

# PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Economic Development Committee Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 11 February 2019, commencing at 9.04am

**Members Present:** Councillor Adrian Broad (in the Chair), The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Gabrielle Bundy-Cooke, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay QSM, Leonie Hapeta, Duncan McCann, Aleisha Rutherford and Tangi Utikere.

**Non Members:** Councillors Susan Baty, Jim Jefferies, Lorna Johnson, Karen Naylor and Bruno Petrenas.

### 1-19 **Presentation - Enable New Zealand**

Presentation from Mr Scott Ambridge, General Manager Enable New Zealand and Living Centre.

Mr Ambridge talked about the benefits his organisations had brought to the Palmerston North economy and wider region with over 40 years' of providing disability support services to over 70,000 people per year.

Enable New Zealand had enjoyed 10% year-on-year growth over the last three years and created 17 new jobs in the past two years.

The Easie Living Centre had launched in 2016 and was the first in New Zealand of its kind. The centre had over 11,000 visitors in the past year. Combining a demonstration centre, retail shop and smart home in one made it an informative one stop shop for people with a disability or the aging community who want to stay in their homes.

Funding that had been received from Central Government was effectively money going back into the economy and providing jobs which had also encompassed the disabled.

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The potential for collaboration between developers and investors around accessible housing and partnering with others had been seen as a significant bonus for the organisation and a regional initiative to implement the success of Mana Whaikaha, which included approximately \$6 million per annum of additional funding from Central Government.

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

### The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Economic Development Committee receive the presentation for information.

Clause 1-19 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Adrian Broad, Gabrielle Bundy-Cooke, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay QSM, Leonie Hapeta, Jim Jefferies, Lorna Johnson, Duncan McCann, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Tangi Utikere.

**2-19 Presentation - International Pacific United**

Presentation from Hiroyasu Tsumakura, Assistant to the International Pacific United board.

Mr Tsumakura spoke about the various ways that International Pacific United (IPU) is contributing to the economic benefits for Palmerston North and the cultural diversity and support to tourism this brought to the region.

IPU had a big contribution to the region's economic success. Over the last 20 years it had brought revenue of \$214m into the city. Most students lived on campus and found jobs in the city, included internships with local businesses, providers and charities. Many that had graduated decided to make Palmerston North their home. IPU's presence in the region had attracted tourists, friends and families of students and also a range of events that had brought visitors to Palmerston North.

Moved Aleisha Rutherford, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Economic Development Committee receive the presentation for information.

Clause 2-19 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Adrian Broad, Gabrielle Bundy-Cooke, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay QSM, Leonie Hapeta, Jim Jefferies, Lorna Johnson, Duncan McCann, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Tangi Utikere.

**3-19 Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved Adrian Broad, seconded Lew Findlay QSM.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting of 10 December 2018 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 3-19 above was carried 15 votes to 0, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Adrian Broad, Gabrielle Bundy-Cooke, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay QSM, Leonie Hapeta, Jim Jefferies, Lorna Johnson, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Tangi Utikere.

**Abstained:**

Councillor Duncan McCann.

**4-19 International Relations 6-monthly update**

Memorandum, dated 24 January 2019 presented by the International Relations Manager, Toni Grace.

Moved Adrian Broad, seconded Duncan McCann.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee note the progress of International Relations activity over the past six months, contributing to the International Relations Plan and Economic Development Strategy

Clause 4-19 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Adrian Broad, Gabrielle Bundy-Cooke, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay QSM, Leonie Hapeta, Jim Jefferies, Lorna Johnson, Duncan McCann, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Tangi Utikere.

**5-19 Committee Work Schedule**

Moved Adrian Broad, seconded Lorna Johnson.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Economic Development Committee receive its Work Schedule dated February 2019.

Clause 5-19 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Adrian Broad, Gabrielle Bundy-Cooke, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay QSM, Leonie Hapeta, Jim Jefferies, Lorna Johnson, Duncan McCann, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Tangi Utikere.

The meeting finished at 10.25am

Confirmed 8 April 2019

**Chairperson**