
PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Rob Turner (Chair)
Councillor Geoff Hawkins (Deputy Chair)
Paul Dawson (Community Representative)
Anthony Thorne (Community Representative)
Kate Wood-Foye (Community Representative)
Stuart Bate (Community Representative)
Ross Cargill (Community Representative)
Peter Halliwell (Community Representative)
Jane Evans (Community Representative)
Michelle Love (Community Representative)
Kellon Beard (Community Representative)

Other Attendees:

Chief Executive Officer (Dr Clare Allen)
Director Strategy and Growth (Jeffery Sharp)
Group Manager Economic and Cultural Development (Liesa Davies)
Senior Economic Development Officer (David Archer)
Economic Development Officer (Marissa Clift)
Chris Kelly (Remplan Consultant) - Item 07 only
Nick Byrne (Remplan Consultant) - Item 07 only

The meeting opened at 8:35am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies received from Kelly King and Hadyn Oriti be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Economic Development Steering Group Meeting held on 9 December 2020 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, with matter to be addressed under Item 06.

NEW CEO INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair introduced Dr Clare Allen, who commenced as Council's Chief Executive Officer on 1 February.

Dr Allen provided a brief self-introduction, as did other members of the Group.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

CONSENSUS:

That Standing Orders be suspended to allow items 08, 07 and 06 to be considered in this order, due to time constraints.

08 INNOVATION HUB UPDATE

Council's Senior Economic Development Officer and CSU Director External Engagement briefed the Group on plans for the opening of the new Innovation Hub at CSU. The Innovation Hub will be a Council-CSU collaboration and offers a wide range of opportunities for local business, entrepreneurs, innovators and academics to collaborate. It was also noted that Council's Economic Development team has continued to support the Sovereign Hills co-working space and hopes other similar spaces may develop across our region.

CONSENSUS:

That the Economic Development Steering Group note the update on the Charles Sturt University Innovation Hub Project and agree the next meeting be held in this space.

07 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

Nick Byrne, REMPLAN Principal Consultant, presented to the Group on the insights from research and engagement in developing the Economic Development Strategy Discussion Paper. Members of the Group commented and asked questions.

CONSENSUS:

That the Economic Development Steering Group:

1. Note the presentation by REMPLAN on the insights from the Economic Development Strategy Discussion Paper.
 2. Note the full draft Paper will be distributed with the minutes for further consideration and discussion.
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06 BUSHFIRE AND COVID-19 IMPACTS AND RECOVERY QUARTERLY UPDATE

CONSENSUS:

That given time constraints at this meeting, this agenda item be considered via email, with the summary presentation and reports on these matters for the 17 February 2021 Council meeting to be emailed to the Group for consideration and any questions directed to the Group Manager Economic and Cultural Development.

Item 07 Economic Development Strategy Development, has been addressed previously within the meeting.

Item 08 Innovation Hub Update, has been addressed previously within the meeting.

07 GENERAL BUSINESS

**07.01 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT - BUSINESS
ENGAGEMENT SESSION**

The Group Manager Economic and Cultural Development noted plans for a further local business engagement session for Council's Community Strategic Plan development, noting there had not been significant business representation in the 2020 engagement. [Note a revised date has been set for this meeting - 5.30pm Tuesday 2 March 2021 at the Glasshouse, with registration via Council's Have your Say website].

The meeting closed at 10:05am.