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30 January 2008

To All Councillors

You are hereby notified that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, 6 February 2008, immediately following the conclusion of the Corporate and Regulatory Services Committee Meeting, for the purpose of transacting the undermentioned business.

**B R MORTOMORE
GENERAL MANAGER**

AGENDA:

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 4/2008

SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN TAFE NSW – HUNTER INSTITUTE, DET – HUNTER, CENTRAL COAST SCHOOLS AND CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL.

Council's Economic Development Manager, Ms K Payall reports:

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

For Council to review and endorse the draft MOU between Cessnock City Council, TAFE NSW – Hunter Institute, DET – Hunter, Central Coast Schools.

BACKGROUND:

CCC has a strong association with both DET and TAFE with regards to issues concerning school retention rates and identifying appropriate training/career paths.

More recently Council has played a role in encouraging dialogue with TAFE and DET to come together and look at measures that deliver training options at both school and TAFE level to build labour force capacity within the LGA.

The Intent of the draft MOU is to foster initiatives to better skill the local workforce while simultaneously building a strategic alliance between CCC, TAFE NSW – Hunter Institute, DET – Hunter, Central Coast Schools.

Development of individual and joint capability will focus on:

- Understand employment/workforce skills required by industry in the Local Government Area;
- Foster initiatives that will skill the local workforce to meet local industry needs;
- Act in a spirit of cooperation in their dealings with each other and give due consideration to the needs of the others at all times;
- Improve participation in education and training;
- Place a priority on the ongoing evolution of the partnership by working collaboratively to strategically plan, implement and respond to opportunities for better employment outcomes in the Cessnock Local Government Area through education and training availability.

Formalising the work being undertaken by the signing of an MOU is a means to acknowledge the strategic partners fostering better employment outcomes to meet the needs of the local industry.

A copy of the draft MOU is provided in Enclosure 1.

RECOMMENDATION that:

1. Council endorse the draft Memorandum of Understanding.
2. Council’s Economic Development Manager represents Council on the partnership committee.

To: **Ordinary Council Meeting**
6 February 2008

B R MORTOMORE
GENERAL MANAGER
29 January 2008