

PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Rob Turner (Chair)
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)
Rebecca Olsen (Director Corporate Performance)
Jason Doyle (Group Manager Assets and Property Investment)
Sue East (Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce)

The meeting opened at 8:35am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That apologies received from Councillor Geoff Hawkins, Councillor Mike Cusato, Kelly King, John Saunders and Craig Swift-McNair be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Economic Development Steering Group Meeting held on 14 February 2018 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Tony Thorne declared a Non-Pecuniary – Less Than Significant Interest in Item 07. The reason being involvement in his professional capacity (representing King and Campbell) in the preparation of information to support planning proposal for the Airport Business Precinct.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

06 Update on Urban Growth Management Strategy Review

Jason Doyle, Group Manager Assets and Property Investment presented an update on the Airport Business Park.

09.01 Council Reports

Rebecca Olsen, Director Corporate Performance, provided and update on the Financial Sustainability and Reserves Review reports.

06 RECENT FINANCIAL REVIEWS

Director Corporate Performance provided background to and an overview of the key findings from the independent reviews of Council's Reserves and financial sustainability which were conducted by University of Technology Sydney, Centre for Local Government. The review findings were presented to the 21 February 2018 Ordinary Council meeting and full reports are available on Council's website at [Port Macquarie - Hastings Council Financial Reports](#)

CONSENSUS:

That the Group note the presentation on the findings of the recent independent Financial Sustainability and Financial Reserves reviews commissioned by Council.

07 AIRPORT BUSINESS PRECINCT

Group Manager Assets and Property Investment provided an overview of work in progress on the proposed Airport Business Precinct, as an opportunity to promote employment opportunities, facilitate economic development and support long term airport sustainability. The recent planning focus has been on addressing environmental constraints, obtaining rezoning to optimise land use, and strategic advice to confirm the vision and planning proposal.

CONSENSUS:

That the Group note the presentation on the Airport Business Precinct.

08 NEXT MEETING

CONSENSUS:

That the Group note the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 April 2018 at 8.30am at Council Headquarters.

09 GENERAL BUSINESS

09.01 NEW MEMBER

Director Strategy & Growth noted a report will be presented to 21 March 2018 Ordinary Council meeting recommending Mrs Susan East be appointed to the Economic Development Steering Group, replacing Mr John Saunders. The proposed appointment has resulted from Mrs East's appointment as Camden Haven Chamber Commerce President.

The meeting closed at 9:50am.
