



Economic Development Committee

to be held at

Council Administration Centre

180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Wednesday 19 June 2024

at 6:00 PM

Minutes

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The Mayor declared the meeting open at 6:00 pm.

## 1. Acknowledgement of Country

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The Mayor acknowledged Wiradjuri Elders past and present of the Wiradjuri nation - the original custodians of the land on which the Lithgow's communities reside and extended respect to our neighbouring nations.

The Mayor went on to inform all those in attendance at this meeting, that the meeting is being webcast and that those in attendance should refrain from making any defamatory statements concerning any person, Councillor or employee, and refrain from discussing those matters subject to Closed Council proceedings as indicated in clause 14.1 of the code of meeting practice.

## 2. Present

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Public: Nil

Her Worship the Mayor Councillor M Statham  
Councillor D Goodwin  
Councillor A Bryce  
Councillor C Coleman  
Councillor S Lesslie  
Councillor S M<sup>c</sup>Ghie  
Councillor E Mahony  
Councillor C O' Connor  
Councillor S Ring

Also in attendance

Craig Butler	General Manager
Jonathon Edgecombe	Director Infrastructure and Economy
Shaun Elwood	Director People & Places
Sarah Lewis	Minutes Secretary

## 3. Apologies

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All being present there were no apologies.

## 4. Declaration of Interest

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Councillor S Ring declared a non-significant and non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 5.2 for the reason that he is President of the Lithgow District Chamber of Commerce and a member of the board is being nominated as part of the working parties. Cllr Ring advised that he did not intend to vacate the Chambers when the item is discussed.

### PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT the Council gain clarification on the reports from the administration before voting to move and second the item.

**MOVED:** Councillor D Goodwin  
**CARRIED**

**SECONDED:** Councillor A Bryce

## 5. Administration Reports

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### 5.1. Review of the Future Jobs and Investment Authority Issues Paper

Councillor S Lesslie called a Point of Order on Councillor M Statham in relation to the report being read out as written when all that is required is a summary.

The Mayor upheld the Point of Order.

#### Action/Recommendation

THAT the Economic Development Committee endorse a response to the NSW Government's 'Future Jobs and Investment Authorities Issue Paper' that aligns with the key points outlined in the body of the report.

**MOVED:** Councillor A Bryce

**SECONDED:** Councillor C O'Connor

**CARRIED**

### 5.2. Project Update - LEEP Initiatives

#### Action/Recommendation

THAT the Economic Development Committee accept the project update relating to LEEP governance, the Adaptive Skills Hub, Employment Lands Strategy Review, and the Place Branding and Marketing Strategy.

**MOVED:** Councillor A Bryce

**SECONDED:** Councillor E Mahony

**CARRIED**

A **DIVISION** was called by Councillor M Statham

#### Divisions

**FOR:** Councillor M Statham, Councillor C Coleman, Councillor D Goodwin, Councillor S McGhie, Councillor E Mahony, Councillor C O'Connor and Councillor S Ring

**AGAINST:** Councillor S Lesslie

Councillor A Bryce left the meeting at 6:46 pm and did not return

## 6. General Business

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Mr Edgecombe and Mr Elwood provided an update on a number of projects and initiatives.

1. Progress on the design of Main Street.

Councillor D Goodwin left the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Councillor D Goodwin returned to the meeting at 6:52 pm.

2. Update on the recruitment of staff within Economic Development and Planning and Building.
3. Advocacy for more action from other levels of government regarding economic diversification efforts.
4. Matters and opportunities arising from the La Trobe Visit
5. Status on the VPA policy reviews, including the development of a policy to capture community benefits from major projects from large-scale renewables through to smaller-scale subdivisions.

Councillor M Statham called a Point of Order on Councillor S Ring in relation to his comments made towards Mr Elwood.

The Mayor upheld the Point of Order.

6. Development of a commercial precinct pedestrian and traffic circulation study covering the Main Street, Mort Street, Lithgow Street, Railway Parade, Bridge Street, Eskbank Street, Hassans Walls Road and all the laneways connecting to these areas.
7. Major planning studies, including the Greenspot rezoning proposal
8. Other strategic planning projects, including the housekeeping review of the LEP, Urban Design, Landscaping Design Program and others.

### **MOTION**

THAT the information provided in General Business be noted.

**MOVED:** Councillor S Lesslie

**SECONDED:** Councillor C Coleman

### **CARRIED**

A **DIVISION** was called by Councillor M Statham

### **Divisions**

**FOR:** Councillor M Statham, Councillor C Coleman, Councillor S Lesslie, Councillor S McGhie, Councillor E Mahony, and Councillor S Ring

**AGAINST:** Councillor D Goodwin, and Councillor C O'Connor

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7:31 pm.

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