

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.)
Susan East (Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce)
Haydn Oriti (Port Macquarie Chamber of Commerce)
Peter Halliwell (Independent)

Other Attendees:

Rebecca Olsen (Acting General Manager)
Jeffery Sharp (Director Strategy & Growth)
Liesa Davies (Group Manager Economic Development)
Michelle Moore (Strategic Projects Manager)

The meeting opened at 8:35am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That apologies received from Councillor Mike Cusato, Greg Freeman, Heather Cavanaugh and Craig Swift-McNair be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Economic Development Steering Group Meeting held on 11 April 2018 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

06 Biannual Strategy Implementation Update

An update was provided at the May 2018 meeting.

07 Smart Regional City Planning

The first policy priority was discussed at the May 2018 meeting.

06 PORT MACQUARIE HEALTH AND EDUCATION PRECINCT PLANNING

Council's Strategic Projects Manager briefed the Group and answered questions on the Health and Education Precinct Masterplan Project including objectives, the focus of the recent enquiry by design workshops and next steps.

CONSENSUS:

1. That the Group note the enquiry by design master planning process currently underway for the Port Macquarie Health and Education Precinct.
2. That the draft Masterplan be presented to the August 2018 meeting.

07 STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION REPORTING FORMAT

CONSENSUS:

1. Agreed future six monthly reports will follow the format presented in the May 2018 Council report but also include an Executive Summary of key achievements by strategy outcome.
2. Prior to the 13 June 2018 Economic Development Steering Group meeting, members will review the strategy actions in preparation for the annual strategy review.

08 SMART REGIONAL CITY PLANNING

CONSENSUS:

1. It was agreed discussions on the Australian Government Smart City Policy Priorities will focus on documenting, and where possible benchmarking, the local status and current planned actions for each priority.
2. Staff are to undertake further work in this regard relating to jobs and skills to support a discussion with the local Skills Audit project at a future meeting.

09 TOWN GREEN/TOWN SQUARE WIFI TRIAL OUTCOMES AND POTENTIAL OPTIONS MOVING FOWARD

CONSENSUS:

That the Group note the results of the Town Green/Town Square free WiFi trial and current planning to continue the existing free WiFi service, and investigate hardware upgrades to improve coverage within the broader precinct.

10 NEXT MEETING

CONSENSUS:

That the Group note the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 June 2018 at 8.30am at Council Headquarters.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

The meeting closed at 9:50am.