

Joint Regional Economic Development Committee Minutes

Meeting held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Friday 23 February 2024, commencing at 10.00am

Tuhinga/Present:

Councillor John Vujcich (Far North District Council)(**Chair**)
Councillor Penetaui Kleskovic (Far North District Council)
Mayor Craig Jepson (Kaipara District Council)
Deputy Mayor Jonathan Larsen(Kaipara District Council)
Deputy Chair Tui Shortland (Northland Regional Council)
Chair Geoff Crawford (Northland Regional Council)
Jason Marris (Chief Executive, Kaipara District Council and regional economic development portfolio lead)

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

Mayor Vince Cocurullo (Whangarei District Council)
Councillor Phil Halse (Whangarei District Council)
Darryl Jones (Economist, Northland Regional Council)
Avinash Govind (Economic Policy Advisor, Northland Regional Council)
Gavin Dawson (Governance Specialist, Northland Regional Council)

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10.02 am.

NRC Deputy Chair Tui Shortland opened the meeting with a Karakia.

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Ngā whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

Moved (Vujcich/Shortland)

That the apology from Councillor Kleskovic for lateness be accepted.

Carried

Nga Whakapuakanga/Declarations of Conflict of interest (Item 3)

Nil.

Confirmation of Minutes - 30 November 2023 (Item 4.1)

Report from Meloney Tupou, Maori Governance and Engagement Support Admin

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved (Vujcich/Crawford)

That the minutes of the Joint Regional Economic Development Committee meeting held on 30 November 2023, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

Productivity Commission - Presentation on learnings for local government by Dr Ganesh Nana (Item 5.1)

Report from Darryl Jones, Economist and Avinash Govind, Economic Policy Advisor

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved (Shortland/Jepson)

That the report 'Productivity Commission - Presentation on learnings for local government by Dr Ganesh Nana' by Darryl Jones, Economist and Avinash Govind, Economic Policy Advisor and dated 8 February 2024, be received.

Carried

(Secretarial note: Cr Kleskovic entered the meeting at 10.17 am).

Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 5.2)

Report from Darryl Jones, Economist

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved (Crawford/ Kleskovic)

That the report 'Receipt of Action Sheet' by Darryl Jones, Economist and dated 8 February 2024, be received.

Carried

Northland Inc Limited: Statement of Intent 2024-2027 - Draft received from Northland Inc (Item 5.3)

Report from Darryl Jones, Economist and Avinash Govind, Economic Policy Advisor

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved (Shortland/Crawford)

That the report 'Northland Inc Limited: Statement of Intent 2024-2027 - Draft received from Northland Inc' by Darryl Jones, Economist and Avinash Govind, Economic Policy Advisor and dated 8 February 2024, be received.

Carried

Te Rerenga: Taitokerau Northland Economic Wellbeing Pathway - Additional funding for completion (Item 5.4)

Report from Darryl Jones, Economist and Avinash Govind, Economic Policy Advisor

Recommendation(s)

Moved (Larsen/Jepson)

1. That the report 'Te Rerenga: Taitokerau Northland Economic Wellbeing Pathway - Additional funding for completion' by Darryl Jones, Economist and Avinash Govind, Economic Policy Advisor and dated 8 February 2024, be received.
2. That \$10,000 (excluding GST) be allocated as Project Development funding from the Investment and Growth Reserve to Northland Inc Limited to finalise the economic development strategy for Northland.

Carried

(Secretarial note: for clarification, the economic development strategy for Northland in the resolution refers to the Te Rerenga document).

Joint delivery of economic development: Documents required for Whangarei District Council participation (Item 5.5)

Report from Darryl Jones, Economist and Avinash Govind, Economic Policy Advisor

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved (Jepson/Shortland)

That the report 'Joint delivery of economic development: Documents required for Whangarei District Council participation' by Darryl Jones, Economist and Avinash Govind, Economic Policy Advisor and dated 8 February 2024, be received.

Carried

Northland Inc Limited: Update on activities (Item 5.6)

Report from Darryl Jones, Economist and Avinash Govind, Economic Policy Advisor

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved (Larsen/Crawford)

That the report 'Northland Inc Limited: Update on activities' by Darryl Jones, Economist and Avinash Govind, Economic Policy Advisor and dated 8 February 2024, be received.

Carried

Annual Economic Update for the year ended March 2023 (Item 5.7)

Report from Darryl Jones, Economist and Avinash Govind, Economic Policy Advisor

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved (Jepson/Crawford)

That the report 'Annual Economic Update for the year ended March 2023' by Darryl Jones, Economist and Avinash Govind, Economic Policy Advisor and dated 8 February 2024, be received.

Carried

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 12.11 pm.

Cr Kleskovic closed the meeting with a Karakia.