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## **Economic Development Committee**

### ***Komiti OOhanga Whakatupu***

### **OPEN MINUTES**

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**Minutes of a meeting of the Economic Development Committee held via audio-visual link on Tuesday 12 May 2020 at 10.00 am.**

#### **PRESENT**

Chairperson	Cr Ryan Hamilton
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Ewan Wilson
Members	Cr Martin Gallagher
	Cr Rob Pascoe
	Cr Maxine van Oosten
	Mayor Paula Southgate (Ex Officio)
	Maangai Olly Te Ua
	Maangai Te Pora Thompson-Evans

In Attendance:	Cr Dave Macpherson
	Jen Baird – General Manager City Growth
	Sean Murray - General Manager Venues Tourism and Major Events
	Eeva-Liisa Wright – General Manager Infrastructure Operations
	Blair Bowcott – Executive Director Special Projects
	Tracey Musty – Financial Controller
	Mike Bennett – Key Accounts Manager
	Stafford Hodgson – Programme Manager, Economics and Policy
	James Clarke - Director of the Mayor's Office

Governance Staff:	Amy Viggers – Governance Team Leader
	Carmen Fortin and Ian Loiterton – Governance Advisors

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#### **1. Apologies**

**Resolved:** (Cr Hamilton/Cr Wilson)

That the apologies for absence from Deputy Mayor Taylor (on Council business), Cr Bunting, Cr Forsyth, Cr Naidoo-Rauf, Cr O'Leary, and Cr Thomson, and for early departure from Maangai Thompson-Evans are accepted.

#### **2. Confirmation of Agenda**

**Resolved:** (Cr van Oosten/Cr Wilson)

That the agenda is confirmed noting that late item 15 (COVID-19 Economic Update) is accepted. This report was circulated to Committee Members prior to the meeting as a late item to ensure the most up to date information was provided.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

**4. Public Forum**

No members of the public wished to speak.

**5. Confirmation of the Open Economic Development Committee Minutes - 10 March 2020**

**Resolved:** (Cr Wilson/Cr Hamilton)

That the Committee confirm the open Minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held on 10 March 2020 as a true and correct record.

**6. Economic Development Committee Chairs Report - 12 May 2020**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved:** (Cr Hamilton/Cr Wilson)

That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

*Item 16 (COVID-19 Economic Update) was taken after item 6 (Economic Development Committee Chairs Report - 12 May 2020) to accommodate external presenter availability.*

**16. COVID-19 Economic Update (Late Report)**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved:** (Cr Hamilton/Maangai Te Ua)

That the Committee receives the report.

**7. Waikato Regional Airport Limited - COVID-19 Response**

The General Manager Venues Tourism and Major Events introduced Mark Morgan (Hamilton Airport Chief Executive) and, Scott Kendall (Hamilton Airport Finance Manager). They provided Members with an update on Waikato Regional Airport Limited in light of COVID-19. They responded to questions from Committee Members concerning the impact of and timelines for recovery from Covid-19, air traffic control volumes and plans for control towers, the Hamilton Airport Board's strategy in relation to its shareholders and government funding, and land sales.

**Resolved:** (Cr Wilson/Maangai Thompson-Evans)

That the Committee receives the report and verbal update and information material presented by WRAL.

*Item 9 (Te Waka COVID-19 Response) was taken after item 7 (Waikato Regional Airport Limited - COVID-19 Response) to accommodate external presenter availability.*

**8. Te Waka COVID-19 Response**

Hamish Bell (Chairperson), Michelle Hollands (Strategic Partnerships and Projects Manager) and Michael Bassett-Foss (Chief Executive) provided Committee Members with an update on work being undertaken by Te Waka. They responded to questions from Committee Members concerning Te Waka's capacity to deliver on Hamilton City Council investment, the preparedness of small and medium sized business for Covid-19, the role of Hamilton City Council in responding

to Covid-19 in terms of its procurement policies and partnerships, and how they were to support and partner with Maaori businesses.

**Resolved:** (Cr Hamilton/Cr Wilson)

That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

**The meeting was adjourned 11.52am to 12.07pm.**

**9. Hamilton Central Business Association Update - COVID-19 effect - Way Forward**

Vanessa Williams (General Manager Hamilton Central Business Association) took the report as read and responded to questions from Committee Members concerning e-commerce solutions for local businesses and business priorities for the revitalisation of the city centre. The General Manager City Growth explained Council's approach to footpath trading to support business in response to Covid-19.

**Resolved:** (Cr Hamilton/Cr Gallagher)

That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

**10. Hamilton and Waikato Tourism - COVID-19 Response**

Jason Dawson (Chief Executive Hamilton Waikato Tourism) spoke to the effects of COvid-19 on regional tourism and outlined the response to restart tourism. He responded to questions from Committee Members concerning rail tourism opportunities, tourism promotion and pricing, plans to reopen Hobbiton, and the role of events and virtual tours in the Waikato tourism market.

**Resolved:** (Maangai Te Ua/Cr van Oosten)

That the Committee receives the report, verbal update and information material presented by Hamilton and Waikato Tourism (HWT).

**10. Civic Financial Services Annual Report 31 December 2019**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved:** (Cr Hamilton/Cr Wilson)

That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

**11. H3 Group - Quarter 3 report 1 July 2019 to 31 March 2020**

The General Manager Venues Tourism and Major Events spoke to the report. He responded to questions from Committee Members concerning Chiefs Rugby games in Hamilton post Covid-19 restrictions, H3's provisional budget including strategies to manage its income and costs in response to Covid-19, SkyCity's hotel development, and contactless payment systems.

**Resolved:** (Cr Wilson/Cr Pascoe)

That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

*Maangai Thompson-Evans retired from the meeting (1:28pm) during the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.*

*Mayor Southgate left the meeting (1:45pm) during the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.*

**The meeting was adjourned 1.55pm to 2.45pm.**

*Mayor Southgate re-joined the meeting during the above adjournment.*

**13. Proposed Economic Development Framework**

The General Manager City Growth spoke to the Proposed Economic Development Framework. Staff responded to questions from Committee Members concerning the objectives and priorities of the framework, its resource requirements, the role of partners including H3 and Tainui, the status of the framework and what success measures would be used.

**Resolved:** (Cr Hamilton/Cr Wilson)

That the Economic Development Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the proposed Economic Development Framework;
- c) requests staff hold a briefing for Elected Members to discuss the strategic objectives which will form the basis of a refreshed Economic Development Agenda.

**12. General Manager's Report**

The General Manager City Growth introduced the report. Cr Hamilton and Cr Wilson then updated members on Economic Development Initiative discussions with sector representatives, and the opportunities identified as part of that process.

**Resolved:** (Cr Hamilton/Cr Wilson)

That the That the Economic Development Committee receives this report.

**135. Resolution to Exclude the Public**

**Resolved:** (Maangai Te Ua/Cr Gallagher)

**Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987**

The following motion is submitted for consideration:

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely consideration of the public excluded agenda.

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 follows.

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987
C1. Confirmation of the Public Excluded Economic Development Committee Minutes - 10 March 2020	) Good reason to withhold ) information exists under ) Section 7 Local Government ) Official Information and ) Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the

proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

Item C1.                   to prevent the disclosure or use of official   Section 7 (2) (j)  
information for improper gain or improper  
advantage

**The meeting went into a public excluded session at 3.32pm.**

**The meeting was declared closed at 3.33pm.**