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Smart Transformation Advisory Council (STAC) Meeting – Moranbah

12 October 2021

Attendees

Brianna Baggow

Ash Dowd

Anthony Edwards

Carolyn Fritz

Kristy Marks

Michelle Pole

Melissa Westcott

Apologies

Richard Engel

Sean Milfull

Michelle Esler

Guests

Cameron Milner, Next Level and David Moore,
Next Level (via Webex)

Todd Harrington, Brendan Dillon and Rob
Simpson, Whitehaven Coal

Secretariat

Mitchell Innes (Facilitator)

Nicole Ireland

MEETING NOTES

- Meeting commenced at 12.10pm with apologies advised.

MINUTES

- Minutes from Meeting 7 were moved by CF, seconded by KM and approved by all.

ACTION LIST incl COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT RESULTS

- Update provided on launch of Connectivity, the recent edition of Transformer and related increase in web traffic. In particular, the launch of Connectivity provided strong engagement. MI advised the growth in the database through Roundtables and increased engagement on Roadmap Projects would increase the reach of Smart Transformation.

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COMMUNITY ROADMAP

Community Roadmap Update

- Digital Connectivity
BB advised that a new Project Manager had been appointed for this Project. Further, Telstra had been on the ground and identified sites and the intention was to complete projects in both communities concurrently. MI advised that a plan detailing key project milestones was expected from Telstra in the coming weeks.
- Youth Skills and Training
MI advised that the next step for this project was Queensland Future Skills (QFS) to progress recruitment for the Careers Navigator role.
- Childcare
MW reported on the successful Moranbah Childcare Roundtable, held on 11 October, involving key childcare stakeholders, IRC and STAC representatives who discussed the findings of the Final Report and prioritised the recommendations. There was strong support at that meeting to progress the formation of a Childcare Alliance for the region and the structure required to facilitate that Alliance.
MI shared an update from the Dysart Childcare Roundtable.
- 4IR Ag/Mining Roundtable
NI advised the Roundtable would be held on Tuesday October 26th in Moranbah from 1pm and provided an overview of the event.
- Innovation Study
NI advised discussions with CQU were continuing to progress the Innovation Study.
- Attraction and Retention
STAC members discussed the progress of the local Chamber. MI advised that a meeting with STAC members involved in the Attraction and Retention project would be held in the coming weeks.
- Housing and Industrial Land Projects

Discussed in detail – see notes below.

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Community Services Project

Cameron Milner and David Moore from Next Level joined the meeting via Webex to discuss potential next steps in an advocacy strategy for the STAC. The following key points summarise this discussion:

- Both highlighted the strength of the work that had been completed
- In discussing the proposed advocacy, it was noted that these issues were not uncommon in regional communities and that access to funding was very competitive
- Advice was provided on next steps including a feedback process with study participants and the identification and prioritisation of key issues for advocacy
- Specific guidance suggested on presenting and sharing data to support those key issues

Following this session, the STAC agreed key steps to progress the recommendations and findings from this report. It was agreed this work should commence between now and the next meeting.

ACTION: Secretariat to progress next steps to support the advocacy strategy.

Housing/Industrial Land Projects

MI updated the STAC on the progress of both projects which have now been re-started. Some early and high-level findings were shared with the STAC. AEC, the consultants completing the report, are working to provide a further draft by December 2021, subject to the availability of information from IRC.

ACTION: Secretariat to continue to support the progress these projects.

Whitehaven Coal Presentation

Todd Harrington, Project Director for Winchester South, provided an overview on the project for STAC members.

Other Business

KM extended an invitation (following invitation by SM at prior Moranbah STAC meeting) to the STAC to visit Goonyella Riverside before the end of this year. STAC members were interested, and the Secretariat will provide further details.

Meeting closed at 2.05pm with next meeting date to be advised.

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