



Strategic Advisory Reference Group Meeting

Agenda

Date:	12 September 2023
Time:	10.00am to 12.00nn
Venue:	(VC) VMR 8 – 0299 165 402 Guest PIN: 6905#

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Time	Agenda Item
10.00am	1. Welcome (Chair)
10.05am	2. Opening Prayer
10.10am	3. Attendance / Apologies
10.15am	4. Conflict of Interest (COI) - Declarable/Prescribed
10.20am	5. Action Items from Previous Meeting (June 2023)
10.30am	6. Pacifica - TSIRC Internal Audit – <i>Verbal Update</i> <i>[Speaker: Ms Carolyn Eagle]</i>
11.30am	7. General / Other Business (on notice)
11.55am	8. Next Meeting Date: 3 October 2023 (1pm to 3pm)
12.00nn	9. Closing Remarks & Prayer



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ACTION ITEMS

Actions Arising from June 2023 Meeting

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AI 7 Matters Arising from May 2023 Council Workshop	1. Executive Director Building Services (Mr Wayne Green) to provide an update to Council on the outcomes of the workshop to be held on Thursday Island on the w/b 12 June 2023 regarding Bluephone and the Housing Investment Plan.	ED Building Services	
	2. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the ED Corporate Services to meet and prepare relevant correspondence on formalising its relationship with the Ambassador for First Nations and to highlight Council's position in relation to key national priorities, such as the Voice to Parliament Referendum, Treaty issues (in addition to the Australia/Papua New Guinea Torres Strait Treaty) and the Masig Statement.	ED Corporate Services	
	3. The Mayor requested that a finalised position on the Masig Statement (incorporating issues discussed at the May 2023 Council Workshop) be considered at the next SARG meeting prior to formal endorsement by the Council.	Mayor	
	4. ED Corporate Services to progress action raised during the May 2023 Council Workshop regarding the preparation of formal correspondence to the Centre for Excellence proposal in relation to <u>Warriors for Climate Change matter, suggesting an alternative approach to the issue</u> by TSIRC.	ED Corporate Services	
	5. Correspondence to be prepared to the Australian Government Minister for Indigenous Australians requesting the Australian Government to rescind a decision to hold separate elections for the TSIRC/TSRA.	ED Corporate Services/Legal Services	
	6. The Mayor requested advice on any follow-up on the letter sent regarding the Hammond Island Primary Health Centre.	ED Community Services	

	7. ED Engineering Services to provide an update on the maintenance of HS Radio services across the TSIRC footprint.	ED Engineering Services	
	8. Further follow-up to be undertaken with the Queensland State Government (through DATSIP) to get an update on the current status in relation to the audit presently being undertaken on infrastructure and capital works in the region (explore capacity to possibly expand the project to co-design a service provision audit for the region).	Chief Executive Officer	

Actions to be Completed from Previous Meetings

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April 2023 AI 8 Subsidising air services to Erub and Mabuiag	The Chief Executive Officer to send (by cob 5 April 2023) a letter to the TSRA requesting them to explore subsidising air services to Erub and Mabuiag either by charter or helicopter flights.	Chief Executive Officer	<p>Not finalized. Ongoing discussions continue with TSRA, however it appears that those discussions are currently not receiving priority attention from the TSRA. A comprehensive and more formal communication will need to be made to the TSRA (Mayor to TSRA Chair) around a more broader transport strategy for the Torres Strait region, with a focus on Mabuiag, Erub, Ugar, Duan and Hammond issues as particular outstanding priorities.</p> <p>Head of Community Services to receive advice from TSRA (due w/e 9 June 2023) re subsidies for Ugar and Dauan. Current subsidies for Ugar ends on 30/6/23 and Dauan on 30/8/23.</p> <p>Priority that the letter from the Mayor to the TSRA to be drafted ASAP as TSRA Board will be meeting on 10 July 2023 and it is understood that an infrastructure paper will be considered by the TSRA at that meeting</p>

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			<p>which may be addressing issues at Ugar and Dauan and operations around disability access and helicopter services.</p> <p>CEO and ED Corporate Services to prepare wording for Councillors to convey to their communities the TSIRC's efforts to improve air and ferry services in the region. Document to be provided by COB 6 June 2023.</p>
<p>April 2023</p> <p>AI 11 (CB)</p> <p>Trustee Policy Review</p>	The closed business agenda item "Trustee Policy Review" to be redirected to the next Trustee Meeting.	Secretariat	Completed. To be considered at an upcoming Trustee meeting (date to be advised).
<p>7 Feb 2023</p> <p>AI 6</p> <p>Air Services returning to Mabuiag, Erub and Mer Islands</p> <p>General/Other Business</p>	<p>Chief Executive Officer will call CASA and speak to the head of regulations to see the possibility around special dispensation and what our options are.</p> <p>Chief Executive Officer instructed to draft and send a letter to various ministers both Commonwealth and State in order to address our situation and regain air services to Erub, Mer and Mabuiag Islands.</p>	ED Corporate Services	<p>Ongoing. Meeting held on 19 April 2023 between CASA CEO and Executives / TSIRC CEO, Mayor Mosby, Deputy Mayor and Council.</p> <p>Formal follow-up correspondence to be sent to CASA.</p>

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7 March 2023 AI 8 General/Other Business	<p>(1) Write to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade regarding the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movement under the treaty • Unauthorised visits. • Overstayers • Policy and Border Force concerns. <p>(2) Write to Premier Anastasia Palaszczuk regarding the Joint Ministerial Advisory Committee for the One Boat Regional Governance.</p> <p>(3) Write to the Torres Strait Regional Authority regarding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TSIRC objection to the establishment of the Regional Infrastructure Advisory Committee (RIAC). • Follow-up to Major Infrastructure Program MIP 7 list that was provided approximately 18 months ago. <p>(4) Write to Dr Chris Sara regarding LTC Funding.</p>	CEO / ED Corporate Services	<p>To be completed.</p> <p>(1) Issues may need to be reframed following meeting with DFAT and Australian Customs representatives at the May 2023 Council Workshop.</p> <p>(2) To be completed.</p> <p>(3) Pending. Awaiting sign-off on TSIRC's formal policy position in relation to this issue.</p> <p>(4) Pending. Recent reshuffle of Queensland Government Ministerial portfolios have caused a delay in directing correspondence to appropriate areas in the new Government, as new Ministers also mean that new senior bureaucrats are also appointed and/or transferred to new portfolios as well.</p> <p>Will write to Claire O'Connor (re LTC funding) and seek clarification on which sort of commitment was given under the LTC and whether that LTC arrangement will continue under her leadership, including commitment for monies to be spent within the next 6 months because of Masig Statement and Regional Governance priorities.</p>