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<b>JOINT STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE</b>	<b>THURSDAY 25 MARCH 2021</b>	<b>1:02PM</b>

Minutes of a meeting of the Manawatū District / Palmerston North City Joint Strategic Planning Committee held on Thursday 25 March 2021, commencing at 1:02pm in the Manawatū District Council Chambers, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.

PRESENT:	Mayor Helen Worboys	(Chairperson)
	Cr Steve Bielski	(Manawatū District Council)
	Cr Michael Ford	(Manawatū District Council)
	Cr Grant Hadfield	(Manawatū District Council)
	Cr Phil Marsh	(Manawatū District Council)
	Mayor Grant Smith	(Palmerston North City Council)
	Cr Susan Baty	(Palmerston North City Council)
	Cr Zulfiqar Butt	(Palmerston North City Council) (via Zoom)
	Cr Leonie Hapeta	(Palmerston North City Council)
	APOLOGIES:	Cr Aleisha Rutherford
IN ATTENDANCE:	Cr Brent Barrett	(Palmerston North City Council) (via Zoom)
	Cr Rachel Bowen	(Palmerston North City Council) (via Zoom)
	Cr Lorna Johnson	(Palmerston North City Council) (via Zoom)
	Cr Karen Naylor	(Palmerston North City Council) (via Zoom)
	Cr Bruno Petrenas	(Palmerston North City Council)
	Shayne Harris	(Acting Chief Executive)
	Brent Limmer	(General Manager – Community and Strategy)
	Frances Smorti	(General Manager – People and Culture)
	Michael Hawker	(Project Delivery Manager)
	Stacey Bell	(Economist)
	Janine Hawthorn	(Community Development Adviser)
	Allie Dunn	(Governance Team Leader)
	Steph Skinner	(Governance Officer)
	Heather Shotter	(Chief Executive)
	Sheryl Bryant	(Acting General Manager Communications and Marketing)
	David Murphy	(Acting General Manager Strategy and Planning)
	Chris Dyhrberg	(Chief Customer Officer)

### **JSP 21/085 MEETING OPENING**

Her Worship the Mayor declared the meeting open.

### **JSP 21/086 APOLOGIES**

**RESOLVED**

**That the apology from Councillor Aleisha Rutherford be accepted.**

**Moved by: Her Worship the Mayor**

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**Seconded by:** Councillor Grant Hadfield

**CARRIED**

Apologies for non-attendance were also noted for Councillors Pat Handcock (Palmerston North City Council) and Councillor Hilary Humphrey (Manawatū District Council).

## **JSP 21/087 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee meeting held 10 December 2020 be adopted as a true and correct record.

**Moved by:** Councillor Leonie Hapeta

**Seconded by:** Councillor Phil Marsh

**CARRIED**

## **JSP 21/088 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **JSP 21/089 NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items.

## **JSP 21/090 PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no requests to speak in public forum at this meeting.

## **JSP 21/091 PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations scheduled for this meeting.

## **JSP 21/092 QUARTERLY ECONOMIC MONITORING**

Report of the Acting General Manager - Strategy and Planning dated 8 March 2021 presenting a summary of:

- a. the latest Manawatū Quarterly Economic Monitor for the December 2020 quarter;
- b. the Manawatū region Annual Incomes report 2020;
- c. Major construction projects 2021 – 2035;
- d. CEDA Quarterly Retail report for January 2021.

Stacey Bell, Economist (MDC), gave a presentation that outlined economic performance for the quarter noting in summary that:

- Population growth and characteristics reflect the growing attraction of the region to new residents;
- Quarterly GDP, employment, earnings data and unemployment levels indicate the relative resilience of the regional economy;
- Jobseeker and CIRP beneficiaries continue to decline;
- Consumer spending compares well with the national average;
- New dwelling consents remain elevated across the wider region;
- Building consent values signal a strong increase in construction investment;
- Inward investment flows will support regional economic activity; and
- Export conditions for goods produced in the region remain favourable.

In response to questions asked, Stacey Bell undertook to investigate and advise committee members the reasons for the statistics for construction costs being deemed confidential, and also whether consumer debt had risen in the region, for example from large purchases made using interest free terms rather than from credit card debt.

#### **RESOLVED**

**That the Summary report on the September Quarterly Economic Monitor, Annual Incomes report 2020, Major Construction Projects 2021 – 2035, and CEDA Quarterly Retail Report for January 2021 is received.**

**Moved by: Her Worship the Mayor**

**Seconded by: Councillor Michael Ford**

#### **CARRIED**

### **JSP 21/093 CEDA HALF-YEARLY REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER 2020**

Report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 2 March 2021 presenting the Central Economic Development Agency's (CEDA) Half-Yearly Report to 31 December 2020, in accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act (2002).

Malcolm Bailey, Chairperson of the Central Economic Development Agency, introduced the report, noting the agency's focus on strategic items such as the logistics freight hub, the agri-food and agri-tech space along with the agency's work on talent attraction.

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Linda Stewart, Chief Executive of the Central Economic Development Agency, attended via Zoom and highlighted achievements for the reporting period. Jacqui Middleton, Central Economic Development Agency's Finance Manager, gave an update via Zoom on financial information provided in the report.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Central Economic Development Agency's Half-Yearly Report to 31 December 2020 be received.**

**Moved by: Councillor Michael Ford**

**Seconded by: Councillor Leonie Hapeta**

**CARRIED**

**JSP 21/094 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items notified for consideration.

**JSP 21/095 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS**

**RESOLVED**

**That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:**

- a) **Appointment of Directors – CEDA**

**That the general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:**

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Grounds under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
a) <b>Appointment of Directors – CEDA</b>	Section 7(2)(a) Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.	Section 48(1)(a) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings would be likely to result in a disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding that information would exist, under Section 7 of the

**Local Government Official  
Information and Meetings Act 1987.**

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**This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.**

**Moved by: Her Worship the Mayor**

**Seconded by: Councillor Michael Ford**

**CARRIED**

*The meeting went into public excluded session at 2:09pm. For items JSP 21/096 to JSP 21/098 refer to public excluded proceedings. The meeting returned to open session at 2:36pm.*

### **JSP 21/099 MEETING CLOSURE**

The meeting was declared closed at 2:37pm.