

Hunter Councils Incorporated meeting as the Hunter Joint Organisation of Councils

Minutes of the 14 December 2017 Meeting
Lord Mayor's Reception Room, Newcastle City Hall

1. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Directors

Cr Bob Pynsent, Cessnock City Council
Cr Tracy Norman, Dungog Shire Council
Cr Kay Fraser, Lake Macquarie City Council
Cr Loretta Baker, Maitland City Council
Cr David West, MidCoast Council
Cr Nuatali Nelmes, City of Newcastle
Cr Sue Moore, Singleton Shire Council
Cr Ryan Palmer, Port Stephens Council
Cr Wayne Bedgood, Upper Hunter Shire Council

General Managers

Stephen Glen General Manager, Cessnock City Council
Shaun Chandler, Acting General Manager, Dungog Shire Council
Morven Cameron, CEO, Lake Macquarie City Council
David Evans, General Manager, Maitland City Council
Glenn Handford, General Manager, Mid Coast Council
Jeremy Bath, iCEO, City of Newcastle
Wayne Wallis, General Manager, Port Stephens Council
Jason Linnane, General Manager, Singleton Council
Waid Crockett, General Manager, Upper Hunter Shire Council

Apologies

Cr Martin Rush, Muswellbrook Shire Council
Steve McDonald, General Manager, Muswellbrook Shire Council

Staff in attendance

Roger Stephan, CEO, Hunter Councils

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Cr Martin Rush
Seconded: Cr Nancy Knudsen

Carried.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Tourism Hunter Board presentation: Hunter Major Events Strategy

Angus Johnston, pitt&sherry: Issues in relation to dry recyclables

Strategic Plan Workshop

3.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PRESENTATIONS

1. Hunter Major Events Strategy:

That consideration of the matter be deferred until the February 2018 Meeting.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Non-Commercial Units Business Reports

4.1.1. Environment Division

4.1.2 Screen Hunter

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT The update reports be received and noted

Moved: Cr Wayne Bedggood
Seconded: Cr Ryan Palmer

Carried.

4.2 Commercial Units Business Reports

4.2.1. Local Government Legal

4.2.2 LGTI

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT The update reports be received and noted

Moved: Cr Sue Moore

Seconded: Cr Kay Fraser

Carried.

5.1 Budget 2017/2018 Review

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the revised budgets for 2017/2018 be adopted.

Moved: Cr Wayne Bedggood
Seconded: Cr Sue Moore

Carried.

5.2 Joint Organisations establishment and membership process

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

1. The timelines and processes for application to join / create a Joint Organisation be noted
 2. The CEO prepare and distribute a generic report for potential use by member Councils in a February 2018 report on the formal formation and application for membership of a Hunter Joint Organisation of Councils.
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Moved: Cr Ryan Palmer
Seconded: Cr Sue Moore

Carried.

5.3 Issues in relation to dry recycling

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

1. The issues in the pitt&sherry presentation on current trends in relation to dry recycling be noted
 2. The Board consider an update report including feedback from the State Government and determine its position on the matter at the February 2018 Meeting
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5.4 Meeting Schedule

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the meeting schedule for 2018 be adopted.

Moved: Cr Loretta Baker
Seconded: Cr Kay Fraser

Carried.

6 STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP: ELTON CONSULTING

The workshop was conducted with interviews with Mayors and General Managers to be conducted and a paper distributed prior to the February 2018 Meeting.

Meeting closed.