

Hunter Councils Incorporated meeting as the Hunter Joint Organisation of Councils

Minutes of the 9 February 2018 Meeting
Verdelho Room, Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley

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 Sue Moore, Singleton Shire Council
Cr Ryan Palmer, Port Stephens 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 McDonald, General Manager, Muswellbrook Shire Council
Jeremy Bath, CEO, City of Newcastle
Wayne Wallis, General Manager, Port Stephens Council

Apologies

Cr Martin Rush, Muswellbrook Shire Council
Cr David West, MidCoast Council
Cr Nuatali Nelmes, City of Newcastle
Cr Wayne Bedggood, Upper Hunter Shire Council

Steve Embry, Acting General Manager, MidCoast Council
Jason Linnane, General Manager, Singleton Council
Steve Pryor, Acting General Manager, Upper Hunter Shire Council

Staff in attendance

Roger Stephan, CEO, Hunter Councils

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Cr Kay Fraser
Seconded: Cr Ryan Palmer

Carried.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Stephen Will, Department of Premier and Cabinet Regional Update

Board Strategy Workshop Two: Rachel Trigg Elton Consulting

Strategic Plan Workshop

3.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PRESENTATIONS

Nil items.

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 LGTI

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 December 2017 be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Sue Moore
Seconded: Cr Loretta Baker

Carried.

5.1 Hunter Events Strategy

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

1. The Board of Tourism Hunter be thanked for its initiative in funding, as its legacy project, development of the Hunter Region Events Strategy
 2. The Hunter Joint Organisation of Councils take responsibility for review of the Strategy, consultation processes on its content and adoption of a leadership role in any future implementation
 3. The Strategy consultants JTSSE be engaged to assist in the above processes with the Chair of the General Managers Advisory Group and the CEO given authority to finalise a consultancy brief including deliverables and timeframes
 4. Funding for the above consultancy be provided by the Hunter Joint Organisation of Councils and for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 including GST
 5. A working group comprising representation from the Hunter Joint Organisation of Councils, the Department of Premier and Cabinet and industry representatives be formed to work with JTSSE Consultancy
 6. Membership of the workshop comprise, in addition to external members, comprise Cr Ryan Palmer, Cr Kay Fraser, Cr Tracy Norman and David Evans. Newcastle City Council to consider its position in relation to the matter
 7. An update report be provided to a future Meeting of the Board.
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Moved: Cr Loretta Baker
Seconded: Cr Sue Moore

Carried.

5.3 Issues in relation to dry recycling

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

1. The report be received and noted
2. A delegation be formed to meet with the Minister to discuss short and long term solutions to the recycling situation
3. The delegation comprise Cr Pynsent, Cr Fraser, Cr Bedggood, Stephen Glen, Jeremy Bath and David Evans
4. A technical advisory group be formed with representation from Lake Macquarie City Council, Newcastle City Council, Port Stephens Council, Hunter Resource Recovery and Hunter Councils Environment Division
5. A meeting of the delegation be organised at the earliest opportunity.

Moved: Cr Kay Fraser
Seconded: Cr Sue Moore

Carried.

6 Strategic Planning Workshop

The workshop was conducted and a paper is to be distributed prior to the April 2018 Meeting.

7 General Business

Nil items

Meeting closed.