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#### Smart Transformation Advisory Council (STAC) Meeting – Dysart

14 February 2022

#### Attendees

Liz Fox

Dan Iliffe

Brianna Jahnke

Kristy Marks

Sandy Moffatt

Cheryl Perry

#### Guests

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#### Apologies

Royce Bailey

John Crooks

Rhiannon Rowe

Richelle Toshack

#### Secretariat

Mitchell Innes (Facilitator)

Nicole Ireland

### MEETING NOTES

- Meeting commenced at 6.20pm with apologies advised.

### MINUTES

- Minutes from Meeting 9 were moved by CP, seconded by SM and approved by all.

### ACTION LIST incl COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT RESULTS

- Update provided on the recent edition of The Transformer and related web traffic results. MI advised the continued growth in the database over December and January, particularly through the Childcare Alliance activities.
- MI presented an overview of the data from the online campaign. Data shows strong engagement, with project updates tracking most favourably with the audience.
- Presentation by Prof Pierre Viljoen (CQU) postponed until April meetings.

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### ROADMAP PROJECT UPDATES

- Digital Connectivity  
IRC currently reviewing Development Applications for identified locations.
- Youth Skills and Training  
TAFE Qld, on behalf of QFS, has supplied a clear and detailed plan to progress recruitment for the Careers Navigator role during March with the incumbent expected to start in April.
- Childcare  
First Steering Committee meeting for the regional Childcare Alliance held with positive engagement and feedback to date. The immediate focus of the Alliance is the attraction and retention of staff. STAC members agreed this was an effective model and positive outcome in addressing the Childcare issue.  
LF advised that she was supporting a potential new provider who was interested in establishing services in Dysart.
- Community Wellbeing Study  
Working with IRC to secure a time to meet and discuss their feedback on this report.
- Transport Project  
MI advised IRC are working through approval of paperwork to facilitate use of the bus for this project. Hinterland Community Care has secured a driver and the project will commence as soon as access to the bus is granted.
- Community Skills and Training  
NI presented the proposed training offering in response to the findings of the survey and consultation on key challenges and possible training priorities with local groups.  
A grant writing session is scheduled for 15 March and extends an existing program GW3 is facilitating in the region.  
STAC members discussed the timing and process for engaging groups to attend a series of webinars and weekend workshop to cover other topics.  
Secretariat will provide information for STAC members to promote course on March 15 and circulate other course timing for STAC and subsequent community group feedback.

*ACTION: Secretariat to share promotional materials for 15 March course and potential dates/plan for other sessions.*

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### **Housing/Industrial Land**

MI provided a brief overview of the key findings of the Housing study and discussed next steps. It was agreed to focus on progressing the Housing work prior to advancing the Industrial Land study.

STAC members had a lengthy discussion about next steps, current challenges and key stakeholders. It was agreed to progress the development of a Housing Summit, based on the successful model of the Childcare Roundtables to address this issue. The need for a clear scope in advance of the meeting, along with identifying key participants was emphasised.

*ACTION: Secretariat to engage AEC to commence planning to facilitate the Housing Summit.*

### **Innovation Study**

Following a review of the RDA Roadmap presentation from the previous meeting, it was agreed to progress the Innovation Study project to produce a study report that would identify opportunities for the region over a 20-30 year timeframe. It is envisaged the findings would inform the planning processes and work of key local organisations. It was agreed to form a Steering Committee with representatives of IRC, GW3, RDA and CQU to guide this study.

*ACTION: Secretariat to identify potential organisations to complete the Study and commence the project.*

### **Attraction and Retention Project**

MI presented some concepts and outlined the approach to produce a video presentation highlighting the strengths of the Dysart community, to assist local organisations in attracting and retaining employees. This initiative is well-supported by the STAC members, particularly those facing current recruitment challenges. STAC members provided valuable context and suggestions for inclusion in the presentation.

### **Measuring Smart Transformation**

MI outlined the need to understand a reset baseline of community readiness for 4IR using the original high level criteria Community Resilience, Just Transition, Technology Use and Community Vision. The original baseline was developed by interviewing a representative sample of people from both communities, including those from business, education, health, local government and community services. It is proposed to repeat these face-to-face interviews with the same interviewees, wherever possible, to secure comparative quantitative results of Smart Transformation's performance which will be combined with qualitative performance measures. STAC members supported the plan to incorporate this measurement into current activities.

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*ACTION: Secretariat to scope and undertake review.*

### **Queensland Mining Awards**

MI presented the opportunity for the Smart Transformation initiative to be entered in the Queensland Mining Awards, to be presented at an event in Mackay on July 20. STACs supportive of the Secretariat developing an application.

*ACTION: Secretariat to prepare and submit an application.*

### **Next Meetings**

4 April

6 June

Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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