

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Economic Development Committee Meeting Part I Public, held in the Conference & Function Centre, 354 Main Street, Palmerston North on 15 September 2021, commencing at 1.12pm

Members Present: Councillors Leonie Hapeta (in the Chair), Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Orphée Mickalad, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Mr Ruma Karaitiana.

Non Members: Councillors Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan and Karen Naylor.

Apologies: The Mayor (Grant Smith) (on Council business).

The meeting adjourned at 1.15 pm.
The meeting resumed at 2.15pm.

20-21 **Apologies**

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 20-21 above was carried 16 votes to 0.

21-21 **Presentation - Central Economic Development Agency (CEDA)** Presentation, by Mr David Wright, Acting Chief Executive of CEDA.

Mr Wright reported that CEDA is working with relevant groups on the proposed central New Zealand Distribution Hub. If established this would be one of the three key hubs in New Zealand. It would present significant economic, investment and employment opportunities for the region.

A Food Strategy will be ready by the end of March 2022 and will then be released for public consultation. This area is seen as a significant sector for future growth.

Business and investment is focusing on the retention, expansion and attraction of qualified and skilled staff. The current market and opportunities available are very competitive.

Profiling the city and region is concentrating on the drivers of economic development which include a talent attraction campaign, particularly in the construction and infrastructure industries. A new regional website will be launched on 29 September 2021.

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Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. To receive the presentation from Central Economic Development Agency (CEDA) for information.

Clause 21-21 above was carried 16 votes to 0.

22-21 Presentation - Manawatū Chamber of Commerce

Presentation, by Ms Amanda Linsley, Chief Executive of the Manawatū Chamber of Commerce.

The presentation centred around the Manawatū Chamber of Commercés' response to the Covid-19 lockdown during August 2021 and the help and assistance they had given members.

Ms Linsley also presented the results of a survey which had been undertaken over a 24 hour period during the Covid-19 alert level 4 lockdown. She outlined the initiatives they would be focussing on in the next few months.

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. To receive the presentation from Manawatū Chamber of Commerce for information.

Clause 22-21 above was carried 16 votes to 0.

23-21 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting of 16 June 2021 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 23-21 above was carried 16 votes to 0.

24-21 Summary report on the June 2021 Palmerston North Quarterly Economic Monitor and Major events held during the year to June 2021

Memorandum, presented by Julie MacDonald, Strategy and Planning Manager.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the report titled 'Summary report on the June 2021 Palmerston

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North Quarterly Economic Monitor and Major events held during the year to June 2021' presented to the Economic Development Committee on 15 September 2021, be received.

Clause 24-21 above was carried 16 votes to 0.

25-21 Research, Science and Innovation Sector Profile - July 2021

Memorandum, presented by Julie Macdonald, Strategy and Policy Manager.

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the memorandum titled 'Research, Science and Innovation Sector Profile – July 2021' presented to the Economic Development Committee on 15 September 2021, be received for information.

Clause 25-21 above was carried 15 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Mr Ruma Karaitiana.

Against:

Councillor Brent Barrett.

26-21 Committee Work Schedule

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Economic Development Committee receive its Work Schedule dated September 2021.

Clause 26-21 above was carried 16 votes to 0.

The meeting finished at 3.00pm

Confirmed 8 December 2021

Chairperson