

# NOTICE OF MEETING OF COUNCIL

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## ORDINARY MEETING

# LATE AGENDA ITEM

## KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL

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## TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2012

### ORDINARY MEETING

At 6.00pm

Council Chambers, Civic Centre,  
Stuart Highway, Katherine

DAVID LAUGHER  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



# REPORT

**FOLDER:** GOVERNMENT RELATIONS / LIAISON / VICTORIA DALY SHIRE COUNCIL

**MEETING:** ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 23 OCTOBER 2012

**REPORT TITLE:** IN PRINCIPLE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH VICTORIA DALY SHIRE COUNCIL

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## Purpose of Report

To seek an “in principle” agreement to proceed with negotiations towards the potential co-location of office accommodation for Victoria Daly Shire Council and Katherine Town Council, on the current Katherine Town Council office site.

## Report

Informal discussions have taken place between the CEO's of both Councils, exploring a range of options for future resource sharing arrangements between the two entities. Of primary significance in these discussions has been the potential for co-location of both Councils within a single (shared) office complex, and the potential savings that this arrangement might accrue.

Apart from the principle of shared physical space, there remains an attraction in terms of the potential for shared activity and shared human resources, however that is secondary to the initial consideration of office space.

This report therefore seeks to garner the support of Katherine Town Council to enable more detailed planning and negotiations to occur towards such a shared arrangement. As such the support will enable the engagement of building surveyors and planners to better understand both the feasibility and the practicalities of construction that could best serve both entities into the future.

Physical co-location, on the current Katherine Town Council building site would require construction of additional office and amenity space, and a sharing of some existing communal areas. Costs for this proposal would largely be borne by Victoria Daly Shire Council as the proponent, with benefits accruing to both parties.

## OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

### **That Council:**

1. Supports the “in principle” the concept of co-location of the two Councils, and directs the CEO to progress the negotiations to a firm proposal.

David Laughher  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**Delegation:** Chief Executive Officer David Laughher  
**Schedule of Attachments** Nil