
PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Rob Turner (Chair)
Kelly King (Hastings Business Women's Network)
Paul Dawson (Greater Port Macquarie Tourism Association)
Anthony Thorne (Hastings Construction Industry Association Inc.)
Susan East (Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce)
Greg Freeman (Individual)
Peter Halliwell (Independent)

Other Attendees:

Jeffery Sharp (Director Strategy & Growth)
Liesa Davies (Group Manager Economic Development)
Alex Gray (Project Officer, Economic Development)

The meeting opened at 8:30am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies received from Councillor Geoff Hawkins (Deputy Chair), Councillor Mike Cusato (Chair of External Grants and Revenues Portfolio), Professor Heather Cavanagh (Higher Education), Haydn Oriti (Port Macquarie Chamber of Commerce) and Craig Swift-McNair (General Manager) be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Economic Development Steering Group Meeting held on 9 May 2018 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Business Arising Schedule be noted with the following updates:

Item 06 – Port Macquarie Health And Education Precinct Planning

Item to be tabled at the August 2018 meeting.

Item 07 – Strategy Implementation Reporting Format

2. Item was discussed under item 06, Annual Strategy Review

Item 08 – Smart Regional City Planning

2. Item was discussed under Item 08 Smart Regional City Planning.

06 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY - ANNUAL REVIEW

The Group Manager Economic Development and Communications talked to the 2017-2021 Economic Development Strategy and the requirement to review the Strategy actions list annually to ensure relevance to the current environment and desired outcomes.

CONSENSUS:

That the Group agreed the actions list remains current and noted the updates in accordance with status document distributed.

07 LOCAL SKILLS AUDIT

The Project Officer, Economic Development presented to the Group on the recently completed Port Macquarie-Hastings Local Skills Audit project.

CONSENSUS:

The Group noted the issues, trends and opportunities identified as a result of the recent Port Macquarie-Hastings Local Skills Audit and proposed next steps.

08 SMART REGIONAL CITY PLANNING

The Group Manager Economic Development presented a range of benchmarking data focused on jobs and skills indicators compared to 'like' local government areas and the cities included in the federal government's National Cities Performance Framework.

CONSENSUS:

That the Group note the further local analysis and comparisons regarding jobs and skills, and agreed this is important information to consider from a future planning perspective, as they step through the other Smart Cities Policy Priorities at upcoming meetings.

09 NEXT MEETING

CONSENSUS:

That the Group note the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 July 2018 in the Function Room, PMHC Headquarters at 8.30am.

10 GENERAL BUSINESS

10.01 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The Group noted the request by Mr Oriti to receive an update on the Plaza Carpark and Aquatics facility planning at the next meeting.

10.02 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND A GLOBAL SYDNEY

The Group Manager alerted the Group to the fact the NSW Standing Committee on State Development had now handed down its report on the above inquiry, noting the EDSG had made a submission to the Inquiry in June 2017. The report can be viewed on the NSW Parliament [website](#).

The meeting closed at 10:07am.