

PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Rob Turner (Chair)
Councillor Geoff Hawkins (Deputy Chair)
Kelly King (Hastings Business Women's Network)
Paul Dawson (Greater Port Macquarie Tourism Association)
Anthony Thorne (Hastings Construction Industry Association Inc.)
Professor Heather Cavanagh (Higher Education)
Haydn Oriti (Port Macquarie Chamber of Commerce)
Greg Freeman (Individual)
Peter Halliwell (Independent)

Other Attendees:

Jeffery Sharp (Director Strategy & Growth)
Liesa Davies (Group Manager Economic Development)
Ross Smith (Senior Economic Development Officer)

The meeting opened at 8:34am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That apologies received from Craig Swift-McNair, Susan East, and Councillor Mike Cusato be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Economic Development Steering Group Meeting held on 12 September 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.

06 BIANNUAL STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

CONSENSUS:

1. That the Group note the update on implementation of the 2017-2021 Port Macquarie-Hastings Council Economic Development Strategy and provide feedback.
2. That the November Council report on this matter be shared with the Group.

07 BUSINESS CONFIDENCE SURVEY - DETAILED ANALYSIS

The Group noted positively, the survey process, outcome and the benchmarking of the 16/17 and 17/18 results.

CONSENSUS:

1. That the Group note the further insights into the 2018 Port Macquarie Hastings Business Confidence Survey.
2. That staff share the 2018 Business Confidence Survey results with NBNCO.
3. NBNCO be invited to present/respond at November meeting.
4. That staff review the 2019 Business Confidence Survey to determine if response options are appropriate (for example, should operating costs and profitability be grouped) and consider an open question such as “what is important to you?”

08 SMART REGIONAL CITY PLANNING - LIVEABILITY

The discussion centred on factors influencing the results such as student and retiree numbers.

CONSENSUS:

1. That the Group note the local analysis and comparisons regarding Liveability, and consider this, as the third of the Australian Government Smart Cities Policy priorities, from a local future planning perspective.
2. That further breakdowns of data be presented for discussion at the November meeting.

09 SMART REGIONAL CITY PLANNING - INNOVATION

CONSENSUS:

That the Group defer the item to the next meeting due to time constraints.

10 NEXT MEETING

CONSENSUS:

That the Group note the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 14 November 2018 in the Function Room, PMHC Headquarters at 8:30am.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

The meeting closed at 10:00am.