AMENDED ITEM

12 March 2014
To the Ordinary Council Meeting

General Manager's Report General Manager's Unit

4.5 Councillor Attendance - Central Coast Economic Breakfast, Mingara Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi

TRIM REFERENCE: F2004/06517 - D06016633

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SUMMARY

Council has received notification of the upcoming Central Coast Economic Breakfast, to be held at Mingara Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi Friday 14 March 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That Council <u>authorise</u> those interested Councillors to attend the Central Coast Economic Breakfast at Mingara Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi.
- 2 That Council <u>meet</u> reasonable expenses incurred by Councillors and their partners attending the above function in accordance with Council's Facilities and Expenses Policy for Councillors.

BACKGROUND

Major Central Coast organisations have collaborated to deliver a revised Economic Breakfast forum for our region. The organisers encourage all local businesses, government organisations and NGO's to attend this valuable forum to hear first hand the current economic data from leading economists that is impacting the Central Coast, the opportunities this data creates for our region and the opportunity to network with fellow business, Government and NGO leaders.

Councillor Taylor has expressed interest in attending.

Clause D9 of Council's Facilities and Expenses Policy for Councillors provides for expenses to be met for these events.

"D9 WSC will meet sustenance and attendance expenses for Councillors' attendance at meals and other non-council functions which provide briefings to Councillors from key members of the community, politicians and business."

In relation to attendance of spouses and partners Clause D19 of Council's Facilities and Expenses Policy for Councillors provides:

- "D19 WSC will pay the following expenses for spouses/partners or family accompanied by a Councillor at events or functions officially sanctioned by the Council or Mayor and General Manager:
 - (i) Attendance/ticket cost if in the company of a Councillor

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- (ii) Accommodation if in the company of a Councillor
- (iii) Travel if in the company of a Councillor
- (iv) Meals and refreshments excluding room fridges"

THE PROPOSAL

The central Coast economic Breakfast will be held at Mingara Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi on Friday 14 March 2014 from 6.45am to 9.00am.

STRATEGIC LINKS

Annual Plan

Nil Impact

Budget Impact

The table below indicates the cost for attendance at The Central Coast Economic Breakfast.

The Central Coast Economic Breakfast (Approximate Costs as at the 4 March 2014)	Partner Fees	Councillor Fees
Tickets (incl GST)	50.00	50.00
Travel (by vehicle approx)		10.00
Total estimate per Councillor attending	50.00	60.00

CONSULTATION

This submission complies with Council's adopted Facilities and Expenses Policy for Councillors.

GOVERNANCE AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

In accordance with Clause D9 of Council's Facilities and Expenses Policy for Councillors, WSC will pay for expenses that need to be met for this event.

In accordance with Clause D19 of WSC Policy on Facilities and Expenses for Councillors, WSC will pay for attendance/ticket costs for spouses or partners if accompanied by a Councillor at events officially sanctioned by the Council. This report seeks Council's authorisation of the function.

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CONCLUSION

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The function listed would be of benefit to the Councillors and attendance is encouraged.

ATTACHMENTS

1 Central Coast Economic Breakfast 14 March 2014 D06016618

Central Coast Economic Breakfast

Registration Time Friday 14 March 2014 6:45 AM

 Start
 Friday 14 March 2014 7:00 AM

 End
 Friday 14 March 2014 9:00 AM

Event Code EVE1402678

Region Central Coast-Tumbi Umbi

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Member - \$50.00 Non-Member - \$70.00

*VIP Table sponsorship available, to discuss further please contact Samantha from Innov8Central on (02) 4349 4953

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