PRESENT
The Lord Mayor (Councillor N Nelmes), Councillors M Byrne, J Church, D Clausen, C Duncan, J Dunn, B Luke, J Mackenzie, A Robinson, A Rufo, E White and P Winney-Baartz.

IN ATTENDANCE
J Bath (Chief Executive Officer), A Jones (Interim Director Corporate Services), J Rigby (Acting Director Infrastructure), J Gaynor (Interim Director Planning and Regulatory), E Kolatchew (Interim Manager Legal and Governance), T Askew (Acting Manager Strategic Planning), N Bavinton (Smart Cities Coordinator), M Murray (Policy Officer, Lord Mayor's Office), C Fields (Executive Officer, Lord Mayor's Office) A Knowles (Council Services/Minutes) and K Sullivan (Council Services/Webcast).

APOLOGIES
MOTION
Moved by Cr Luke, seconded by Cr Church

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

Carried

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS
Nil

BRIEFING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM-3 BR 10/04/18 - CITIES LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE US SMART CITIES TOUR 2017

Ms Katherine O'Regan - Executive Director Cities Leadership Group, Councillor Declan Clausen, Mr Tim Askew, Acting Manager Strategic Planning and Mr Nathaniel Bavinton, Smart Cities Coordinator, provided a briefing to Council on the purpose and outcomes of the US Smart Cities Tour Program 2017.

The briefing outlined a number of direct learnings and outcomes that were brought back from the program. The learnings included various models and initiatives that were currently working well in other cities, together with how Newcastle could apply and implement these to the City's forward models and plans.

Councillors asked a number of questions including learnings for equity and diversity together with privacy concerns in relation to advancing technologies.

The meeting concluded at 7.03pm