



Our Corporate Values

- Community Focus
- Can-do Attitude
- Continual Improvement
- Excellence
- Team Work
- Accountability
- Active Communication

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

Date: 30th June 2017

Time: 1.30pm

Council Chambers

1. MEETING OPENED

2. ATTENDEES

Ryan Hall	Director Development Services	(Chair)
Chris Adams	CEO	
Cr Peter Long	Mayor	
Cr Geoff Harris	Councillor	
Cr Grant Cucel	Councillor	
Cr Daniel Scott	Councillor	
Cr John Lally	Councillor	
Cr Robin Vandenberg	Councillor	

3. APOLOGIES

Simone Dredge Development Services (Minutes)

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- Members are to review these initiatives with a view to provide a formal recommendation to Council that these projects be prioritised.
- Land Supply Pipeline – further work is required by administration to:
 1. Look into residential lots availability within major businesses to portray an accurate stock of housing availability.
 2. Mark-up larger blocks with numbers and details on what is required to get these lots ready.
- Economic Development Reserve- administration to review possible revenue stream options for Council to consider.
- Edible Oyster Research & Development Program Project - administration to inform Council that the Economic Development Advisory Group supports the Edible Oyster Project.
- PDC Draft SME Strategy - administration to include this item on the next meeting's Agenda.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

Economic Development Priorities

The Group resolved to agree on the 8 priorities as follows:

1. Sahara Forest Project

Officers held a steering committee meeting with the SFP Project Team where a site has been preliminarily identified. The project is on track and Administration are working to finalise the funding agreement with the Pilbara Development Commission and Sahara Forest Project.

2. Support and advocate to the Resources Industry

Officers provided an update on key projects and activity occurring within the region.

3. Land Supply Pipeline

Work continues on this project to monitor land supply and development ready sites.

4. Karratha City Centre Hotel

Concept designs were discussed and positive feedback received.

5. Wickham Hospital Site Redevelopment

Officers confirmed the site has been acquired and will be demolished in the 2017/18 financial year. There are no plans to redevelop at this time.

6. New Economic Development Strategy

A draft framework was submitted for discussion and feedback.

7. International flights promotion

A scope and request for quote is being prepared for marketing services.

8. Federal University Model

The Federal Government has committed to funding a Geraldton University Model in the Pilbara with Karratha specifically identified. A Meeting is being held with the Federal Minister and the Geraldton University in July to progress.

PDC Draft SME Strategy

The PDC Draft SME Strategy was discussed and circulated to members.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

Meeting Closed

Next Meeting TBC