Employment and Economic Development Committee Meeting Record – 12 September 2018



Present

Mayor Jane Smith, Deputy Mayor Chris Holstein, Councillor Kyle MacGregor, Councillor Bruce McLachlan, William Adames, John Asquith, Michael Pilon, Brad Wilson

Council Staff:

Jamie Barclay – Unit Manager Economic Development and Project Delivery, Kelly Drover – Advisory Group Support Officer, Louise Fisher – Special Projects Coordinator Funding, Gary Hamer – Section Manager Urban Growth Strategies, Zoie Magann – Advisory Group Support Officer

Item 1 Apologies

Councillor Jilly Pilon, Councillor Rebecca Gale Collins, Councillor Jeff Sundstrom, Mike Goodman

Item 2 Disclosure of Interest

Councillor McLachlan previously declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest as a business owner on the Central Coast.

Brad Wilson declared less than significant non-pecuniary interests as a Regional Development Officer for Central Coast Community Council, and his involvement with the Community Automotive Sport and Recreation (CASAR) Park which has a DA with Council.

Mayor Smith declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest as a board member of The Art House.

Item 3 Confirmation of Previous Meeting Record

The Advisory Group confirmed the Meeting Record from 5 July 2018.

Item 4 Presentation on REDES (Regional Economic Development and Employment Strategy)

Jamie Barclay (Unit Manager Economic Development and Project Delivery) provided a presentation on the Central Coast and Lake Macquarie Regional Economic Development Strategy 2018-2022 (Department of Premier and Cabinet). It was noted that this document supersedes REDES, which was written in 2009.

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Item 5 Former Wyong Employment Plan and Economic Job Creation in the North

Jamie Barclay provided a presentation on the former Wyong Employment Plan, and notified the Advisory Group that a revised Economic Development Strategy is currently being developed by staff for the Central Coast.

Action: The Advisory Group requests that staff provide an update on the development of the Central Coast Economic Development Strategy as a standing item for future meetings, including the process and timeframe surrounding the document development.

Action: The Advisory Group requests that staff provide an overview on the status of the Iconic Key Sites at a future meeting.

Action: The Advisory Group requests that staff provide an overview of the Destination Management Plan and Tourism Opportunity Plan at a future meeting.

Item 6 Gosford Vision

Gary Hamer (Section Manager Urban Growth Strategies) addressed the Advisory Group regarding the Gosford Vision, and highlighted the value of the Gosford Hospital Redevelopment Project as a catalyst for employment and economic development on the Central Coast.

Item 7 Economic Corridors and Key Actions in Central Coast Regional Plan

Gary Hamer provided the Advisory Group with an overview of the Northern (Tuggerah to Warnervale) and Southern (Somersby to Erina) Economic Growth Corridors. The Growth Corridors are identified as key actions in the Central Coast Regional Plan 2036 (Department of Planning and Environment).

Item 8 Grant Opportunities

Louise Fisher (Special Projects Coordinator Funding) provided a presentation on the development of State and Federal grant proposals and external funding opportunities. A hardcopy of the presentation was distributed to the Advisory Group.

The Mayor commended staff on work undertaken to develop a website with an interactive map which identifies priority projects for external funding. The website is still being finalised, and is due to go live shortly.

Item General Business and Close

The Advisory Group appreciate and applaud the efforts of staff for providing informative presentations to the meeting, and note the need for an increase in staff and resources in Council's Economic Development team.

Action: The following item is to be included in the agenda for the next meeting:

How do we measure economic development?

The meeting closed at 7:10pm.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday 12 December 2018 5pm – 7pm Central Coast Council Gosford Office Level 1 Committee Room