

Hunter Councils

Minutes of the
Hunter Councils Incorporated Board Meeting
Incorporating Joint Organisation Briefing

8 December 2016
Hunter Councils, Thornton

1. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Directors Present

Cr Bob Pynsent, Mayor, Cessnock City Council
Cr Kay Fraser, Mayor, Lake Macquarie City Council
Cr Peter Blackmore, Mayor, Maitland City Council
John Turner, Administrator, Mid Coast Council
Cr Nuatali Nelmes, Lord Mayor, Newcastle City Council
Cr Sue Moore, Mayor, Singleton Council

General Managers Present

Stephen Glen General Manager, Cessnock City Council
Craig Deasey, General Manager, Dungog Shire Council
David Evans, General Manager, Maitland City Council
Glenn Handford, Interim General Manager, Mid Coast Council
Steve McDonald, General Manager, Muswellbrook Shire Council
Wayne Wallis, General Manager, Port Stephens Council
Jason Linnane, General Manager, Singleton Council
Waid Crockett, General Manager, Upper Hunter Shire Council

Apologies

Cr Harold Johnston, Mayor, Dungog Shire Council
Cr Martin Rush Mayor, Muswellbrook Shire Council
Cr Bruce MacKenzie Mayor, Port Stephens Council
Cr Wayne Bedggood, Mayor, Upper Hunter Shire Council

Brian Bell General Manager, Lake Macquarie City Council
Peter Chrystal, Interim CEO, City of Newcastle

Staff in attendance

Roger Stephan, CEO, Hunter Councils

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Cr Peter Blackmore
Seconded: Cr Kay Fraser

Carried.

2. MINUTES OF THE 13 OCTOBER 2016 MEETING

2.1 Adopting of the Minutes of the previous meeting

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted.

Moved: Cr Peter Blackmore

Seconded: Cr Sue Moore

Carried.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil advised

4. PRESENTATIONS

Chris Presland, Director Reform Implementation at the Office of Local Government provided an overview of progress to date in regard to legislation to imbed Joint Organisation structures within the Local Government Act.

Key points included:

1. The legislation is drafted, has been distributed for comment to State Agencies and is due for submission to the first sitting of Parliament in 2017
2. There are no surprises in the legislation with the focus remaining on the core functions identified in documentation to date
3. No final decisions have been made in regard to boundaries though a decision by year end / early 2017 is expected.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PRESENTATIONS

Nil

6. REPORTS

6.1 Destination Network Sydney Surrounds North

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

1. In principle support be given to the establishment of a Visitor Economy strategic advisory group of the Joint Organisation
2. A marketing group be formed to drive operational marketing activities for the region

3. A role statement and membership list be prepared for consideration at the February 2017 Meeting of the Board
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Moved: Cr Peter Blackmore
Seconded: Cr Sue Moore

Carried.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

No items minuted.

MEETING CLOSED