

Date: Tuesday, 3 May 2022	Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm	Venue: LMRR and Teams
Meeting Objective: Advise and guide the development of strategies to activate Newcastle as a leading innovation technologies and investment destination		

1. Welcome

1.1. Committee Members Present

Cr Declan Clausen, Chairperson	Mr Larry Platt, Emergent Group
Cr Charlotte McCabe, Deputy Chairperson	Mr John Dunn, Community Representative
Cr Callum Pull	Mr Tony Sansom, Community Representative
Prof. Kent Anderson, UON	Ms Michelle Faithfull, Community Representative
Ms Alison McGaffin, Regional NSW <small>via Teams</small>	Ms Kathleen Hyland, Committee Facilitator
Mr Joe James, Hunter Joint Organisation	Ms Melissa Roulston, Committee Secretary
Mr Warrick Jordan, Hunter Jobs Alliance	

Apologies

Prof. Alex Zelinsky AO, UoN (represented by Prof. Kent Anderson)	Mr Bob Hawes, Business Hunter
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Guests

Ms Ashlee Abbott, CN	Mr Steele Adams, CN
Mr Nick Kaiser, CN	Mr Drew Butterworth, PwC
Mr Nathaniel Bavinton, CN <small>via Teams</small>	Mr Adam Clarke, Energy Corporation NSW
Mr Simon Massey, CN	Ms Meaghan Burkett, Ethical Field Consultancy
Ms Heather Stevens, CN <small>via Teams</small>	Mr Rick Walter, GRESB

1.2. Introductions to new and returning Committee Members

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Clausen acknowledged the Awabakal and Worimi peoples, welcomed committee members and guests to the meeting and invited all attendees to introduce themselves as the Committee has new members for the term.

1.3. Our Purpose and Terms of Reference

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Clausen advised the Committee that City of Newcastle (CN) had established four strategic advisory committees – Community and Culture, Infrastructure, Liveable Cities and Strategy and Innovation. The Strategy and Innovation Advisory Committee (SIAC) provides advice and guidance on the formation, development, refinement and implementation of strategies, and identification of challenges and opportunities, in relation to the economic development and diversification of Newcastle as a destination leading in innovative technologies, climate action, smart infrastructure, high value investment, and major events and tourism. SIAC played a key role in COVID-19 economic recovery.

1.4. Pecuniary Declaration / Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

2.1. Minutes for meeting held on 7 September 2021 endorsed by the Committee.

3. For Information – Presentations

3.1. Economic Briefing

Drew Butterworth from PwC presented a briefing on local economic insights including population, labour market insights, housing prices and business and consumer conditions (attached).

3.2. Overview of CN Strategic Framework

CN's Futures and Innovation Manager Nathaniel Bavinton provided an overview on CN's Strategic Framework including the recently adopted Community Strategic Plan, Newcastle 2040.

3.3. Economic Development Strategy Update

CN's Economic Development Manager Simon Massey provided an update on CN's Economic Development Strategy including the New Move and NewSkills programs.

3.4. Renewal of Environmental Strategy

CN's Environmental Strategist Heather Stevens presented an update on the review of CN's Environment Strategy.

3.5. Energy Transitions – Renewable Energy Zone

CN's Sustainability Manager Steele Adams and Energy Corporation NSW Manager of Planning and Policy Adam Clarke presented on Hunter-Central Coast Renewable Energy Zone. Steele provided an overview of CN's Climate Action Plan 2021/25, Pathway to Net-Zero Emissions and Renewable Energy Transition. Adam presented on NSW Government's Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap and Electricity Strategy. The Committee discussed opportunities to progress the transition, including the need for workforce development and education pathways.

3.6. Localising the Supply Chain Report

Meaghan Burkett presented on Newcastle Localising Supply Chains Project. The presentation included the Project Scope, Harnessing Supply Chains for Impact, Newcastle, and Hunter Supply Chain Spend Map, Local and Impact Supply Chains and Transition Strategies.

4. For Discussion

4.1. Implementing the Local Supply Chain work

Discussion on this item deferred to the next meeting.

5. General Business

The Committee commended the quality of the presentations and looks forward to the next meeting to be held in July.

6. Forward Agenda – Planning for next meeting

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Clausen, noted that this meeting has set the scene for future meetings, providing several themes to be elaborated on across the forward agenda.

7. Closing

7.1. Meeting Summary and Actions

7.2. Next Meeting: 5:30pm on Tuesday, 5 July 2022 at Newcastle City Hall

Meeting closed: 1936