

COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

16 October 2018

Held in the Council Chambers, Administration Building

The meeting commenced at 9.00 am

Pursuant to section 13 of Council's Local Law No 2 (Council Meetings) 2013, the Interim Administrator invited the Interim Management Committee being Jan Taylor, Simone Webbe, Steve Greenwood, Rob Jones, and Stan Gallo to address the Council on any matters before it.

The Interim Administrator advised that he is bound to declare Conflict of Interests and potential Conflict of Interests and that the members of the Interim Management Committee are not legally bound, however in accordance with the Interim Management Charter they will also declare Conflict of Interests and potential Conflict of Interests.

ATTENDANCE AT COMMENCEMENT

MEMBER'S ATTENDANCE:

Greg Chemello (Interim Administrator)

INTERIM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Jan Taylor, Simone Webbe, Stan Gallo, Robert Jones and Steve Greenwood

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Ipswich City Council respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners as custodians of the land upon which we meet. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging, as the keepers of the traditions, cultures and stories of a proud people.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us in silence pray or reflect upon our responsibilities to the people of Ipswich.

We meet today to serve our community,
to use our resources wisely and well,
to represent all members of our community fairly,
and to make decisions that promote the common good.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE Nil

CONDOLENCES AND MEMORIALS Nil

PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING The Interim Administrator of the Ipswich City Council resolves:
That the Minutes of the Council Ordinary Meeting held on 18 September 2018 be confirmed.
The motion was put and carried.

RECEPTION AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conflicts of interest None declared

Discussion The Interim Administrator of the Ipswich City Council resolves:
That the Infrastructure and Emergency Management Committee Report No. 2018(10) of 9 October 2018 be received and adopted.
The Interim Administrator of the Ipswich City Council resolves:
That the Works, Parks and Sport Committee Report No. 2018(09) of 11 September 2018 be received and adopted subject to the amendment of Recommendation C in Item 4 titled “Tender 12310 – The Provision of Line Marketing Services” by deleting the words “three (3) years” and inserting the words “two (2) years.”
Recommendation C to now read:
C. That Council enter into a contract for the provision of Longitudinal and Field Marking services with the suppliers listed below for a period of ~~three (3) years~~ two (2) years with the option to extend a further two (2), one (1) year periods.

Contractor	Portion
Allstate Linemarking Services Pty Ltd	Category 1
Gumbay Holdings Pty Ltd t/a Avante Linemarking	Category 1

Allstate Linemarking Services Pty Ltd	Category 2
MP Lines and Signs Pty. Ltd	Category 2
Bananamark	Category 3

That the Conservation and Environment Committee Report No. 2018(10) of 9 October 2018 be received and adopted.

That the Libraries and Tourism Committee Report No. 2018(10) of 9 October 2018 be received and adopted.

That the Arts and Community Development Committee Report No. 2018(10) of 9 October 2018 be received and adopted.

That the Health, Security and Community Safety Committee Report No. 2018(10) of 9 October 2018 be received and adopted.

That the Planning, Development and Heritage Committee Report No. 2018(10) of 9 October 2018 be received and adopted.

That the Economic Development and Digital City Committee Report No. 2018(10) of 9 October 2018 be received and adopted.

The Interim Administrator of the Ipswich City Council resolves:

That the City Management Finance and Community Engagement Committee No. 2018(11) of 9 October 2018 be received and adopted subject to the inclusion of Item 17 titled "Report – Audit and Risk Management Committee 2018 (04) of 11 October 2018".

Copy of Report:



The motion was put and carried.

OFFICER'S REPORT

PROPOSED NEW COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Conflicts of interest

None declared

Discussion

Copy of Report

That the report by the Chief Executive Officer dated 12 October 2018 concerning a new Committee Structure that aligns with Council's strategic framework as detailed in Advance Ipswich 2015 Community Plan (Community Plan) be received and adopted.

In considering the report, the following matters were raised by the Interim Administrator and Interim Management Committee members:

- In summary the proposed committee structure aligns to Council's Advance Ipswich Plan and Corporate Plan and provides transparency to the community on how Council is meeting the outcomes of these Plans.
- It was noted that some other local government authorities have determined to abolish all standing committees.
- It would be prudent to revisit the committee structure at a future date based on practical experience of operating the proposed new arrangements.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Interim Administrator of Ipswich City Council resolves:

- A. That the previous decisions of Council, as per Items 1, 3 and 4, "Establishment and Responsibilities of Committees and Boards" adopted at the Post Election Meeting of 8 April 2016 and Recommendations A, B and D of the Officer's Report adopted at the Council Ordinary Meeting of 19 September 2017, be repealed.
- B. That the committee structure as detailed in the report by the Chief Executive Officer dated 12 October 2018, be adopted.
- C. That days and times of standing committees for the remainder of 2018 as detailed in the report by the Acting Chief Executive Officer dated 12 October 2018, be adopted
- D. That the Terms of Reference for the proposed standing committee structure as detailed in Attachment D to H of the report by the Chief Executive Officer dated 12 October 2018, be adopted.
- E. That members of the Interim Management Committee attend all future committee meetings of Council and take part in the debate at those committee meetings as per sections 12 and 13 of Council's Local Law 2 – Council Meetings.
- F. That Chief Operating Officer, Arts, Social Development and Community Engagement, prepare a report regarding the establishment of five community reference groups to assist the standing committee committees deliver strategies within each theme to a future Governance Committee.

The motion was put and carried.

OFFICER'S REPORT

IPSWICH CITY PROPERTIES PTY LTD

Conflicts of interest

The Interim Administrator declared a potential conflict of interest in this matter given that he is the sole director of Ipswich City Properties Pty Ltd as well as the Interim Administrator of the Ipswich City Council. Under the circumstances that it was impractical to proceed otherwise, he elected to remain in the meeting.

Discussion



Copy of report

That the report by the Acting Chief Operating Officer, Finance and Corporate Services dated 12 October 2018 in relation to the on-going operations of Ipswich City Properties Pty Ltd (ICP) be received and adopted.

In considering the report, the following matters were raised by the Interim Administrator and Interim Management Committee members:

- In addressing a concern raised whether the identified risks would be appropriately addressed, the Interim Administrator explained that the confidential report completed by McGrathNicol Consultants advised that the risks identified associated with winding up ICP and transferring ICP's assets to Ipswich City Council were not significant to Council.
- The Interim Administrator noted that he is supportive of council owned companies in principle as an appropriate vehicle in some circumstances for councils to manage commercially focused operations. Such companies needed to have clear transparent governance arrangements and there were some good examples around Australia of this arrangement working well.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Interim Administrator of Ipswich City Council resolves:

- A. That Council resolve to endorse the winding up and ultimately deregistration of Ipswich City Properties Pty Ltd and the integration of Ipswich City Properties Pty Ltd assets and operations into Council.
- B. That the Chief Executive Officer liaise with the Company Director to prepare a report to Council on the actions required for the wind up of Ipswich City Properties Pty Ltd, for submission to Council.
- C. That the Chief Executive Officer be approved to attend to any administrative matters to assist the winding up procedures, the integration of assets, staff and other property into the local government entity.

- D. That the Chief Executive Officer report to Council in relation to any matters requiring formal decision by resolution of the Council concerning the winding up procedures.

The motion was put and carried.

OFFICER'S REPORT

CBD REDEVELOPMENT

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Interim Administrator declared a potential perceived conflict of interest in this matter as Ranbury Management Group Pty Ltd has been contracted by both Council and Ipswich City Properties Pty Ltd to assist in the delivery of the CBD transformation. From 2008 to 2012, the Interim Administrator was an employee of Ranbury Management Group, and from 2009 to 2012, he was a director and equity holder of the business. All arrangements were terminated in early 2013 and the Interim Administrator has no current working relationship with the company.

The Interim Administrator noted that he had raised this potential perceived conflict of interest in the Ipswich City Properties Board Meeting, and management of the company were formulating arrangements to address this in relation to operations and decisions of the company.

The Interim Administrator advised that all matters relating to Ranbury's engagement with council would be delegated under section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to the Chief Executive Officer. Under the circumstances that it was impractical to proceed otherwise, he elected to remain in the meeting.

The Interim Administrator also declared a potential conflict of interest in this matter given that he is the sole director of Ipswich City Properties Pty Ltd as well as the Interim Administrator of the Ipswich City Council. Under the circumstances that it was impractical to proceed otherwise, he elected to remain in the meeting.

Discussion

Copy of report

That the joint report by the Acting Chief Operating Officer, Finance and Corporate Services and the Program Director CBD Transformation concerning the overall execution strategy for the delivery of the Ipswich Central CBD Transformation Project be received and adopted.

In considering the report, the following matters were raised by the Interim Administrator and Interim Management Committee members:

The strategic objective for the renewal of the CBD included:

- Creating a civic heart for the City of Ipswich.
- Providing a civic, cultural and entertainment precinct.
- Ensuring that existing major service providers and employers in the Ipswich CBD and secured and provided opportunities for growth.
- Relocating Council's administration centre to the new development.
- Empowering private sector investors and occupiers to renew and enliven the retail and entertainment sites.
- Setting a framework for other significant projects.

The Interim Administrator noted that significant work had been undertaken in recent months by Queensland Treasury Corporation, Queensland Audit Office, KPMG (who had been contracted by QTC), McGrathNicol and other professional advisors to assist council in considering the most appropriate strategy for the CBD redevelopment.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Interim Administrator of Ipswich City Council resolves:

- A. That Council resolve to adopt the Tender Consideration Plan and undertake a restricted tender process with the four tenderers (referred to in Attachment D) for the construction of the Administration Building, Library, Civic Space and Car Park as set out in Attachment B to the report by the Acting Chief Operating Officer, Finance and Corporate Services and the Program Director CBD Transformation dated 12 October 2018 in accordance with section 230(1)(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.
- B. That the Chief Executive Officer establish a governance structure and processes in accordance with Attachment C to the report by the Acting Chief Operating Officer, Finance and Corporate Services and the Program Director CBD Transformation dated 12 October 2018 program.

The motion was put and carried.

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting closed at 9.25 am.