

**PRESENT**

**Members:**

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.)  
Haydn Oriti (Port Macquarie Chamber of Commerce)  
Greg Freeman (Individual)

**Other Attendees:**

Peta Pinson (Mayor)  
Craig Swift-McNair (General Manager)  
Holly McBride (Acting Director Strategy & Growth)  
Liesa Davies (Group Manager Economic Development)  
David Archer (Senior Economic Development Officer)

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The meeting opened at 8:35am.

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**01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

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**02 APOLOGIES**

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**CONSENSUS:**

That the apologies received from Councillor Rob Turner, Susan East, and Peter Halliwell be accepted.

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### **03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Economic Development Steering Group Meeting held on 13 March 2019 be confirmed.

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### **04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

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### **05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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CONSENSUS:

That the business arising schedule be noted, with the item referenced to be considered today.

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### **06 SMART REGIONAL CITY PLANNING**

The Group Manager Economic Development and Communications and Senior Economic Development Officer presented a summary of observations and Steering Group discussions to date on the six policy priorities identified in the National Cities Performance Framework.

CONSENSUS:

That the Group:

1. Note the summary observations from Smart City analysis and discussions to date.
2. Agree a the local innovation and digital environment be discussed at a future meeting.
3. Recommend Council give consideration to developing a Smart City Strategy.

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## **07 BIENNIAL STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE**

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The Group Manager Economic Development and Communications provided an update on implementation of the 2017-2021 Economic Development Strategy over the last 6 months and an overview of some upcoming priorities.

The General Manager spoke to Council priorities and action with regard to the first Strategy Outcome “Embracing business and a stronger economy”, noting in particular the continued focus on being “solutions focused” and work underway to put the customer experience at the centre of what we do.

### **CONSENSUS:**

That the Group:

1. Note the update on actions undertaken, progressing and planned in implementing Council's 2017-2021 Economic Development Strategy.
2. Encourage staff and Economic and Cultural Development Portfolio Councillors discuss the potential for an update to the Strategy at a future meeting.

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## **08 NEXT MEETING**

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The Group Manager Economic Development and Communications noted a proposed change in date for the next meeting, given the proposed date clashes with Council's Employee Engagement Day.

### **CONSENSUS:**

That the Group note the next meeting will be on Thursday 9 May 2019 in the Function Room, PMHC Headquarters at 8:30am.

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**09 GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**09.01 SMART CITIES**

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Greg Freeman expressed appreciation to staff for their work on Smart Cities over the past 12 months.

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The meeting closed at 9:55am.