

PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Rob Turner (Chair)
Councillor Geoff Hawkins (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Mike Cusato (Chair, External Grants and Revenues Portfolio)
Kelly King (Hastings Business Women's Network)
Anthony Thorne (Hastings Construction Industry Association Inc.)
John Saunders (Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce)
Haydn Oriti (Port Macquarie Chamber of Commerce)
Greg Freeman (Individual)
Peter Halliwell (Independent)

Other Attendees:

Rebecca Olsen (Acting General Manager)
Jeffery Sharp (Director Strategy & Growth)
Liesa Davies (Group Manager Economic Development and Communications)
Peter Cameron (Group Manager Strategic Land Use Planning)

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, Paul Dawson, and Professor Heather Cavanagh be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Economic Development Steering Group Meeting held on 7 June 2017 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

09 Advocacy on Economic Development Matters

Director Strategy and Growth provided further information on potential approaches at the 5 July 2017 meeting.

11.01 Inquiry into Support for start-ups in Regional NSW

Economic Development Steering Group discussed making submissions to the Inquiry at the 5 July 2017 meeting.

06 UPDATE ON THE URBAN GROWTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGY REVIEW

CONSENSUS:

1. The Group noted the update on the drafting of Urban Growth Management Strategy by the Group Manager Strategic Land Use Planning and next steps for further consultation and public exhibition of the draft planned later in the year.
2. The Group requested a presentation to a future meeting from Council Officers on the progress of the Airport Business Park.

07 ADVOCACY ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

CONSENSUS:

The Group agreed the need to focus on an issues-based approach to future advocacy on economic development matters locally. Further information on Local Members' economic development priorities is to be sought and considered by the Group at an upcoming meeting.

08 BUSINESS CONFIDENCE SURVEY

The Group provided feedback on the draft 2017 Business Confidence Survey questionnaire.

09 INQUIRY INTO SUPPORT FOR START-UPS IN REGIONAL NSW

CONSENSUS:

The Group contributed ideas to the draft submission on the 'Inquiry into support for start-ups in regional NSW'. Any further comment is to be provided to the Group Manager Economic Development & Communications by 12 July 2017 to enable lodgement of the submission by 21 July 2017.

10 INQUIRY INTO THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CITIES

The Group discussed matters to consider in drafting a Council submission to the 'Inquiry into the Australian Government's role in the development of cities'.

11 NEXT MEETING

CONSENSUS:

The Group agreed future Economic Development Steering Group meetings be held on the last Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 July 2017.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

12.01 ALLIANCE AIRLINES INAUGURAL FLIGHT

The Acting General Manager provided an overview of Alliance Airlines, noting they will soon be servicing the Port Macquarie to Brisbane route. The Group Manager Economic Development and Communications noted invitations will be issued to the Group to attend an event on the day of the inaugural flight.

The meeting closed at 10:00am.