

Hunter Councils Incorporated meeting as the Hunter Joint Organisation of Councils

Minutes of the 12 April 2018 Meeting
McKell Room, Parliament House, Sydney

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 Martin Rush, Muswellbrook Shire Council
Cr Nuatali Nelmes, City of Newcastle
Cr Ryan Palmer, Port Stephens Council
Cr Sue Moore, Singleton Shire Council
Cr Wayne Bedggood, 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
Steve Embry, Acting General Manager, MidCoast Council
Fiona Plesman, Acting General Manager, Muswellbrook Shire Council
Jeremy Bath, CEO, City of Newcastle
Jason Linnane, General Manager, Singleton Council
Steve McDonald, General Manager, Upper Hunter Shire Council

Apologies

Nil

Staff in attendance

Roger Stephan, CEO, Hunter Councils

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the list of attendees be noted.

Moved: Cr Sue Moore
Seconded: Cr Ryan Palmer

Carried.

2. MINUTES OF THE 9 FEBRUARY 2018 MEETING

2.1 Adopting of the Minutes of the previous meeting

It was noted that two items in the draft Minutes required correction (corrections made).

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted.

Moved: Cr Sue Moore
Seconded: Cr Ryan Palmer

Carried.

2.2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

A number of items referenced in the Minutes were the subject of report to the meeting.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Recycling Options Study Report: Angus Johnston, Pitt & Sherry

Board Strategy Workshop Three: Rachel Trigg Elton Consulting

Regional Infrastructure Coordination Update: Harry Henderson, Regional Infrastructure Coordinator, Department of Premier and Cabinet

OLG and Joint Organisation process update: Tim Hurst, CEO, and Chris Presland, Director Reform Implementation, Office of Local Government

Stephen Wills, Department of Premier and Cabinet Regional Update

3.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PRESENTATIONS AND RELATED DISCUSSIONS

Pitt & Sherry Report: A number of questions were asked in regard to matters of detail (for example the breakup of the \$15 million figure quoted). This information is to be supplied if possible in the final written report. A copy of the presentation is also to be provided to the State Government.

Harry Henderson provided his direct mobile phone number to the attendees and foreshadowed a visit to the Region in the future by Ken Gillespie, Regional Infrastructure Coordinator.

Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan Committee

The meeting resolved as follows:

THAT:

The Joint Organisation establish a committee constituted by a representative of each of the five lower Hunter councils to oversee the development and implementation of the Greater Newcastle Metropolitan plan. Including establishing a charter and/or terms of reference with the Departments of Premier and Cabinet and Planning and Environment.

Moved: Cr Nuatali Nelmes
Seconded: Cr Kay Fraser

Carried.

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 Ryan Palmer
Seconded: Cr Tracy Norman

Carried.

4.2 Commercial Units Business Reports

4.2.1. Local Government Legal

4.2.2. Regional Procurement

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT The update reports be received and noted

Moved: Cr Sue Moore
Seconded: Cr Tracy Norman

Carried.

4.1 Profit and Loss Statements

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the profit and loss statements for the period ending February 2018 be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Sue Moore
Seconded: Cr Ryan Palmer

Carried.

4.2 Draft Budgets 2018/2019

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

1. A draft budget containing council contributions and not containing council contributions be presented to the June Meeting of the Joint Organisation
 2. The draft budgets be referred for review and advice to the General Managers Advisory Committee May Meeting.
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Moved: Cr Martin Rush
Seconded: Cr Sue Moore

Carried.

5.1 Staffing Resources

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

1. Mr. Roger Stephan be appointed to the position of CEO of the Hunter Joint Organisation for an interim period of six months commencing 1 July 2018;
2. The Chair of Strategic Services Australia Ltd. present a report to the Hunter Councils Inc. (Hunter Joint Organisation) June Board meeting, reporting on:
 - a. A transition process for the formal recruitment and appointment of a CEO for the Hunter Joint Organisation as contemplated in the Joint Organisation draft regulation;
 - b. Contractual provisions relating to the current employment of the CEO of Strategic Services Australia Ltd and termination of that contract.
3. The Chair of Strategic Services Australia Ltd. be delegated the authority to deal with the termination of the contract of employment of the CEO of Strategic Services Australia Ltd. As and when necessary consequent to the transition process referred to in 2(a) above.

Moved: Cr Wayne Bedggood
Seconded: Cr Ryan Palmer

Carried.

7 General Business

Nil items recorded.

Meeting closed.