
Economic Development Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Economic Development Committee held in the Reception Lounge, Auckland Town Hall, 301-305 Queen Street, Auckland on Wednesday, 19 February 2014 at 1.30pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr Anae Arthur Anae	
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Ross Clow	
Members	Cr Cameron Brewer	Until 2:42pm, Item 10
	Cr Bill Cashmore	
	Member Precious Clark	
	Cr Linda Cooper	Until 3:28pm, Item 14
	Cr Denise Krum	From 1:39pm, Item 5.1
	Member Kris MacDonald	Until 3:05pm, Item 12
	Cr Dick Quax	Until 2:53pm, Item 11
	Cr Penny Webster	

APOLOGIES

Deputy Mayor Penny Hulse	For absence
Cr Chris Fletcher, QSO	For absence
Cr Linda Cooper	For early departure
Cr Denise Krum	For lateness

ALSO PRESENT

Cr Calum Penrose	From 2:44pm, Item 10
	Until 2:58pm, Item 11
Cr Cathy Casey	From 3:14pm, Item 14
	Until 3:31pm, Item 14

1 Apologies

Resolution number ECO/2014/6

MOVED by Cr AJ Anae, seconded by Deputy Chairperson RI Clow:

That the Economic Development Committee:

- a) **accept the apologies from Deputy Mayor Penny Hulse and Councillor Chris Fletcher for absence, Councillors Linda Cooper and Cameron Brewer and Member Kris MacDonald for early departure, and Councillor Denise Krum for lateness.**

CARRIED

2 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number ECO/2014/7

MOVED by Cr AJ Anae, seconded by Deputy Chairperson RI Clow:

That the Economic Development Committee:

- a) **confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Wednesday, 18 December 2013 as a true and correct record, subject to the correction on page 4, Item 10, of resolution b) i) from “cost-cutting” to “cross-cutting”.**

CARRIED

4 Petitions

There were no petitions.

5 Public Input

5.1 Judy Speight - Accelerating Aotearoa

Cr DA Krum entered the meeting at 1:39pm.

Resolution number ECO/2014/8

MOVED by Cr AJ Anae, seconded by Deputy Chairperson RI Clow:

That the Economic Development Committee:

- a) **thank Judy Speight for her presentation.**

CARRIED

6 Local Board Input

6.1 Mark Thomas - Orakei Local Board

A PowerPoint presentation was given in support of the item, a copy of which is attached to the official copy of these minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website.

Resolution number ECO/2014/9

MOVED by Cr AJ Anae, seconded by Deputy Chairperson RI Clow:

That the Economic Development Committee:

a) **thank Mark Thomas for his presentation.**

CARRIED

Resolution number ECO/2014/10

MOVED by Cr AJ Anae, seconded by Cr CE Brewer:

b) **request that officers hold a workshop with Local Board portfolio holders, Economic Committee members and ATEED regarding Local Economic Development and report back to the May meeting of the Economic Development Committee.**

CARRIED

Attachments

A Local Board presentation on Local Economic Development

Deputy Chairperson RI Clow left the meeting at 2:19pm.

7 Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

8 Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

9 A shared economic development agenda for Auckland

Deputy Chairperson RI Clow returned to the meeting at 2:21pm.

Resolution number ECO/2014/11

MOVED by Cr AJ Anae, seconded by Deputy Chairperson RI Clow:

That the Economic Development Committee:

- a) **endorse the shared economic agenda for Auckland for 2014-17 as:**
 - i. **establish a new Auckland Leadership Team**
 - ii. **raise youth/rangatahi employability**
 - iii. **build, retain and attract talent**
 - iv. **build the Auckland business proposition for a business-friendly city**
 - v. **boost the investment rate into Auckland's economy and infrastructure**
 - vi. **motivate greater investment in products, services and markets**
 - vii. **increase Auckland's visibility**
 - viii. **optimise Auckland's platforms for growth: housing, transport and availability of employment land**
 - ix. **support growth and improved performance of Māori businesses**
- b) **recommend to the CCO Governance and Monitoring Committee that the shared economic agenda for Auckland be incorporated in ATEED's 2014-17 Statement of Intent.**
- c) **note that the shared economic agenda for Auckland 2014-17 focuses effort on a smaller number of high impact actions which will require reprioritisation of existing activity.**
- d) **endorse that the shared economic agenda be formally communicated to the Minister of Economic Development as the economic development priorities for Auckland over the next three years and that commitment be sought from Government on the delivery of these priorities.**

CARRIED

10 Economic Development Strategy: Business friendly overview and draft framework

Cr CE Brewer left the meeting at 2.42pm.

Cr C Penrose entered the meeting at 2:44pm

Resolution number ECO/2014/12

MOVED by Cr AJ Anae, seconded by Cr DA Krum:

That the Economic Development Committee:

- a) **endorse the approach to the development of a business friendly framework for Auckland.**
- b) **note that officers will report back to the May 2014 Economic Development Committee on progress towards the development of a business friendly framework for Auckland.**
- c) **invite the Chief Operating Officer to present to the May Economic Development Committee meeting on how the consents, compliance and enforcement processes under the RMA, Building Act and Bylaws are managed and delivered to ensure that the performance, processes and operating culture of the consenting system is customer and business friendly.**

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11 Auckland Skills and Local workforce programme - update

Cr D Quax left the meeting at 2:53pm.

Resolution number ECO/2014/13

MOVED by Cr AJ Anae, seconded by Cr DA Krum:

That the Economic Development Committee:

- a) **note that at a January 2014 mid-course assessment of Economic Development Strategy (EDS) implementation, stakeholders agreed two skills-related priorities for the next 1-3 years:**
 - i) ***Building youth employability:* including new funding models, increasing opportunities for work experience, and an employers' pledge**
 - ii) ***Building, attracting and retaining skills:* encouraging skills investment, providing information on skills shortages, training provision, and immigration, and attracting international talent**
- b) **note that the focus on building youth employment is well aligned with the Auckland Skills Steering Group Alignment Project, and forthcoming Mayoral Youth Employment Action Plan, and that a new leadership group will strengthen business voice and action on building, attracting and retaining skills.**

CARRIED

Cr C Penrose left the meeting at 2:58pm.

12 Presentation by Susan Warren, Chief Executive of Comet Auckland

A PowerPoint presentation was given in support of the item, a copy of which is attached to the official copy of these minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website.

Resolution number ECO/2014/14

MOVED by Cr AJ Anae, seconded by Member Clark:

That the Economic Development Committee:

- a) **thank Susan Warren for her presentation.**

CARRIED

Attachments

A Comet Update Presentation

Member K MacDonald left the meeting at 3:05pm.

Member P Clark left the meeting at 3:05pm.

13 Review of regional migrant settlement strategies and planned new arrangements

Resolution number ECO/2014/15

MOVED by Cr AJ Anae, seconded by Cr LA Cooper:

That the Economic Development Committee:

- a) **note that there has been a review of regional migrant settlement arrangements, and that MBIE Immigration New Zealand is working with regional partners to develop new regional partnership arrangements from 1 July 2014.**
- b) **note that Community Development and Economic Development are leading cross-Council work to clarify Council's future role and contribution to migrant Auckland regional settlement under the new arrangements.**
- c) **note that the Community Development and Safety Committee will also receive an update on the review of regional settlement strategies at its February 2014 meeting.**
- d) **note that officers will work with Immigration New Zealand to develop a new Auckland regional partnership agreement that will replace the current Auckland Regional Settlement Strategy.**
- e) **note that officers will report to the Regional Strategy and Policy Committee in April 2014, with recommendations towards finalising the regional partnership agreement.**

CARRIED

Member P Clark returned to the meeting at 3:08pm.

14 Auckland Economic Quarterly Update

*Cr C Casey entered the meeting at 3:14pm.
Cr LA Cooper left the meeting at 3:28pm.
Cr C Casey left the meeting at 3:31pm.*

Geoff Cooper was in attendance to provide a verbal update. A PowerPoint presentation was given in support of the item, a copy of which is attached to the official copy of these minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website.

Resolution number ECO/2014/16

MOVED by Cr AJ Anae, seconded by Cr DA Krum:

That the Economic Development Committee:

- a) **thank Geoff Cooper for his presentation**

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Attachments

- A Auckland Economic Quarterly Update Presentation

15 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

3.37pm

The Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

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AT A MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....