

## Joint Regional Economic Development Committee Minutes

Meeting held in the Council Chamber  
36 Water Street, Whangārei  
on Friday 10 March 2023, commencing at 10.00am

### Tuhinga/Present:

Chair Tui Shortland (NRC)  
Councillor Marty Robinson (NRC)  
Councillor John Vujcich (FNDC)  
Councillor Penetaui Kleskovic (FNDC)  
Councillor Jonathan Larsen (KDC)  
Mayor Craig Jepson (KDC)

### I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

#### Full Meeting

Chief Executive Officer (Northland Inc)  
General Manager, Investment and Infrastructure (Northland Inc)  
Economist - Governance and Engagement (NRC)  
Economic Policy Advisor - Governance and Engagement (NRC)  
Kaiāwhina Tari Māori Relationships (NRC)

#### Part Meeting

Chief Executive Officer (NRC)  
Pou Manawhakahaere – GM Governance and Engagement (NRC)

The Chief Executive Officer (NRC) declared the meeting open at 10.03 am and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of this triennium's Joint Regional Economic Development Committee.

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

There were no new housekeeping items to be made aware of.

### Ngā whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

Nil

### Moved (Robinson/Kleskovic)

*Secretarial Note: The Chair advised that there would be a change to the order of the meeting. Committee agreed to begin with 6.1. and once the new Chair is elected committee will resume from item 4.1.*

**Carried**

## **Election of Chair (Item 6.1)**

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

### **Recommendation(s)**

#### **Moved points 1 – 4 (Robinson/Vujcich)**

1. That the report 'Election of Chair' by Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor and Darryl Jones, Economist and dated 20 February 2023, be received.
2. That in the event more than one nomination for Chair is received, "System A" as specified in Clause 25 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, be used for the election of the Chair.
3. That the requirement of the Terms of Reference for the Chair to be an elected member from Northland Regional Council has been reviewed by the Joint Committee.
4. That, as a result of this review, the Chair can be an elected member from any of the three local authorities.

*Secretarial Note: The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for election of the office of Chair.*

#### **Moved points (Robinson/Jepson)**

5. That **John Vujcich (FNDC)** be appointed as Chair of the Joint Regional Economic Development Committee.

#### **Moved points (Vujcich/Robinson)**

6. That **Penetaui Kleskovi (FNDC)** be appointed as the representative of the Joint Committee on the Steering Group for Te Ōhanga Rautaki Whānui o Te Tai Tokerau / Northland Regional Economic Development Strategy.

#### **Carried**

*Secretarial Note:*

- *Councillor John Vujcich assumed the chair from the Chief Executive Officer.*
- *The Chair then presided over the remainder of the committee meeting.*

## **Election of Deputy Chair (Item 6.2)**

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

### **Recommendation(s)**

#### **Moved (Kleskovic/Vujcich)**

1. That the report 'Election of Deputy Chair' by Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor and Darryl Jones, Economist and dated 20 February 2023, be received.

#### **Carried**

#### **Moved (Vujcich/Shortland)**

2. That in the event more than one nomination for Deputy Chair is received, "System A" as specified in Clause 25 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, be used for the election of the Deputy Chair.

#### **Carried**

#### **Moved (Vujcich/Shortland)**

3. That **Penetaui Kleskovic (FNDC)** be appointed as Deputy Chair of the Joint Regional Economic Development Committee.

**Carried**

### **Confirmation of Minutes - 23 September 2022 (Item 4.1)**

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

**Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation**

**Moved (Vujcich/Kleskovic)**

That the minutes of the Joint Regional Economic Development Committee meeting held on 23 September 2022, be confirmed as a true and correct record and that this be duly authenticated with the Chair's electronic signature.

**Carried**

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

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

**Nga mahi tutohutia / Recommendation**

**Moved (Vujcich/Robinson)**

That the action sheet be received.

**Carried**

### **Annual Work Plan 2023 (Item 6.3)**

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

**Recommendation(s)**

**Moved (Kleskovic/Vujcich)**

1. That the report 'Annual Work Plan 2023' by Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor and Darryl Jones, Economist and dated 28 February 2023, be received.

**Carried**

**Moved (Kleskovic/Robinson)**

2. That the Joint Regional Economic Development Committee agrees to the Annual Work Plan as set out in Attachment One of this report.

**Carried**

*Secretarial Note: Committee Meeting dates, Workshops, structure of quarterly workshops and EDNZ Training to be discussed further in this afternoon's Workshop.*

### **Northland Inc Limited: Reporting Against Statement of Intent 2022-2025, Second Quarter 2022/23 (Item 6.4)**

**Report from Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor; Darryl Jones, Economist and Simon Crabb, Finance Manager**

**Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation**

**Moved (Jepson/Robinson)**

That the report 'Northland Inc Limited: Reporting Against Statement of Intent 2022-2025, Second Quarter 2022/23' by Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor; Darryl Jones, Economist and Simon Crabb, Finance Manager and dated 28 February 2023, be received.

**Carried**

**Northland Inc Limited: Statement of Intent 2023-2026 - Draft received from Northland Inc (Item 6.5)**

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

**Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation**

**Moved (Vujcich/Robinson)**

That the report 'Northland Inc Limited: Statement of Intent 2023-2026 - Draft received from Northland Inc' by Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor and Darryl Jones, Economist and dated 28 February 2023, be received.

**Carried**

**Northland Inc Limited: Agreement to enter long term contract (Item 6.6)**

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

**Recommendation(s)**

**Moved recommendations 1 and 2 (Robinson/Vujcich)**

1. That the report 'Northland Inc Limited: Agreement to enter long term contract' by Darryl Jones, Economist and Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor and dated 27 February 2023, be received.
2. That approval is given to Northland Inc Limited to enter a five-year lease contract with a supplier to equip both the Orchard (Whangārei) and the Innovation Hub (Ngāwha) with photocopiers and smart screens.

**Carried**

*Secretarial Note: NRC Chair Shortland commented that perhaps a threshold level of expenditure be set regarding the necessary items for Joint Committee approval.*

**Northland Inc Limited: Appointment of directors (Item 6.7)**

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

**Recommendation(s)**

**Moved (Robinson/Vujcich)**

1. That the report 'Northland Inc Limited: Appointment of directors' by Darryl Jones, Economist and Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor and dated 21 February 2023, be received.
2. That an open advertising process be undertaken for the appointment of directors for terms beginning 1 July 2023.
3. That this open advertising process follow the timetable set out in this agenda paper.

4. That the skills and experience matrix and associated person description as set out in Attachments Two and Three respectively to this agenda paper be adopted.
5. That three Joint Committee members: **Penetaui Kleksovic, Tui Shortland** and **Jonathan Larsen** be appointed as an ad hoc committee to conduct interviews and make recommendations on preferred candidates to the Joint Committee.
6. That Nicole Anderson, Chair of Northland Inc board of directors, also be appointed to the ad hoc committee in an advisory role.

**Carried**

**General Business:** Resilience and how is it being managed after the current issues caused with communications in the region from the aftermath of Cyclone Gabrielle. Far North District Council have begun conversation on this topic. Issue can be discussed at a future workshop.

**Whakamutunga (Conclusion)**

The meeting concluded at 12.20pm with a karakia by Councillor Kleskovic.