

## Joint Regional Economic Development Committee Minutes

Meeting held in the Council Chamber  
36 Water Street, Whangārei  
on Thursday 18 May 2023, commencing at 1.00pm - 3.00pm

### Tuhinga/Present:

Chairperson, Councillor John Vujcich (FNDC)

Penetaui Kleskovic (FNDC) *(via audio-visual link)*

Chair Tui Shortland (NRC) *(via audio-visual link)*

Marty Robinson (NRC)

Mayor Craig Jepson (KDC)

### I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

#### Full Meeting

Chief Executive Officer Jason Marris (KDC)

NRC Economist - Governance and Engagement

NRC Economic Policy Advisor - Governance and Engagement

NRC Kaiāwhina Tari Māori Relationships

#### Part Meeting

Northland Inc General Manager, Investment and Infrastructure

Northland Inc Portfolio Manager, Tai Tokerau Northland Economic  
Action Plan

*Secretarial Note: The Chair declared the meeting open at 1.02pm and proceedings commenced with a karakia by Councillor Robinson.*

*Councillor Kleskovic joined the meeting at 1.07pm.*

### Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Chair and Economic Policy Advisor updated committee on NRC housekeeping as it had not been discussed at previous meeting.

### Ngā whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

#### Moved (Vujcich/Robinson)

That the apologies from Councillor Jonathan Larsen for non-attendance be received.

Carried

## **Confirmation of Minutes - 20 April 2023 (Item 4.1)**

**Report from Meloney Tupou, Māori Governance and Engagement Support Admin**

**Moved (Jepson/Vujcich)**

That the minutes of the Joint Regional Economic Development Committee meeting held on 20 April be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**Carried**

## **Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 5.1)**

**Report from Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor and Darryl Jones, Economist**

**Moved (Robinson/Vujcich)**

That the action sheet be received.

**Carried**

*Secretarial Note: Next Joint Committee meeting set for 15 June to be held at Ngāwha Innovation and Enterprise Park premises. Chair suggested the Committee tour the Park if time allows.*

## **Te Rerenga: Te Tai Tokerau Northland Regional Economic Development Strategy - Update (Item 6.1)**

**Report from Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor and Darryl Jones, Economist**

**Moved (Robinson/Jepson)**

That the report 'Te Rerenga: Te Tai Tokerau Northland Regional Economic Development Strategy - Update' by Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor and Darryl Jones, Economist and dated 2 May 2023, be received.

**Carried**

Portfolio Manager Jude Thompson gave a verbal update and presentation to the Committee. It was explained that the document is currently at straw-man stage. Committee would like to view the document at draft stage. Committee asked for a timeline and it was confirmed a draft would be provided to the June meeting with a final draft to the July meeting.

*Secretarial Note: Northland Inc General Manager and Portfolio Manager left the meeting at 1:48pm.*

## **Kaupapa ā Roto/Business with Public Excluded (Item 7.0)**

**Moved (Vujcich /Jepson)**

1. That the public be excluded from the proceedings of this meeting to consider confidential matters.
2. That the general subject of the matters to be considered whilst the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to this matter, and the specific grounds under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution, are as follows:

**Carried**

Item No.	Item Issue	Reasons/Grounds
7.1	Northland Inc Limited: Ngāwhā Innovation and Education Centre - Support of involvement	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to enable council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities s7(2)(h) and the withholding of which is necessary to enable council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) s7(2)(i).
7.2	Northland Inc Limited: Appointment of Directors - Recommendations on the appointment of directors	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons s7(2)(a).

*Secretarial Note: Councillor Kleskovic left the meeting at 1:57pm.*

## Open Meeting

### Moved (Robinson/Vujcich)

That the meeting return to a public forum.

**Carried**

### Moved (Robinson/Vujcich)

Motion: The Joint committee would like to acknowledge Directors who will be ending their term at Northland Inc.

**Carried**

## Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

*The meeting concluded at 2.25pm karakia whakamutunga by Councillor Robinson.*