee to provide effective and transparent governance over the Ipswich Central Redevelopment Project. This will ensure that Council and the community have visibility over the project as it progresses to ensure that the project achieves its stated objective of creating a thriving and activated Ipswich Central.

It is proposed that the Standing Committee commence at the conclusion of the General Purposes Committee and that the committee meetings be live-streamed for the community.

### **LEGAL/POLICY BASIS**

This report and its recommendations are consistent with the following legislative provisions:  
*Local Government Act 2009*

### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

There is significant financial and reputational risks associated with the Ipswich Central Redevelopment. The establishment of a standing committee will provide effective and transparent governance of the project to assist in managing the risks associated with this significant project.

### **FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

There are no significant financial or resource implications associated with the recommendations of this report.

## **COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION**

There has been no community consultation conducted in relation to this report.

## **CONCLUSION**

It is important that Council establish effective and transparent governance of the Ipswich Central Redevelopment Project and it is recommended that Council establish a standing committee tasked with the governance of this significant project to achieve this.

## **ATTACHMENTS AND CONFIDENTIAL BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1.	Ipswich Central Redevelopment Standing Committee Terms of Reference
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Sean Madigan

**GENERAL MANAGER - COORDINATION AND PERFORMANCE**

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

David Farmer

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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