

CITY OF NEWCASTLE

Minutes of the Briefing Committee Meeting held in the Council Chambers, Level 1, City Administration Centre, 12 Stewart Avenue, Newcastle West on Tuesday 16 November 2021 at 6.02pm.

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor (Councillor N Nelmes), Councillors J Church, D Clausen, C Duncan, K Elliott, J Mackenzie, A Robinson (*arrived 6.12pm*), A Rufo, E White (*arrived 6.15pm*) and P Winney-Baartz.

IN ATTENDANCE

J Bath (Chief Executive Officer), D Clarke (Director Governance and Chief Financial Officer), F Leatham (Director People and Culture), J Rigby (Acting Director Infrastructure and Property), A Jones (Director City Wide Services), K Hyland (Interim Director Strategy and Engagement), L Morton (Art Gallery Director), M Bennett (Project Manager), H Sexton (Acting Manager Legal), M Bisson (Manager Regulatory, Planning and Assessment), J Baird (Museum Director), S Moore (Manager Finance), M Murray (Chief of Staff), K Sullivan (Councillor Services/Minutes), A Knowles (Councillor Services/Meeting Support), L Stanhope (Councillor Services/Meeting Support), G Axelsson (Information Technology Support) and U Bansal (Information Technology Support).

MESSAGE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Lord Mayor read the message of acknowledgement to the Awabakal and Worimi peoples.

PRAYER

The Lord Mayor read a prayer and a period of silence was observed in memory of those who served and died so that Council might meet in peace.

REQUEST TO ATTEND BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK / APOLOGIES

MOTION

Moved by Cr Mackenzie, seconded by Cr Duncan

The requests submitted by Councillor Church, Elliott and White to attend by audio visual link be received and leave granted.

The apology submitted on behalf of Councillor Luke be received and leave of absence granted.

Carried

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Clausen

Councillor Clausen declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 1 - Newcastle Art Gallery Expansion, stating that he was Council's appointed representative to the Art Gallery Foundation Board which was a financial contributor to the project and would remain in the Chamber for discussion on the item.

BRIEFING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM-1

BR 16/11/21 - NEWCASTLE ART GALLERY EXPANSION

Lauretta Morton, Art Gallery Director and Matthew Bennett, Project Manager for the Newcastle Art Gallery Expansion Project provided a briefing to Council incorporating the project scope, design, plans, and project schedule.

The meeting concluded at 6.30pm