



NOTICE OF COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

In accordance with Section 254C of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* this notice is to advise that a meeting of Council's **Strategic Action Reference Group (SARG) Standing Committee** will be held by Microsoft (TEAMS) as follows:

Wednesday, 8 October 2025

(9.00am to 4.00pm)

Microsoft (TEAMS) Meeting ID: 462 229 464 486 | Passcode: M3hC2vm3

The attendance of each Committee Member is requested.

Agenda papers for this meeting are attached and will soon be available on Council's website (except for any Closed Business papers) and can be accessed by clicking on the link below:

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Please note that this meeting is live streamed on Council's YouTube Channel and a recording following the meeting will be available at the following location:

<https://www.youtube.com/@IslandCouncil/streams>

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Dawson Sailor
Acting Chief Executive Officer

3 October 2025



STRATEGIC ACTION REFERENCE GROUP (SARG) STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

8 OCTOBER 2025

AGENDA

Time: 9.00am to 4.00pm

Venue: *Microsoft TEAMS Meeting ID: 462 229 464 486 | Passcode: M3hC2vm3*

ORDER OF BUSINESS

9.00am	<p>A. WELCOME & QUORUM CONFIRMATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OPENING PRAYER OBSERVANCES</p> <p>B. APOLOGIES</p> <p>C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS</p> <p>1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (11 July 2025)</p> <p>1.1. Action Items from Previous Meetings</p> <p>2. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC</p>
9.30am	<p>3. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER</p> <p>3.1. TSIRC Transition Action Plan (TAP) Update <i>(verbal update by Mr Scott Mason)</i></p> <p><i>[Reason for Closed Discussion: In accordance with section 254J of the Local Government Regulation 2012, it is recommended that this matter be considered by Council in Closed Business as it includes “matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals”.]</i></p> <p>4. RESOLUTION TO RETURN THE MEETING TO OPEN DISCUSSION</p> <p>5. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION</p> <p>6. MAYORAL ITEMS <i>(verbal discussion)</i></p> <p>6.1. Advisory Committees – 1st Quarter Reporting (2025-26)</p> <p>6.2. November 2025 Council Workshop – Date Adjustment</p> <p>6.3. Torres Strait Treaty – Suspension of Traditional Inhabitant visits over Christmas/New Year Period 2025-26</p> <p>6.4. Nam Zagethaw Lag training and employment/economic</p> <p>6.5. Investment (Economic Development)</p> <p>6.6. Safe, Accessible & Affordable Transport (Alternative Freight provider)</p> <p>6.7. Climate Alliance (3 x TSIRC, TSC, NPARC)</p> <p>6.8. Part B TCHHS Report</p>

	7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Nil
	8. BUILDING SERVICES DIRECTORATE Nil.
	9. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE Nil
	10. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE Nil
	11. ENGINEERING SERVICES DIRECTORATE Nil.
	12. FINANCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE Nil
	13. MATTERS ARISING
	14. NEXT MEETING – TBC / November 2025 (Cairns)
4.00pm	15. CLOSE OF MEETING & PRAYER



**STRATEGIC ACTION REFERENCE GROUP
(SARG) STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**
8 OCTOBER 2025

Agenda Item

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DIRECTORATE: Corporate Services

AUTHOR: Executive Director Corporate Services

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (11 JULY 2025)

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

The Standing Committee confirms the Minutes of its meeting held on 11 July 2025.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Section 254F(4) of the *Local Government Regulations 2012* requires that at each local government meeting, the minutes of the previous meeting must be confirmed by the councillors or committee members present.

Interested Parties/Consultation:

N/A

Background / Previous Standing Committee Consideration:

The previous SARG Standing Committee meeting was held on 11 July 2025.

Section 254(6) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires that a copy of the minutes of each local government must be made publicly available by 5pm on the tenth day after the meeting is held. To meet these compliance requirements, a copy of the draft Minutes from the last meeting were circulated to the Executive Leadership Team for input prior to being posted on the Council website.

Following confirmation of the Minutes by the Standing Committee, the confirmed Minutes will replace the draft Minutes on the Council website.

A copy of the confirmed Minutes will also be submitted to the next Council meeting for noting.

COMPLIANCE / CONSIDERATIONS:

Statutory:	Section 254F(4) of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>
Budgetary:	N/A
Policy:	N/A
Legal:	<i>Local Government Act 2009</i>
Risk:	Council breach of its Statutory requirements above.
Links to Strategic Plans:	TSIRC Corporate Plan 2025-30 Focus Area 3– A Proactive & Responsible Council ➤ 3.1 Provide good governance & leadership
<i>Malungu Yangu Wakay</i> (The Masig Statement):	<i>In keeping with Article 4 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, in exercising our right to self-determination, we have the right to autonomy or self-government in matters relating to our internal and local affairs, as well as ways and means for financing their autonomous functions.</i>
Standing Committee Consultation:	N/A
Timelines:	Standard Procedure following at each Standing Committee Meeting

Other Comments:

N/A

Endorsed:

S. Andres

Susanne Andres
Executive Director Corporate Services

Approved:



Dawson Sailor
Acting Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Minutes of the SARG Standing Committee Meeting held on 11 July 2025.



**STRATEGIC ACTION REFERENCE
GROUP (SARG) STANDING
COMMITTEE MEETING
11 JULY 2025**

MINUTES

Time: 9.00am to 4.00pm

Venue: *Microsoft TEAMS Meeting ID: 424 348 872 237 | Passcode: X99jz2uF*

PRESENT:

Mayor/Chair

Deputy Mayor

Chair - Culture, Arts, Land & Heritage (CALH) Advisory Committee

Chair - Economic Growth (EG) Advisory Committee

Chair - Environment & Climate Adaptation (ECCA) Advisory
Committee - *(via TEAMS)*

Chair - Housing, Families and Safe & Healthy Communities (HFSHC)
Advisory Committee - *(via TEAMS)*

Cr Phillemon Mosby

Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Cr Chelsea Aniba

Cr Rocky Stephen

Cr Kabay Tamu – *partial
participation (10.10am to 11.00am
only)*

Cr Keith Fell – *unable to participate
due to local internet connectivity issues*

APOLOGIES:

Chair - Governance & Leadership Advisory Committee

Cr Dimas Toby – *family
commitments*

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Director Building Services

Executive Director Corporate Services

Executive Director Community Services - *(via TEAMS)*

Executive Director Engineering Services

Executive Director Financial Services

DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and Native Title Advisor

Executive Assistant to the CEO

Economic Development Lead

TSIRC Secretariat

Mr James William – *left meeting at
12.00nn for a previous commitment*

Mr Wayne Green

Ms Susanne Andres

Mr Dawson Sailor

Mr David Baldwin

Ms Hollie Faithfull

Ms Joanne Bryant – *AI 11.1 only*

Ms Amy Orr

Mr David Brown – *AI 2.6 only*

Mr Darryl Brooks

APOLOGIES:

Executive Assistant to the Mayor

Ms Trudy Lui – *on leave*

GUESTS:

Torres Shire Council – *Deputation #1 only*

Mayor Elsie Seriat

**A. WELCOME & QUORUM CONFIRMATION | ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS | OPENING PRAYER
| OBSERVANCES**

At 9.05am, the Mayor welcomed Committee Members, staff and members of the public to the meeting, noting that a quorum of members was present.

The Mayor made the following acknowledgements:

- Our Heavenly Father for his awesome wisdom, knowledge, understanding, favour and blessings throughout our lives, families, the region the Council and the services it provides to our communities; and
- The Traditional Custodians and Elders (past, present and emerging) throughout the length and breadth of Zenadth Kes and the communities and constituents that Council serves and the Traditional Custodians across the TSIRC footprint, including Gimuy Country for the TSIRC Cairns Office.

The Mayor also conveyed to those members of the Torres Strait Islander community – throughout the homelands and on the Australian mainland – and others who may be observing Sorry Business at this time, the collective thoughts and prayers of the Committee.

Cr Ranetta Wosomo (Deputy Mayor) delivered the opening prayer. This was followed by a minute of silence for reflection purposes.

B. NOTING OF APOLOGIES

No formal apologies were tabled. The Standing Committee noted advice received at 9.44am that **Cr Dimas Toby** was unable to attend the meeting due to family commitments.

Cr Keith Fell was unable to participate in the meeting due to localised internet connectivity issues.

C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

The Mayor invited attendees to table any prescribed or declarable COI matters. No COI declarations were made. The Mayor requested that Committee Members advise of any COI declarations should they arise throughout discussions.

The Mayor also invited attendees to advise of any legal matters that would prevent members from participation in today's meeting. No matters were declared.

D. LIVE STREAM

The Mayor advised that meetings of the Standing Committee are live streamed and a copy of this meeting will soon be available on Council's Youtube channel on the website. The Mayor welcomed members of the public to the meeting and thanked them for their time and interest in the deliberations of Council, including for those who may view proceedings at a later time.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (9 MAY 2025)

#SSC24-28/2025-07/1

CR ANIBA / CR STEPHEN

The Standing Committee confirmed the Minutes of its meeting held on 9 May 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.1. ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Chief Executive Officer (Mr James William) spoke to this item. The update was noted by the Standing Committee.

2. MAYORAL ITEMS

2.1. Advisory Committee Quarterly Reports – 4th Quarter

Advisory Committee Chairs spoke to their respective reports.

In the absence of the ECCA Advisory Committee Chair, the Executive Director Engineering Services (**Mr David Baldwin**) spoke to that report in his capacity as the Advisory Committee's Lead Executive.

In the absence of the G&L Advisory Committee Chair, the Deputy Mayor (**Cr Ranetta Wosomo**) spoke to that report in her capacity as a member of the Advisory Committee.

In the absence of the HFSHC Advisory Committee Chair, the Executive Director Community Services (**Mr Dawson Sailor**) spoke to that report in his capacity as the Advisory Committee's Lead Executive.

The reports were noted by the Standing Committee.

2.2. Review of May/November Workshops – *verbal discussion*

The Mayor advised that informal discussions have been taking place amongst SARG Standing Committee members and various Executives to restrict the duration of future May and November Council Workshops and to redirect subsequent cost-savings across Council's SARG Standing Committee and Advisory Committees to allow greater capacity for those Committees to engage with Community and to assist in the advocacy work of Council.

Following discussion amongst members, the Standing Committee requested that a paper be prepared for the July 2025 Ordinary Council meeting seeking endorsement by Council of the following:

- agreement that Council's annual May and November Council Workshops be held for 4 days only (Monday to Thursday), with the relevant monthly Council meetings to be held the next day following (Friday);
- that cost savings arising from the above changes be redirected to Council's SARG Standing Committee and Advisory Committees to allow greater capacity for those Committees to engage with Community and to assist in the advocacy work of Council;
- that the currently endorsed November 2025 Council Workshop scheduled for 3—13 November 2025 be changed to 10—13 November 2025 and to be held in Cairns;
- that the annual May Council Workshops be held on Division;
- that the SARG Standing Committee identify the priorities to be covered throughout the streamlined Council Workshops; and
- that the SARG Standing Committee carry responsibility for engagement with State and Australian Government Ministers on behalf of Council.

2.3. TSRA MOU and September 2025 Deputation – *verbal discussion*

The Mayor proposed that the Deputy Mayor and another nominated SARG Standing Committee member lead the TSIRC deputation to the TSRA Board Meeting and that the deputation cover the following matters:

- provide a greater insight to the TSRA on the operational aspects of TSIRC around cash—flow issues (i.e. timing of funding coming in to Council and last—minute requests for paperwork);
- SIP funding matters (including outstanding funding requests);
- Wastewater and water security issues;
- regional challenges currently before Council;
- landfill issues and associated costs for new landfill sites.

2.4. Torres Strait & Northern Peninsula Area Registered Organisation of Councils (TS&NPAROC) – *verbal discussion*

The Mayor advised that the three Councils met on 10 July 2025, with the TSIRC Deputy Mayor standing in as the Mayor's proxy. Discussions were held during this meeting with external advisors to move towards registering the TS&NPAROC and to recruit the Executive Officer to drive the work of the three Councils.

2.5. Anniversary of First Councillors' Meeting (23 August) – *verbal discussion*

The Mayor advised that Community Events budgets will be used by each Division to commemorate the anniversary. The Mayor requested that a Communique and associated media material be prepared for the Community to update on progress to date.

The Mayor also advised that Gur A Baradharaw Kod Torres Strait Sea and Land Council Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal Corporation (GBK) will be hosting an event to celebrate the 90th Anniversary (in 2026) of the First Councillors' Meeting and will be establishing a regional committee to develop this event. The Mayor proposed that the Chairs of the G&L Advisory Committee and the CALH Advisory Committee be the TSIRC representatives on the regional committee established by GBK.

2.6. Economic Development Strategy – Phase 1 – *verbal discussion lead by Cr Rocky Stephen and Mr John Palmer EMVER Consultant and Mr David Brown (TSIRC Economic Development Officer)*

The Mayor thanked the Chair of the Economic Growth (EG) Advisory Committee for his leadership with the work of the Advisory Committee, as well as the Executive Director supporting the Committee.

Mr John Palmer EMVER Consultant was unable to attend the meeting. The Economic Development Lead (Mr David Brown) provided the Standing Committee with a verbal update on the status of the Economic Development Strategy, including the finalisation of Stage 1 (community engagement) which was completed in June 2025. The Strategy is now in the analysis stage and it is expected that a final report will be completed by 31 August 2025.

A Project Steering Group meeting will be held on 21 July 2025 to review a draft Dashboard Report for each Division and an analysis of the surveys gathering during Stage 1. The Steering Committee comprises the Deputy Mayor, Crs Stephen, T. Mosby, Elisala and Manas and Ms Ella Kris. Outreach will also be undertaken with

the TSRA Economic Development Team seeking feedback on the final draft of the analysis report.

The next stage will then be the development of the long-term strategic action plan and a funding application has been submitted to the TSRA for this stage of the project.

3. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Nil.

4. BUILDING SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

5. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

6. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

6.1. Policy Update – Fraud & Corruption Prevention Policy
#SSC24-28/2025-07/6.1

CR WOSOMO / CR ANIBA

The Standing Committee:

- 1. Reviewed the updated Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy; and**
- 2. Refers the updated Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy to the Council's Audit and Risk Committee for review and to Council for adoption.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2. Corporate Plan 2020-25 Outcomes Report

The Executive Director Corporate Services (Ms Susanne Andres) spoke to this report, highlighting that 64 key deliverables were successfully achieved and 42 deliverables were not achieved, primarily due to funding limitations, staffing constraints and shifts in Council priorities.

These are very good outcomes overall for Council, particularly during this period (2020-25) Council operated under severe COVID-19 impacts, rising cost pressures, staff turnovers and two full Council elections.

The Mayor requested clarification on which of the 42 deliverables under the 2020—25 Corporate Plan have been carried over into the current Corporate Plan. The Mayor also requested that the information contained in the officer's report be customised for the Mayor and Councillors to communicate to their constituents.

The Mayor thanked Ms Andres and her Team for the information contained in the report.

The report was noted by the Standing Committee.

7. ENGINEERING SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

8. FINANCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

DEPUTATIONS

DEPUTATION #1: Torres Shire Council (TSC)

The Mayor of the Torres Shire Council (Mayor Elsie Seriat OAM) joined the meeting online at 10.40am to update the Standing Committee on the 2025 Winds of Zenadth Cultural Festival.

Mayor Seriat made the following points:

- TSC has already locked in the dates for 2027 and 2029;
- the 2025 Festival is now just around the corner (16-19 September 2025) and Mayor Seriat would like to encourage more collaboration between TSC, NPARC and TSIRC on future Festivals;
- TSC is seeking collaboration and support from TSIRC across Divisions for assistance to support and promote the event;

The Executive Director Community Services (Mr Dawson Sailor) advised that work is already well underway on-ground across the Divisions in preparation for the 2025 Festival.

DEPUTATION #2: Ms Hilda Mosby

Did not proceed in the absence of Ms Mosby.

9. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

#SSC24-28/2025-7/9

CR ANIBA / CR WOSOMO

The Standing Committee resolves to close the meeting to the public pursuant to section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to allow the Council to discuss items listed on the agenda for closed discussion and for the reasons outlined under those items.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

➤ *The Chief Executive Officer (Mr James William) spoke to this item.*

10.1. Community Development Program (CDP) Beneficial Entity (or Entities) – *verbal update*

[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: This matter contains information on 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".]

The update was noted by the Standing Committee.

11. COMMUNITY SERVICES/BUILDING SERVICES/DOGIT NATIVE TITLE ADVISOR

- *The Executive Director Building Services (Mr Wayne Green), the Executive Director Community Services (Mr Dawson Sailor) and the DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and Native Title Advisor (Ms Joanne Bryant) both spoke to this item.*

11.1. Update on Native Title Consent Process – QuickStarts – verbal update

[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: This matter contains information on 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".]

The update was noted by the Standing Committee.

12. ENGINEERING SERVICES

- *The Executive Director Engineering Services (Mr David Baldwin) spoke to this item.*

12.1. MIP 7 Update – verbal update

[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: This matter contains information on 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".]

The update was noted by the Standing Committee.

13. RESOLUTION TO RETURN THE MEETING TO OPEN DISCUSSION

#SSC24-28/2025-07/13

CR WOSOMO / CR ANIBA

The Standing Committee resolves to move out of closed discussions pursuant to Section 254I of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

The Mayor advised that no formal resolutions resulted from the Closed Session discussions.

15. MATTERS ARISING

Nil.

16. NEXT MEETING – 8 OCTOBER 2025 (Microsoft TEAMS)

Noted by the Standing Committee.

17. CLOSE OF MEETING & PRAYER

The Mayor thanked Standing Committee members and officers for their attendance and contributions, commitment and leadership for this meeting. The Mayor formally closed the meeting at 12.50pm and Cr Chelsea Aniba delivered the closing prayer.

MINUTES CONFIRMED – 8 October 2025

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Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council

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James William
Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council

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AGENDA ITEM 1.1



STRATEGIC ACTION REFERENCE GROUP (SARG) STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING ACTION ITEMS

[as at 17 September 2025]

Agenda Item	Action	Action Area	Current Status
<p>May 2025 Council Workshop</p> <p>MOU between TSRA and TSIRC</p>	<p>CEO to provide a report to SARG about potential for MoU between TSRA and TSIRC to provide for collaboration of Advisory Committees with aligned portfolio and projects.</p>	<p>CEO</p> <p>(with support from Corporate Services)</p>	<p>Will be discussed between TSIRC and TSRA CEOs at a meeting scheduled for 11 July 2025.</p>
<p>May 2025 Council Workshop</p> <p>TSIRC Advisory Committees & TSC and NPARC (Regional Reform)</p>	<p>CEO to provide update to SARG how Advisory Committees can work with counterparts from TSC and NPARC in driving regional reform.</p>	<p>CEO</p>	<p>To be progressed pending the appointment of the TSNPAROC Executive Officer and further understanding of what advisory committee structures exist within the TSC and NPARC.</p>
<p>May 2025 Mtg</p> <p>AI 1.1</p> <p>Action Items from Previous Meetings</p>	<p>Advocacy Strategy to State and Australian Governments</p> <p>Action Required: Chief Executive Officer to prepare an advocacy strategy to State and Federal Governments to address the priorities identified by Council as soon as possible following the May 2025 Council Workshop.</p> <p>➤ Update 11 July 2025: Mayor requested that the outcomes of the recent visit to Badu Island by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner to be highlighted to support the TSIRC advocacy approach.</p>	<p>CEO</p>	<p>Substantial work has been undertaken. In the process of finalizing the evaluation as well as engagement with the LGAQ. This will ensure that the data gathered is solid and acknowledged by external partners and which can be the foundation for an advocacy strategy that is live annually.</p> <p>The Advocacy Action Plan has been updated and can be found on Council's website: https://tsirc.qld.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/TSIRC-Advocacy-action-plan-25.pdf </p>

Agenda Item	Action	Action Area	Current Status
Mar 2025 Mtg AI 7.6 Advisory Committee Annual Plan & Annual Performance Review	Action Required: Advisory Committee Chairs and Executives to update their Committee Workplan prior to August 2025.	Advisory Committee Chairs & EDs	Due August 2025.
Aug 2024 Mtg AI 1.1 Action Items Update	Chief Executive Officer to review/update the Action Items from the former Strategic Advisory Reference Group (SARG).	CEO	
Aug 2024 Mtg Consideration of Matters Discussed in Closed Session	Mabuiag Sewerage Treatment Plant Action Required: Chief Executive Officer to urgently raise this matter during his meeting with the TSRA CEO (and possibly the TSRA Chairperson) on 6 March 2025.	CEO	Department of Local Government and the TSRA are both considering options and CEO will be urging both agencies to expedite the matter. ED Engineering Services provided an update to SARG during closed business on 11 July 2025.



SARG STANDING COMMITTEE **ACTION ITEMS** [FORMER COUNCIL TERM]

[Last Updated: 17 September 2025]

Agenda Item	Action	Action Area	Current Status
Jan 2024 Mtg AI 8 Corporate Services: Elphinstone Matters	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Executive Director Corporate Services to prepare a brief for the upcoming Economic Growth Committee Meeting which includes the original business case for Elphinstone.2. Executive Director Corporate Services to prepare a brief for the February 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting providing Council with an update on the Elphinstone asset.	CEO	ED Building Services advised that a report will be provided to the July 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting relating to this action. The CEO has taken charge of this AI
Jan 2024 Mtg AI 13 Corporate Services: Enterprise Divestment	Executive Director Corporate Services (in consultation with the Economic Growth Committee) to prepare a brief for the February 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting in relation to Council's Enterprise Divestment Policy.	ED Corporate Services	This matter cannot progress further without Council endorsement of an updated Trustee Policy (along with individual MOUs with PBCs) and then the subsequent endorsement of Council's Economic Development Strategy. Economic Growth Advisory Committee to discuss. Meeting scheduled for 11 September 2025 did not go ahead (no quorum).

<p>Jan 2024 Mtg</p> <p>AI 19</p> <p>Treaty Management Issues</p>	<p>Chief Executive Officer to prepare communication with DFAT's Treaty Liaison Office to formalise TSIRC concerns in relation to Treaty issues, specifically the current situation on Saibai Island and other matters.</p>	<p>CEO</p> <p><i>Cr Aniba will assist if required.</i></p>	<p>To be completed by 31 March 2025.</p> <p>In conjunction with AI 8 of 7/3/23 Meeting (below).</p>
<p>7 Mar 2023 Mtg</p> <p>AI 8</p> <p>General/Other Business</p>	<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>➤ <i>Cr Aniba advised at the May 2025 SARG meeting that strengthened dialogue/partnership development between the two Traditional Inhabitant Councils on both nations needs to happen urgently as an initial step, especially with those TSIRC Divisions who host a high number of visits.</i></p> <p>➤ <i>Reliable data needs to be captured across the region. ED Community Services advised that data has been captured manually (where available) since May 2025 and is being included as part of the monthly Information Reports to Council. The Mayor requested that data collected also identify breach data (host families/communities) and the Deputy Mayor requested that health check screening data be provided as part of the application process to limit the risk of transmissible diseases and infections</i></p> <p>➤ <i>The CEO will discuss with the ED Community Services the short-term engagement of an external consultant to prepare a focussed advocacy to relevant State and Federal Government Ministers and Agencies to address these concerns.</i></p> <p>(2) Write to the Torres Strait Regional Authority regarding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up to Major Infrastructure Program MIP 7 list that was provided approximately 18 months ago. 	<p>CEO / ED Corporate Services / ED Community Services</p>	<p>(1) <i>Refer to action above.</i></p> <p>(2) CEO will discuss further at a meeting with the TSRA CEO on 11 July 2025, including seeking TSIRC representation on MIP 7 and other major infrastructure needs across the TSIRC footprint.</p>



DIRECTORATE: Corporate Services

AUTHOR: Executive Director Corporate Services

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

A local government meeting is open to the public unless the local government or committee has resolved that the meeting is to be closed.

Section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* allows the Council or its Standing Committee to close its meeting to the public to discuss one or more of the following matters:

- (a) the appointment, discipline or dismissal of the chief executive officer;
- (b) industrial matters affecting employees;
- (c) the local government's budget;
- (d) rating concessions;
- (e) 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;
- (f) matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals;
- (g) 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;
- (h) negotiations relating to the taking of land by the local government under the *Acquisition of Land Act 1967*;
- (i) a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State;
- (j) an investigation report given to the local government under chapter 5A, part 3, division 5 of the Act.

Section 254J(6) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* stipulates that a local government or a committee of a local government must not make a resolution (other than a procedural resolution) in a local government meeting, or a part of a local government meeting, that is closed.

Interested Parties/Consultation:

N/A

Background / Previous Committee Consideration:

N/A

COMPLIANCE / CONSIDERATIONS:

Statutory:	Section 254J of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>
Budgetary:	N/A
Policy:	<i>TSIRC Standing Orders (Meeting Procedures) Policy – August 2024</i>
Legal:	N/A
Risk:	Council breach of its Statutory requirements above.
Links to Strategic Plans:	TSIRC Corporate Plan 2025-30 Focus Area 3– A Proactive & Responsible Council ➤ <i>3.1 Provide good governance & leadership</i>
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Standing Committee Consultation:	N/A
Timelines:	Standard Procedure at all Council and Standing Committee Meeting

Other Comments:

Nil.

Endorsed:

S. Andres

Susanne Andres
Executive Director Corporate Services

Approved:

Dawson Sailor
Acting Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil.



STRATEGIC ACTION REFERENCE GROUP (SARG) STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

8 OCTOBER 2025

Agenda Item

4

DIRECTORATE: Corporate Services

AUTHOR: Executive Director Corporate Services

RESOLUTION TO RETURN THE MEETING TO OPEN DISCUSSION

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

The Standing Committee resolves to move out of closed discussions pursuant to Section 254I of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

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Interested Parties/Consultation:

N/A

Background / Previous Committee Consideration:

N/A

COMPLIANCE / CONSIDERATIONS:

Statutory:	Section 254I of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>
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Standing Committee Consultation:	N/A
Timelines:	Standard Procedure at each Standing Committee Meeting

Other Comments:

Nil.

Endorsed:

S. Andres

Susanne Andres
Executive Director Corporate Services

Approved:



Dawson Sailor
Acting Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil.



STRATEGIC ACTION REFERENCE GROUP (SARG) STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

8 OCTOBER 2025

Agenda Item

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DIRECTORATE: Corporate Services

AUTHOR: Executive Director Corporate Services

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

For the Standing Committee to formally resolve on the matters discussed in its Closed Session.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Section 254J(6) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* stipulates that a local government or a committee of local government must not make a resolution (other than a procedural resolution) in a local government meeting, or a part of a local government meeting, that is closed.

The open meeting must resume to pass a resolution if any decisions are necessary following the closed-meeting discussion.

Interested Parties/Consultation:

N/A

Background / Previous Committee Consideration:

N/A

COMPLIANCE / CONSIDERATIONS:

Statutory:	Section 254J(6) of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>
Budgetary:	N/A
Policy:	<i>TSIRC Standing Orders (Meeting Procedures) Policy – August 2024</i>
Legal:	N/A
Risk:	Council breach of its Statutory requirements above.
Links to Strategic Plans:	TSIRC Corporate Plan 2025-30 Focus Area 3– A Proactive & Responsible Council ➤ <i>3.1 Provide good governance & leadership</i>
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Standing Committee Consultation:	N/A
Timelines:	Standard Procedure at each Standing Committee Meeting

Other Comments:

Nil.

Endorsed:

S. Andres

Susanne Andres
Executive Director Corporate Services

Approved:



Dawson Sailor
Acting Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil.



STRATEGIC ACTION REFERENCE GROUP (SARG) MEETING

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2.1

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

AUTHOR: Executive Director Corporate Services

ADVISORY COMMITTEES – 1ST QUARTER REPORTS (2025-26)

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

The Strategic Action Reference Group (SARG) Standing Committee:

- 1. notes the Advisory Committee 1st Quarter Reports for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025; and**
- 2. recommends that the reports be submitted for noting by Council.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As part of their Terms of Reference (TOR), Council's Advisory Committees are required to submit quarterly reports to Council through the Strategic Action Reference Group (SARG) Standing Committee.

The attached 1st Quarter Reports cover the period 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025.

INTERESTED PARTIES/CONSULTATION:

- Lead Executives – Advisory Committees

BACKGROUND:

At its meeting in July 2024, Council established the following Advisory Committees under section 264(1)(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

- Culture, Arts, Land & Heritage (CALH) Advisory Committee;
- Economic Growth Advisory Committee;
- Environment & Climate Change Adaptation (ECCA) Advisory Committee;
- Governance & Leadership (G&L) Advisory Committee; and
- Housing, Families and Safe & Healthy Communities (HFSHC) Advisory Committee.

On 28 May 2025, the Mayor wrote to all Advisory Committee Chairs requesting a streamlining of reporting processes from Advisory Committees to SARG and from SARG to Council.

The Mayor requested that the Executive Director Corporate Services coordinate the quarterly reporting into an Ailan approach ('Look, Listen & Adapt') for feedback to Council.

COMPLIANCE / CONSIDERATIONS:

Statutory:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>• <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>
Budgetary:	N/A
Policy:	Terms of Reference for each Advisory Committee.
Legal:	Non-compliance with legislative requirements.
Risk / Risk Mitigation:	Quarterly Meetings & Quarterly Reporting required as part of the Terms of Reference for each Advisory Committee.
Links to Strategic Plans:	Corporate Plan 2025-30 <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Strengthening Our Communities2. Maintaining and Renewing our Infrastructure3. A Proactive and Responsible Council4. Protecting our Natural Environment Operational Plan 2025-26
Malungu Yangu Wakay (The Masig Statement):	<i>To establish principles and parameters on behalf of the peoples of the Torres Strait to act together in unity, in order to pursue and achieve self-determination and regional autonomy and, in so doing, preserve our distinctive and diverse spiritual, material and economic relationship with the lands, territories, waters, coastal seas and other resources with which we have a connection under Ailan Kastom and Aboriginal tradition.</i>
Advisory Committee Consultation:	Reporting from Advisory Committees.
Timelines:	Council's Advisory Committees are required to report quarterly to Council (via SARG). The 2 nd Quarter Reporting for the 2025—26 financial year will be submitted to the January 2026 Council Meeting.

Other Comments:

The Environment & Climate Change Adaptation (ECCA) Advisory Committee will provide a verbal update for its 1st Quarterly Report.

Endorsed:

S. Andres

Susanne Andres
Executive Director Corporate Services

Approved:



Dawson Sailor
Acting Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Quarterly Report - Culture, Arts, Land & Heritage (CALH) Advisory Committee;
2. Quarterly Report - Economic Growth Advisory Committee;
3. Quarterly Report - Governance & Leadership (G&L) Advisory Committee; and
4. Quarterly Report - Housing, Families and Safe & Healthy Communities (HFSHC) Advisory Committee.

CULTURE, ARTS, LAND & HERITAGE (CALH) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1st QUARTER REPORT 25/26 (JULY-SEPTEMBER) TO SARG & COUNCIL

No. of Meetings Held This Quarter	One (1)
Topics Discussed	Action items register Cultural awareness inductions for staff and contractors Trustee Policy Radio licences, local broadcasting PBC MoUs Councillors uniforms
Highlights/Achievements for this Quarter	Adoption of Trustee Policy Ugar PBC MoU signing
External and/or Lateral Advisory Committee Engagements	Ugar PBC GBK
Challenges / Risks	Meeting had to be postponed a number of times due to no quorum being achieved Broadcasting licence conditions
Recommendations for SARG Endorsement to Council	Nil
Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date/Dates	14 October 2025
Priorities for Next Quarter	Cultural Awareness induction material Home ownership leases discussion at Council November workshop Radio licenses and local broadcasting options, including capture of local culture and preservation of language; outsourcing Continue engaging with PBCs re. working together (MoU) Councillor uniforms for community business and representing in cultural context
Any Other Comments	

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ECONOMIC GROWTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1st QUARTER REPORT 25/26 (JULY-SEPTEMBER) TO SARG & COUNCIL

No. of Meetings Held This Quarter	<i>Nil (0)</i> <i>Meeting scheduled for 11 September, cancelled due to no quorum available</i>
Topics Discussed	N/A
Highlights/Achievements for this Quarter	Community Engagement for Phase 1 of Economic Development Strategy project report completed
External and/or Lateral Advisory Committee Engagements	EGM (My Pathway) DWATSIPM Emver Partners Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA)
Challenges / Risks	<p>Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final report Economic Development Community Engagement Phase 1 endorsement --> will be presented to Council workshop in November - Dauan and Ugar Alternative Transport Options Study – still not endorsed by TSRA, milestone payment not received - Hammond Island Ferry Subsidy and Feasibility Study – Funding submission to ILSC, no updates from TSRA - Dauan and Ugar Helicopter subsidies – no update from TSRA - Enterprise Divestment Policy – tabled for Advisory Committee meeting, but unable to discuss - Community Project/Employment - Renewable Energy Project
Recommendations for SARG Endorsement to Council	Nil
Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date/Dates	Date to be confirmed
Priorities for Next Quarter	Economic Development Strategy Phase 1 Enterprise Divestment Policy
Any Other Comments	

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GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP (G&L) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1st QUARTER REPORT (JULY-SEPT) TO SARG & COUNCIL

No. of Meetings Held This Quarter	1 only. 18 August 2025 (draft minutes attached)
Topics Discussed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change name of TSIRC to Zendath Kes Regional Council • Expiring Subordinate Legislation • Continued work on use of Malungu Yangu Wakay replacing the term Masig Statement
Highlights/Achievements for this Quarter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 88th anniversary of the first councillor's meeting, the preparation of the booklet with TSC and NPARC
External and/or Lateral Advisory Committee Engagements	
Challenges / Risks	
Recommendations for SARG Endorsement to Council	
Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date/Dates	3 December 2025
Priorities for Next Quarter	
Any Other Comments	

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GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP (G&L) ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

18 August 2025

MINUTES

Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm

Venue: Committee Room (Level 3), 111 Grafton Street, Cairns

PRESENT:

Acting Chair
Member

Cr Ranetta Wosomo
Cr Nixon Mye

OFFICERS:

Acting Chief Executive Officer
Executive Assistant to the CEO/Committee Secretariat
Manager Governance and Risk

Mr Dawson Sailor
Ms Amy Orr
Ms Kim Kerwin

GUESTS:

LGSG
Democracy Matter

Mr Scott Mason *Agenda item 3*
Ms Sandy Killick *Agenda item 4*

APOLOGIES:

Chair

Cr Dimas Toby

A. WELCOME & QUORUM CONFIRMATION | ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS | OPENING PRAYER | OBSERVANCES

At 1:03pm, Cr Wosomo as acting Chairperson (Cr Dimas Toby) formally opened the meeting of the Governance and Leadership (G&L) Advisory Committee, noting that a quorum of members was present.

Cr Wosomo delivered the opening prayer.

B. NOTING OF APOLOGIES

Cr Dimas Toby was unwell and sent apologies

C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST (COI) DECLARATIONS

No COI declarations were made.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1.1. Confirmation of Minutes Governance & Leadership Standing Committee Meeting (30 April 2025)

Cr Myr/Cr Wosomo – Carried Unanimously

The Committee noted the previous minutes of the Governance & Leadership standing committee of 30 April 2025.

1.2. Action Items from Previous Meetings of the former Governance & Leadership Standing Committee

Actions updated in Action Items.

2. G&L Advisory Committee – Workplans/Action Plans

2.1. Workplan Update

No updates or changes this meeting

2.2. Advancing the Masig Statement TSIRC Action Plan (2024 - 2028) (Version 4.0)

Discussed in Action items. Work on this has been commenced by Corporate Services it needs to be developed. The Committee emphasised the need to use the Malungu Yangu Wakay name for the Statement replacing the Masig Statement. Cr Wosomo asked if it was possible to add reference to the Statement in TSIRC email signatures.

Action Required:

1. Approach Corporate Services regarding changes to staff email signatures.

3. TSIRC's arrangements for the 88th anniversary on 23 August 2025 of the First Councillors' Meeting

Sandy Killick and Scott Mason shared work on the upcoming 88th anniversary of the first councillors meeting. The commemoration will be held on Thursday Island on Saturday 23 August. A booklet is being created to summaries the history of the occasion in conjunction with TSC and NPARC. Cr Wosomo encouraged all present to read the history especially as it related to each division of TSIRC.

4. Change Name of TSIRC to Zenadth Kes Regional Council

Kim Kerwin spoke to briefing paper from council resolution in July 2020 regarding the name change. Kim spoke on the complexity of the issue highlighting the body of work that would need to occur including community consultations. The current resolutions from 2020 are a previous sitting council and may need to be considered again with a new scope.

Action Required:

1. Highlight the name change in next month's committee report to council seeking input if there should be a briefing sent to council for a resolution.

5. Submission on Expiring Subordinate Legislation

Kim Kerwin spoke to confidential report. This issue will be raised at the upcoming council meeting 20 August. Cr Wosomo thanked Ms Kerwin for the depth of work in the paper and A/CEO encouraged all committee members to speak to this in the upcoming council meeting.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

The Advisory Committee resolves to:

1. Note the content of an interim submission tabled with the Department of Local Government on 17 July 2025 on the expiry of subordinate legislation - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities (Justice, Land and Other Matters) Regulation 2008;

2. *Note the legal advice received from MacDonnells Law on the expiring subordinate legislation; and*
3. *Note that the information contained in this report will be submitted to the August 2025 Ordinary Council meeting for endorsement of Council's interim submission and to instruct the Chief Executive Officer to write to the Minister for Local Government enclosing a copy of Council's formal submission on the expiry of subordinate legislation - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities (Justice, Land and Other Matters) Regulation 2008*

Cr Myr/Cr Wosomo – *Carried Unanimously*

6. Matters Arising

Nil

7. **Next Meeting 3 December 10am-1pm** – Committee members have asked for the time to be amended to 1pm-3pm pending approval from the Chair

8. Close of Meeting & Prayer

Cr Wosomo thanked the committee for their time. She encouraged all committee members to support the mayor in issues of Governance and Leadership. Cr Wosomo then closed in prayer

MINUTES CONFIRMED –

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 Cr Ranetta Wosomo
 Acting Chairperson – G&L Advisory Committee
 Torres Strait Island Regional Council
 Date:

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 Dawson Sailor
 Acting Chief Executive Officer
 Torres Strait Island Regional Council
 Date:

HOUSING, FAMILIES AND SAFE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES (HFSHC) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1st QUARTER REPORT (July -September) TO SARG & COUNCIL

No. of Meetings Held This Quarter	1 x 1 st September 2025
Topics Discussed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision & Mission of Committee; Workplan • Environmental Health Update • Various Community matters (verbal) • Housing – Policy; R&M; Rental arrears
Highlights/Achievements for this Quarter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy with Dept of Housing for banked works • Support with signing of In-Principle support for S24JAA compensation process with some PBCs (x3)
External and/or Lateral Advisory Committee Engagements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advocacy with Dept of Housing regarding Responsive Maintenance Program
Challenges / Risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Progressing Capital Housing Program - Ongoing Housing tenancy management issues - Gaining support with majority of in-principle support for PBCs
Recommendations for SARG Endorsement to Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noting only
Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date/Dates	To be confirmed
Priorities for Next Quarter	As per Action Plan for HFSHC To be discussed with Committee
Any Other Comments	

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List of significant Conferences and Events

SARG Committee meeting 8 October 2025

- Which conferences/events should Councillors attend?
- Who should represent Council?

Date	Event	Location	Focus	Hyper Link
12 Mar 2025	Local Government Tech Leadership Summit (by ALGA)	Sydney	Local government technology and leadership	<u>Local Government Tech Leadership Summit – ALGA</u>
12 – 13 March 2025	CIVIC LEADERS SUMMIT LGAQ Conference	Brisbane		<u>https://www.lgaq.asn.au/Membership/Events/LGAQ-Events-Calendar-2025</u>
29-30 April 2025	INDIGENOUS LEADERS FORUM (ILF) LGAQ Conference	Cherbourg & Sunshine Coast		<u>https://www.lgaq.asn.au/Membership/Events/LGAQ-Events-Calendar-2025</u>
27-29 May 2025	DISASTER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE	Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre		<u>https://www.lgaq.asn.au/Membership/Events/LGAQ-Events-Calendar-2025</u>
17–20 Jun 2025	Indigenous Leadership Summit	Melbourne	Indigenous governance and leadership	<u>Indigenous Leadership Summit Melbourne 2025 17 - 20 June Hyatt Park VIC 3002</u>

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June 2025	Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Summit	Darwin	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues	AIATSIS Summit 2025 AIATSIS corporate website
24–27 Jun 2025	National General Assembly – ALGA	Canberra	Largest local government gathering in Australia	National General Assembly – ALGA
10 July 2025	Indigenous Governance Forum (virtual)	Virtual	Explore Indigenous governance, and the structures, systems, and processes by which different First Nations peoples have framed leadership, culture, social and economic practice, and decision-making.	Indigenous Governance Forum - Governance Institute of Australia
23–25 Jul 2025	Climate Adaptation Conference	Perth	Climate resilience and policy (Cr Tamu attended)	Local Climate Response - The Hague Academy
2 September 2025	Banaam – Applied Cultural Intelligence. Leadership Development: Indigenous-Led, Heart-Centered Approaches	Brisbane	Learn how organisations can develop leaders through an Indigenous approach, prioritising relationships, cultural continuity, and community wellbeing.	Case Studies - Banaam Alliance
3–4 Sep 2025	First Nations Women Leadership & Legacy Summit	Sydney	Female Indigenous leadership (not attended by councillors due to cost)	Home First Nations Women
9 Sep 2025	Gather and Grow	Sydney	These events support the growth of the First Nations business sector by bringing stakeholders together to make connections and share information.	Gather and Grow events supporting Aboriginal businesses in 2025 info.buy.nsw

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9–11 Sep 2025	LGMA Annual Local Government Conference	Brisbane	Professional development and networking for local government leaders	Local Government Managers Australia - Local Government Conference 2025
20 October 2025	INDIGENOUS LEADERS FORUM (ILF) LGAQ Conference	Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre		https://www.lgaq.asn.au/Membership/Events/LGAQ-Events-Calendar-2025
14–16 Oct 2025	National Housing Conference	Perth	Housing affordability, homelessness, and policy reform	National Housing Conference 2025 AHURI
20–21 Oct 2025	Indigenous Wellbeing Conference	Brisbane	Indigenous health and wellbeing	2025 Indigenous Wellbeing Conference
20–22 Oct 2025	LGAQ 129th Annual Conference	Gold Coast	QLD local government policy and advocacy	129th LGAQ Annual Conference - LGAQ - CONNECT . INNOVATE . ACHIEVE
20–22 Oct 2025	Indigenous Leaders Forum LGAQ	Gold Coast Convention Centre	Indigenous leadership	https://www.lgaq.asn.au/Membership/Events/LGAQ-Events-Calendar-2025
7–10 Oct 2025	Australian Land Conservation Alliance Conference	Cairns (Gimuy)	Land conservation and environment. The need to protect, manage, and restore nature is at an all-time high. Addressing the interconnected crises of nature loss and climate change requires bold, scalable action—starting at the local level.	2025 ALCA Conference: 7-10 October Cairns

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Date	Event	Location	Focus	Hyper Link
29 & 30 October 2025	First Nations unlimited Leadership Summit	Gadigal Land , Sydney	Online Livestream (option) listen, learn and lead alongside First Nations voices shaping change, strengthening culture, and giving power to our people .	First Nations Unlimited Leadership Summit Strengthening Leadership, Building Legacy
4–7 Nov 2025	IFC – Indigenous Futures Unbound	Sunshine Coast	Indigenous innovation, sovereignty, and community development	IFC International Conference 2025 - ARC Centre of Excellence for Indigenous Futures
5-6 November	LGx LGAQ	Brisbane	LGx is where Queensland’s local government communicators come together to share ideas, sharpen their skills and spark new ways of thinking.	LGx - LGAQ - CONNECT . INNOVATE . ACHIEVE
11–12 Nov 2025	ALGA Roads Congress	Bendigo, Victoria	Roads, transport, and infrastructure	Roads and Infrastructure Congress – ALGA
12 – 13 Nov 2025	First Nations unlimited Leadership Summit	Garramilla, Darwin City	Online Livestream (option) listen, learn and lead alongside First Nations voices shaping change, strengthening culture, and giving power to our people .	First Nations Unlimited Leadership Summit Strengthening Leadership, Building Legacy
13–14 Nov 2025	Living Sectors Summit (Social & Affordable Housing)	Sydney	Housing sectors including social, aged care, build-to-rent	Living Sectors Summit 13-14 November 2025
18–21 Nov 2025	Indigenous Leadership Summit	Sydney	Governance, cultural empowerment, and policy influence	https://www.theleadershipinstitute.com.au/indigenous-leadership-summit/

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5–6 Nov 2025	LGx Media & Communications Event	Brisbane	Media and comms in local government	LGx - LGAQ - CONNECT . INNOVATE . ACHIEVE
14 Oct – 20 Nov 2025	Professional Learning Program Working with First Nations: Delivering on the Priority Reforms	Via Zoom	6 x 2.5 Sessions over 6 weeks Working with First Nations: Delivering on the Priority Reforms.	Working with First Nations: Delivering on the Priority Reforms ANZSOG

Dates (TBC) 2026	Event	Location	Focus	
10-13 February 2026	AIATSIS Summit (Australasian Housing Research Conference)	Brisbane	Indigenous research and housing policy	AHRC26 — Australasian Housing Researchers Conference
Apr 2026 (TBC)	Indigenous Leaders Forum	Cairns	Indigenous leadership and governance	https://www.lgaq.asn.au/Membership/Events/LGAQ-Events-2026-2028
Apr 2026 (TBC)	Bush Councils Forum	Cairns	Rural and remote local government	https://www.lgaq.asn.au/Membership/Events/LGAQ-Events-2026-2028
May 21–22, 2026	First Nations Leadership Summit	Perth	First Nations leadership development	

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Jun 16– 18, 2026	Workplace Health and Safety Conference	Brisbane	WHS in the government and community sectors	https://www.lgaq.asn.au/Membership/Events/LGAQ-Events-2026-2028
Aug 2026 (TBC)	Coastal Leaders Forum	TBC	Coastal policy and planning	https://www.lgaq.asn.au/Membership/Events/LGAQ-Events-2026-2028
Aug 2026 (TBC)	LGx Media and Communications Event	TBC	Communications in local government	https://www.lgaq.asn.au/Membership/Events/LGAQ-Events-2026-2028
Oct 19, 2026	Indigenous Leaders Forum	Cairns	Ongoing Indigenous leadership platform	https://www.lgaq.asn.au/Membership/Events/LGAQ-Events-2026-2028
Oct 19– 21, 2026	130th Annual Conference	Cairns	Annual local government conference (follows the 129th in Gold Coast 2025)	https://www.lgaq.asn.au/Membership/Events/LGAQ-Events-2026-2028
TBC 2026	First Nations Public Administration Conference (ANZSOG)	Brisbane (Meanjin)	Public administration best practices for First Nations services	Working with First Nations: Delivering on the Priority Reforms ANZSOG

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Dates (TBC) 2026	Event	Location	Focus	
TBC 2026	Australian Coastal Councils Association Conference	TBC	Coastal community issues	https://www.coastalcouncils.org.au/
TBC 2026	CATSINaM Regional Congress (may occur 2026)	Kaurareg Country (TI)	Indigenous nursing, midwifery, and health leadership	https://catsinam.org.au/events/default.aspx



STRATEGIC ACTION REFERENCE GROUP (SARG) STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

8 OCTOBER 2025

Agenda Item

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DIRECTORATE: Corporate Services

AUTHOR: Executive Director Corporate Services

ITEMS ARISING

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

For the Standing Committee to formally resolve to consider items arising after the agenda or the meeting is made public.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Section 254D(4) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* allows for a local government or a committee of local government to discuss or deal with (at any meeting) items arising after the agenda for the meeting is made available to Councillors.

Standard practice is that business not on the published agenda, or not fairly arising from the agenda, should not be considered at any local government meeting unless permission for that purpose is given by the local government at the meeting (*Source: TSIRC Standing Orders (Meeting Procedures) Policy – August 2024*).

The Standing Committee will need to make a formal resolution to consider/discuss any items nominated for this agenda item.

Interested Parties/Consultation:

N/A

Background / Previous Committee Consideration:

N/A

COMPLIANCE / CONSIDERATIONS:

Statutory:	Section 254D(4) of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>
Budgetary:	N/A
Policy:	<i>TSIRC Standing Orders (Meeting Procedures) Policy – August 2024</i>
Legal:	N/A
Risk:	Council breach of its Statutory requirements above.
Links to Strategic Plans:	TSIRC Corporate Plan 2025-30 Focus Area 3– A Proactive & Responsible Council ➤ <i>3.1 Provide good governance & leadership</i>
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Standing Committee Consultation:	N/A
Timelines:	Standard Procedure at each Standing Committee Meeting

Other Comments:

Nil.

Endorsed:

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Approved:

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ATTACHMENTS:

Nil.