



Redland
CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 18 April 2024
commencing at 9:30am

The Council Chambers
91 - 93 Bloomfield Street
CLEVELAND QLD

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

On establishing there is a quorum, the Mayor will declare the meeting open.

Recognition of the Traditional Owners

Council acknowledges the Quandamooka people who are the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet. Council also pays respect to their elders, past and present, and extends that respect to other indigenous Australians who are present.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Motion is required to approve leave of absence for any Councillor absent from today's meeting.

3 DEVOTIONAL SEGMENT

Member of the Ministers' Fellowship will lead Council in a brief devotional segment.

4 RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT

Mayor to present any recognition of achievement items.

5 RECEIPT AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting of 6 March 2024 and Post-Election Meeting of 8 April 2024.

6 DECLARATION OF PRESCRIBED CONFLICT OF INTERESTS AND DECLARABLE CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

Councillors are reminded of their responsibilities in relation to a Councillor's Prescribed Conflict of Interest and Declarable Conflict of Interest at a meeting. For full details see Chapter 5B of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

In summary:

Obligation of Councillor with Prescribed Conflict of Interest

Section 150EL of the *Local Government Act 2009* requires Councillors to declare a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in a matter as soon as they become aware of their interest in the matter, either:

- (1) *at a local government meeting, or*
- (2) *as soon as practicable, by giving the Chief Executive Officer written notice of the prescribed conflict of interest.*
- (3) The declaration must include the following particulars:
 - (a) *For a gift, loan or contract – the value of the gift, loan or contract;*
 - (b) *For an application for which a submission has been made – the matters the subject of the application and submission;*
 - (c) *The name of any entity, other than the Councillor, that has an interest in the matter;*
 - (d) *The nature of the Councillor's relationship with the entity mentioned in (c) above;*
 - (e) *Details of the Councillor's, and any other entity's, interest in the matter.*

Dealing with Prescribed Conflict of Interest at a Meeting

Pursuant to Section 150EM of the *Local Government Act 2009*, if a Councillor declares a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in a matter, ***the Councillor must leave the place at which the meeting is being held, including any area set aside for the public, and stay away from the place while the matter is discussed and voted on.***

Obligation of Councillor with Declarable Conflict of Interest

Section 150EQ of the *Local Government Act 2009* requires Councillors to declare a Declarable Conflict of Interest in a matter as soon as they become aware of their interest in the matter, either:

- (1) *at a local government meeting, or*
- (2) *as soon as practicable, by giving the Chief Executive Officer written notice of the declarable conflict of interest.*
- (3) The declaration must include the following particulars:
 - (a) *The nature of the declarable conflict of interest;*
 - (b) *If the declarable conflict of interest arises because of the councillor's relationship with a related party:*
 - (i) *The name of the related party; and*
 - (ii) *The nature of the relationship of the related party to the Councillor; and*
 - (iii) *The nature of the related party's interests in the matter;*

- (c) *If the Councillor's or related party's personal interests arise because of the receipt of a gift or loan from another person:*
- (i) *The name of the other person; and*
 - (ii) *The nature of the relationship of the other person to the Councillor or related party; and*
 - (iii) *The nature of the other person's interests in the matter; and*
 - (iv) *The value of the gift or loan, and the date the gift was given or loan was made.*

Procedure if Councillor has Declarable Conflict of Interest

Pursuant to Section 150ES of the *Local Government Act 2009*, eligible Councillors at the meeting must, by resolution, decide whether the Councillor who has declared the interest:

- (1) *May participate in a decision about the matter at the meeting, including by voting on the matter; or*
- (2) *Must leave the place at which the meeting is being held, including any area set aside for the public, and stay away from the place while the eligible Councillors discuss and vote on the matter.*

Duty to report another Councillor's Prescribed Conflict of Interest or Declarable Conflict of Interest

Pursuant to section 150EW of the *Local Government Act 2009*, a Councillor who reasonably believes or reasonably suspects another Councillor has a Prescribed Conflict of Interest or a Declarable Conflict of Interest in a matter must:

- (1) *Immediately inform the person who is presiding at the meeting about the belief or suspicion; or*
- (2) *As soon as practicable, inform the Chief Executive Officer of the belief or suspicion.*

The Councillor must also inform the person presiding, or the Chief Executive Officer, of the facts and circumstances forming the basis of the belief or suspicion.

Record of Prescribed and Declarable Conflicts of Interest

Where a Councillor informs the meeting of a Prescribed or Declarable Conflict of Interest, section 150FA of the *Local Government Act 2009* requires the following information to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting:

- (1) The name of the Councillor who may have a prescribed or declarable conflict of interest in the matter;
- (2) The particulars of the prescribed or declarable conflict of interest;
- (3) If another Councillor informs the meeting of a belief of suspicion, about another Councillor's Conflict of Interest:
 - (a) The action the Councillor takes;
 - (b) Any decision by eligible Councillors; and
 - (c) The name of each eligible Councillor who voted in relation to whether the Councillor has a declarable conflict of Interest, and how each eligible Councillor voted.
- (4) Whether the Councillor participated in deciding the matter, or was present for deciding the matter;
- (5) For a matter to which the Prescribed or Declarable Conflict of Interest relates:
 - (a) *The name of the Councillor who has declared the conflict of interest;*

- (b) The nature of the personal interest, as described by the Councillor;*
 - (c) The decision made;*
 - (d) Whether the Councillor participated in the meeting under an approval by the Minister;*
 - (e) If the Councillor voted on the matter, how they voted; and*
 - (f) How the majority of Councillors voted on the matter.*
- (6) If the Councillor has a Declarable Conflict of Interest, in addition to the information above, the following information must be recorded in the minutes:
- (a) The decision and reasons for the decision as to whether the Councillor with the Declarable Conflict of Interest may participate in the decision, or must not participate in the decision; and
 - (b) The name of each eligible Councillor who voted on the decision, and how the eligible Councillor voted.

7 MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS**7.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - CR JULIE TALTY - REPORT ON COUNCIL'S PROGRAMS RELATED TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION ACT**

At the General Meeting 19 July 2023 (Item 18.1 refers), Council resolved as follows:

1. *That Council undertakes a comprehensive report on the programs and infrastructure provision including expenditure, both operational and capital, in relation to koalas and threatened species management, and native vegetation rehabilitation and revegetation.*
2. *That a report be brought back to Council, and made publicly available on the Council website, explaining the success or other outcomes over the last ten years, and where known, planned in the coming five years in relation to koalas and threatened species management, and native vegetation rehabilitation and revegetation.*
3. *That the report be provided to the Federal Government to assist in Environmental Protection Biosecurity Conservation (EPBC) assessment of community infrastructure.*

A report will be brought to a future meeting of Council.

7.2 DRAFT BIRKDALE COMMUNITY PRECINCT LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGNATION CONSULTATION REPORT

At the General Meeting 13 September 2023 (Item 14.1 refers), Council resolved as follows:

- 1. To endorse the Birkdale Community Precinct Local Government Infrastructure Designation Consultation Summary Report, including responses to submissions.*
- 2. To note that officers will continue to progress amendments to the Birkdale Community Precinct Local Government Infrastructure Designation based on the Consultation Report, and that a report seeking Council endorsement to make the designation will be brought to a future meeting of Council.*
- 3. To thank the community for its participation in the consultation.*

A report will be brought to a future meeting of Council.

7.3 COMMUNITY RESIDENCE

At the General Meeting 6 March 2024 (Item 8.1 refers), Council resolved as follows:

1. *Note the Queensland State Government is responsible for making and upholding the Planning Regulation 2017 that prescribes a “Community Residence” is exempt development that does not require a planning approval or meet Local Government requirements or need not comply with the Queensland Development Code.*
2. *Acknowledge “Community Residences” that involve multi-storey serviced apartments in Low Density Residential Zone areas is leading to adverse planning and building outcomes impacting the privacy, well-being and reasonable expectations of surrounding residents and potential residents with National Disability Insurance Scheme requirements in this development.*
3. *Advocate to the Queensland State Government to join the Court Appeal or modify the Planning Regulation 2017 so that a “Community Residence” must consider the amenity of the existing community and local planning overlays, building design, height, siting and setback requirements.*
4. *Subject to Resolution #3 to continue to negotiate the Appeal by seeking to achieve improved planning and amenity outcomes to surrounding residents.*
5. *To bring a further report to Council on the status of the Court Appeal in April 2024.*

A report on this matter is listed as Item 20.1 of this Agenda.

8 MAYORAL MINUTE

In accordance with s.6.9 of Council Meeting Standing Orders, the Mayor may put to the meeting a written motion called a 'Mayoral Minute', on any matter. Such motion may be put to the meeting without being seconded, may be put at that stage in the meeting considered appropriate by the Mayor and once passed becomes a resolution of Council.

9 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In accordance with s.6.10 Council Meeting Standing Orders:

1. In each meeting (other than special meetings), a period of 15 minutes may be made available by resolution to permit members of the public to address the local government on matters of public interest relating to the local government. This period may be extended by resolution.
2. Priority will be given to members of the public who make written application to the CEO no later than 4.30pm two days before the meeting. A request may also be made to the chairperson, when invited to do so, at the commencement of the public participation period of the meeting.
3. The time allocated to each speaker shall be a maximum of five minutes. The chairperson, at his/her discretion, has authority to withdraw the approval to address Council before the time period has elapsed.
4. The chairperson will consider each application on its merits and may consider any relevant matter in his/her decision to allow or disallow a person to address the local government, e.g.
 - a) Whether the matter is of public interest;
 - b) The number of people who wish to address the meeting about the same subject
 - c) The number of times that a person, or anyone else, has addressed the local government previously about the matter;
 - d) The person's behaviour at that or a previous meeting; and
 - e) If the person has made a written application to address the meeting.
5. Any person invited to address the meeting must:
 - a) State their name and suburb, or organisation they represent and the subject they wish to speak about;
 - b) Stand (unless unable to do so);
 - c) Act and speak with decorum;
 - d) Be respectful and courteous; and
 - e) Make no comments directed at any individual Council employee, Councillor or member of the public, ensuring that all comments relate to Council as a whole.

10 PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

11 MOTION TO ALTER THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business may be altered for a particular meeting where the Councillors at that meeting pass a motion to that effect. Any motion to alter the order of business may be moved without notice.

12 REPORTS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CEO

Nil.

13 REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONAL SERVICES

13.1 FEBRUARY 2024 AND MARCH 2024 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Objective Reference: A8207039

Authorising Officer: Deborah Corbett-Hall, Executive Group Manager Financial Services & Chief Financial Officer

Responsible Officer: Deborah Corbett-Hall, Executive Group Manager Financial Services & Chief Financial Officer

Report Author: Udaya Panambala Arachchilage, Corporate Financial Reporting Manager

Attachments:

1. [February 2024 Monthly Financial Report](#) 
2. [March 2024 Monthly Financial Report](#) 

PURPOSE

To note the year to date financial results as at 29 February 2024 and 31 March 2024.

BACKGROUND

Council adopts an annual budget and then reports on performance against the budget on a monthly basis. This is not only a legislative requirement but enables the organisation to periodically review its financial performance and position and respond to changes in community requirements, market forces or other outside influences.

ISSUES

Timing of general meeting in March 2024

There was only one general meeting early in March where the actual financial performance for the financial year up to the end of February 2024 could be reviewed. However, it was not possible for Council's financial report to be completed by the agenda cut-off, hence a high level update was presented at the March general meeting.

Queensland Audit Office (QAO) second planning visit 2023-2024

QAO commenced the 2023-2024 second planning visit of the external audit on 11 March 2024 and completed on 15 March 2024. The key focus of the planning visit was to continue the work from the first planning visit and to confirm the QAO's understanding of the key controls, to identify and assess the risk of misstatement associated with the financial statements, and to develop an audit strategy to address the risk of material misstatement.

2023-2024 budget review

Council adopted its revised budget at the General Meeting on 13 December 2023 and the updated budget numbers are reflected in these reports. The capital portfolio continues to be reprioritised and delivered.

Capital program progress

The Executive Leadership Team reviews the progress of the capital program on a regular basis. Council's capital works expenditure is ahead of budget by \$5.90M as at the end of March, due to the early and pro-active engagement with the market and the active management of contracts.

The program is frequently and actively re-prioritised and managed to ensure that projects continue to be delivered on behalf of the community. Council will deliver the largest annual capital expenditure program this financial year.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Council has either achieved or favourably exceeded the following key financial sustainability ratios as at the end of February 2024 and March 2024 respectively.

- Operating Surplus Ratio
- Operating Cash Ratio
- Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio
- Asset Sustainability Ratio
- Asset Consumption Ratio
- Leverage Ratio
- Net Financial Liabilities Ratio

The Council-Controlled Revenue, Population Growth, and Asset Renewal Funding Ratios are reported for contextual purposes only. Population Growth and Asset Renewal Funding Ratios will not materially change from month to month.

Legislative Requirements

The February 2024 and March 2024 financial reports are presented in accordance with the legislative requirement of section 204(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, requiring the Chief Executive Officer to present the financial report to a monthly Council meeting.

Risk Management

The February 2024 and March 2024 financial reports have been noted by the Executive Leadership Team and relevant officers who can provide further clarification and advice around actual to budget variances.

Financial

There is no direct financial impact to Council as a result of these reports, however they provide an indication of financial outcomes at the end of February 2024 and March 2024.

People

Nil impact expected as the purpose of the attached reports are to provide financial information to Council based upon actual versus budgeted financial activity.

Environmental

Nil impact expected as the purpose of the attached reports are to provide financial information to Council based upon actual versus budgeted financial activity.

Social

Nil impact expected as the purpose of the attached reports are to provide financial information to Council based upon actual versus budgeted financial activity.

Human Rights

There are no human rights implications for these reports as the purpose of the attached reports are to provide financial information to Council based upon actual versus budgeted financial activity.

Alignment with Council's Policy and Plans

This report has a relationship with the following items of Council's *Our Future Redlands – A Corporate Plan to 2026 and Beyond*:

Efficient and effective organisation objectives

- 7.1 Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Council's service delivery to decrease costs, and enhance customer experience and community outcomes.
- 7.4 Demonstrate good governance through transparent, accountable processes and sustainable practices and asset management.

CONSULTATION

Consulted	Date	Comment
Council departmental officers	Year to date 31 March 2024	Consulted on financial results and outcomes
Financial Services Group officers	Year to date 31 March 2024	Consulted on financial results and outcomes
Executive Leadership Team and Senior Leadership Team	Year to date 31 March 2024	Recipients of variance analysis between actual and budget. Consulted as required

OPTIONS

Option One

That Council resolves to note the financial position, results and ratios for February 2024 and March 2024 as presented in the attached Monthly Financial Reports.

Option Two

That Council resolves to request additional information.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to note the financial position, results and ratios for February 2024 and March 2024 as presented in the attached Monthly Financial Reports.



Monthly Financial Report

February 2024



13.2 AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 7 MARCH 2024**Objective Reference:** A8242088**Authorising Officer:** Amanda Pafumi, General Manager Organisational Services**Responsible Officer:** Tony Beynon, Group Manager Corporate Governance**Report Author:** Kailesh Naidu, Principal Adviser Internal Audit**Attachments:** 1. **Audit and Risk Management Committee Minutes 7 March 2024** [↓](#)**PURPOSE**

To present the minutes of the Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting held on 7 March 2024 to Council for adoption in accordance with section 211 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

BACKGROUND

The primary objective of the Audit and Risk Management Committee is to assist Council in fulfilling its corporate governance role and oversight of financial measurement and reporting responsibilities imposed under the *Local Government Act 2009* and other relevant legislation.

To fulfil this objective and to enhance the ability of Councillors to discharge their legal responsibility, it is necessary that a written report is presented to Council as soon as practicable after a meeting of the Audit and Risk Management Committee about the matters reviewed at the meeting and the Audit and Risk Management Committee's recommendations about these matters.

ISSUES

Refer to the attached minutes of the Audit and Risk Management Committee meetings held on 7 March 2024.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**Legislative Requirements**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Risk Management

There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

Financial

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

People

There are no implications on people as a result of this report.

Environmental

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

Social

There are no social implications as a result of this report.

Human Rights

There are no human rights implications as a result of this report.

Alignment with Council's Policy and Plans

GOV-010-P Internal Audit Policy

GOV-011-P Audit and Risk Management Committee Policy

Our Future Redlands - A Corporate Plan to 2026 and Beyond

CONSULTATION

Consulted	Consultation Date	Comments/Actions
Audit and Risk Management Committee members and relevant officers	March 2024	Audit and Risk Management Committee members and relevant officers were consulted to review and approve the minutes prior to being finalised.

OPTIONS**Option One**

That Council resolves to adopt the minutes of the Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting held on 7 March 2024, as attached to this report.

Option Two

That Council resolves to note this report and requests additional information.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to adopt the minutes of the Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting held on 7 March 2024, as attached to this report.

13.3 NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND POLICY EXECUTIVE

Objective Reference: A11049941

Authorising Officer: Amanda Pafumi, General Manager Organisational Services

Responsible Officer: Tony Beynon, Group Manager Corporate Governance

Report Author: Tony Beynon, Group Manager Corporate Governance

Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

To nominate an elected member to represent South-East District - Southern Region on the Policy Executive of the Local Government Association of Queensland.

BACKGROUND

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) is the peak body representing local government in Queensland. It is a not-for-profit association set up for the purpose to service Queensland's Councils and their individual needs.

The LGAQ is administered by a Policy Executive consisting of a group of Mayors and Councillors, who are elected by their peers to represent all regions of Queensland. The Association's Policy Executive is responsible for the determination of the Association's policy on behalf of member Councils.

In 2016 and 2020 Mayor Karen Williams was appointed as the representative South-East District - Southern Region to the LGAQ Policy Executive. Council is now providing another Council the opportunity to have a representative on the LGAQ Policy Executive. Officers are recommending to nominate the Logan City Mayor Jon Raven as the representative.

ISSUES

The LGAQ has called for nominations for the election of District Representatives to the LGAQ Policy Executive, for the current local government electoral term, with nominations closing 1 May 2024.

The nomination is for the South-East District - Southern Region, which comprises Redland City, Logan City and the City of Gold Coast. If more than one Councillor is nominated with this sub-region, an election will be called.

The obligations for members of the Policy Executive include attendance at six meetings per year, five of which take place in Brisbane, with the sixth being held at the LGAQ's annual conference. Policy Executive members may also be appointed to represent the LGAQ on statutory boards and committees as well as on ad hoc bodies. These appointments are made following consultation with member councils.

There are potential benefits to Council from having a seat at the LGAQ Policy Executive's table, especially with the ability to influence policy across a broad spectrum of local government-related matters. Redland City has held this appointment for two consecutive terms and informal conversations with officers have determined Logan City Council would now like the opportunity to hold this seat. Council's Chief Executive Officer attends the LGAQ Policy Executive meetings as an observer through his role as the President of the Local Government Manager's Association.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Legislative Requirements

There are no specific legislative requirements however the nomination is to a local government industry peak body committee.

Risk Management

It is important that Council is represented by an elected member on the Policy Executive of the LGAQ to ensure appropriate levels of input into local and regional policy-making in accordance with Council's strategic objectives.

Financial

There are no further budget allocations required as a result of this report.

People

There are no impacts for staff associated as a result of this report.

Environmental

There are no environmental impacts associated with this report.

Social

There are no social impacts associated with this report.

Human Rights

Human Rights have been considered and are not impacted as a result of this report.

Alignment with Council's Policy and Plans

Our Future Redlands - A Corporate Plan to 2026 and Beyond.

CONSULTATION

Consulted	Consultation Date	Comments/Actions
Mayor Jos Mitchell	April 2024	Agreed
Chief Executive Officer General Manager Organisational Services	April 2024	Agreed

OPTIONS

Option One

That Council resolves as follows:

1. To nominate Logan City Mayor, Jon Raven, to represent the South-East District - Southern Region on the Policy Executive of the Local Government Association of Queensland for the period of June 2024 to June 2028.
2. To instruct the Chief Executive Officer to sign and submit this nomination to the Returning Officer prior to the deadline of 1 May 2024.

Option Two

That Council resolves not to nominate a representative on the Policy Executive of the Local Government Association of Queensland.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves as follows:

- 1. To nominate Logan City Mayor, Jon Raven, to represent the South-East District - Southern Region on the Policy Executive of the Local Government Association of Queensland for the period of June 2024 to June 2028.**
- 2. To instruct the Chief Executive Officer to sign and submit this nomination to the Returning Officer prior to the deadline of 1 May 2024.**

14 REPORTS FROM ADVOCACY, MAJOR PROJECTS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

14.1 2024 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MOTIONS

Objective Reference: A8220142

Authorising Officer: Christopher Isles, General Manager Advocacy, Major Projects & Economic Development

Responsible Officer: Laurena Reissman, Executive Officer Office of Mayor

Report Author: Kate Turner, Senior Advocacy and Government Relations Officer

- Attachments:**
1. Australian Local Government Association Motion 2024 - Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act [↓](#)
 2. Australian Local Government Association Motion 2024 - Financial Assistance Grants [↓](#)
 3. Australian Local Government Association Motion 2024 - Infrastructure Funding [↓](#)
 4. Australian Local Government Association Motion 2024 - Native Title [↓](#)
 5. Australian Local Government Association Motion 2024 - Koala Conservation Funding [↓](#)
 6. Australian Local Government Association Motion 2024 - Discussion Paper [↓](#)

PURPOSE

To provide Council with the opportunity to consider a submission of motions to the Australian Local Government Association's (ALGA) annual National General Assembly (NGA) to be held 2-4 July 2024 in Canberra and to nominate a Council delegate to attend, speak to and move Redland City Council motions at the NGA.

BACKGROUND

The ALGA NGA aims to focus on how partnerships, particularly between the Australian Government and Local Governments, can tackle immediate challenges facing communities as well as confidently facing the future. The theme of the 2024 NGA is Building Community Trust. The NGA provides the opportunity for Council to influence the national policy agenda and promote new ways of strengthening the local government sector, as well as providing a valuable networking forum with other participating Council's. In preparation for the NGA, ALGA seeks motions in advance from Local Governments to be debated at the assembly.

Due to the recent Queensland Local Government election and required caretaker period, Redland City Council Advocacy Team secured an extension of time to submit motions. This extension was subsequently provided to all Local Governments, and motions are now due by close of business Tuesday, 30 April 2024. Before submitting motions, they must first be agreed and approved through Council processes. Motions that are adopted at the NGA influence ALGA's strategic priorities and annual action plans which determines the focus of advocacy, activities and resources. As the national voice of local governments, ALGA advocates on behalf of Australia's Local Governments for funding and policy outcomes that support and deliver better results for their communities.

If Council elects to submit a motion/s for debate at the conference, a Councillor delegate must be present at the conference to present and speak on the motion. This report identifies proposed motions for endorsement before submitting to ALGA for consideration. Please see attached proposed 2024 ALGA motions including background information and a summary of the key arguments for each.

In previous years, the Mayor has attended the NGA as Council's delegate, where they move and speak to Council's motions, and have voting rights for other motions.

Over the last three years, several other Councillors and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) have elected to attend the NGA as attendees, and representatives from the Advocacy Team have also attended the NGA in a support capacity.

ISSUES

All submitted motions must:

- Align with the 2024 theme - Building Community Trust.
- Address one or more of ALGA's priority areas (Discussion Paper outlining the twelve priority areas attached).
- Have national relevance.
- Identify opportunities for reforming or creating new policies, programs and legislation that supports councils to build trust with community and other levels of government.

In response, the attached motions have been drafted following consultation with key internal subject matter experts and Councillors.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Legislative Requirements

There are no legislative impacts with respect to submitting the proposed ALGA motions, however several of the proposed motions have legislative impacts including:

- Advocating for a fairer approach to the application of the *Environment Protection and Biodiveristy Act 1999*.
- Advocating for review and amendments to *The Native Title Act 1993*.

Risk Management

There are no risks to be managed with respect to submitting the proposed ALGA motions, however the proposed motions support Council in responding to identified strategic risks including:

- Insufficient revenue due to reduction in government funding – risk Protecht ID 1000906.
- City's economic base will not grow or strengthen to meet future demands – risk Protecht ID 1000904.

Financial

There is no cost associated with submitting motions for debate other than internal staff resources.

People

Should the outcomes being sought in these motions come about, these outcomes will have positive impacts on our people including refining processes, removing confusion, reducing risk and streamlining planning.

Environmental

There are no environmental impacts with respect to submitting the proposed ALGA motions, however several of the proposed motions have environmental impacts including:

- Advocating for a fairer approach to the application of the *Environment Protection and Biodiveristy Act 1999*.
- Advocating for increased funding for koala conservation.

Social

There are no social impacts with respect to submitting the proposed ALGA motions, however all of the proposed motions have social and liveability impacts in one way or another, namely:

- Advocating for a fairer approach to the application of the *Environment Protection and Biodiveristy Act 1999* and advocating for infrastructure investment to be linked to population growth, both allowing local governments to plan and deliver important community infrastructure, supporting liveability.
- Advocating for Financial Assistance Grants to be restored to at least one per cent of Commonwealth taxation revenue to support financial sustainability, health and wellbeing of every Australian community.

Alignment with Council's Policy and Plans

Preparing and submitting motions strongly aligns to Council's corporate goal *City Leadership*, namely objective 1.1: *Display quality leadership by our elected Council through transparent and accountable processes and effective communication that builds community trust*.

In line with ALGA's role as a national advocacy body, all motions considered at the NGA must respond to national needs and have the potential to support other Australian Councils. While the attached motions are designed to respond to the needs of the Redlands Coast community and support existing Council objectives, they also align with the needs of local government on a national scale and support the objectives of the federal government. Specifically, the attached motions align with Council's Corporate Plan: *Our Future Redlands, a Corporate Plan to 2026 and Beyond*:

Our Future Redlands – A Corporate Plan to 2026 objectives:

2.4 Enhance community inclusion where people of all locations, ages, abilities and cultures can participate and have access to the necessary services and facilities.

4.4 Support ecologically sustainable development through clear planning and policy.

4.1 Manage, maintain and enhance our natural assets and ecosystems, including wildlife protection, vegetation management, and marine and waterway health and values.

5.1 Enhance the unique character and liveability of our city for its communities through co-ordinated planning, placemaking, and management of community assets.

5.4 Sustainably manage growth and quality development in the city through planning, implementation and management of the Redland City Plan, Local Government Infrastructure Plan and Netserv Plan.

7.1 Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Council's service delivery to decrease costs and enhance customer experience and community outcomes.

CONSULTATION

Consulted	Consultation Date	Comments/Actions
Councillors	April 2024	Consulted.
Executive Leadership Team	March 2024	Consulted for noting and shortlisting of proposed motions.
Various Council Officers	February – March 2024	Provided subject matter expertise to support the drafting of motions.

OPTIONS

Option One

That Council resolves as follows:

1. To adopt all of the proposed motions and submit to the Australian Local Government Association for debate at the National General Assembly, 2 - 4 July 2024.
2. To endorse a Councillor to attend, speak to and move Redland City Council motions and to be the cities official delegate at the National General Assembly.

Option Two

That Council resolves as follows:

1. To identify which motions, of those proposed, they would like submitted to the Australian Local Government Association for debate at the National General Assembly, 2- 4 July 2024.
2. To endorse a Councillor to attend, speak to and move Redland City Council motions and to be the cities official delegate at the National General Assembly.

Option Three

That Council resolves as follows:

1. That Council not endorse any of the attached motions and not submit any motions for debate at the National General Assembly, 2-4 July 2024.
2. To endorse a Councillor to attend and to be the cities official delegate at the National General Assembly.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves as follows:

1. To adopt all of the proposed motions and submit to the Australian Local Government Association for debate at the National General Assembly, 2 - 4 July 2024.
2. To endorse a Councillor to attend, speak to and move Redland City Council motions and to be the cities official delegate at the National General Assembly.

15 REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY & CUSTOMER SERVICES

Nil.

16 REPORTS FROM INFRASTRUCTURE & OPERATIONS

Nil.

17 NOTICES OF INTENTION TO REPEAL OR AMEND A RESOLUTION

In accordance with *s.262 Local Government Regulation 2012*.

18 NOTICES OF MOTION

In accordance with s.6.16 Council Meeting Standing Orders.

19 URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

In accordance with s.6.17 of Council Meeting Standing Orders, a Councillor may bring forward an item of urgent business if the meeting resolves that the matter is urgent.

Urgent Business Checklist	YES	NO
To achieve an outcome, does this matter have to be dealt with at a general meeting of Council?		
Does this matter require a decision that only Council make?		
Can the matter wait to be placed on the agenda for the next Council Meeting?		
Is it in the public interest to raise this matter at this meeting?		
Can the matter be dealt with administratively?		
If the matter relates to a request for information, has the request been made to the CEO or a General Manager Previously?		

20 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

COUNCIL MOTION

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

20.1 Status of Community Residence Court Appeal - 2081/24 Redland City Council -V- Boutique Capital & Others

This matter is considered to be confidential under section 254J(3)(e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government.

Overview

As required by s.254J(5)(b), to provide a status overview of the Community Residence Court Appeal in 2081/24 Redland City Council v Boutique Capital & Ors.

20.2 Lease - Gas Utilisation Facility

This matter is considered to be confidential under section 254J(3)(g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

Overview

Lease of Council land for operation of a Gas Utilisation Facility.

21 MEETING CLOSURE