

## **5.8. DOUGLAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - AMENDMENT TO RESOURCE AND PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council resolves to:**

- 1. Approve the request to amend the Douglas Chamber of Commerce's current Resource and Performance Agreement to extend the expiry date by three months from 30 June, 2021 to 30 September, 2021.**
- 2. Delegate authority under Section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise all matters in relation to the above Agreement.**

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Douglas Chamber of Commerce has submitted a request to amend their current Resource and Performance Agreement to extend the expiry date by three months from 30 June 2021 to 30 September 2021.

### **BACKGROUND**

At an Ordinary Council Meeting on 30 June 2020, it was resolved to enter into a Resource and Performance Agreement with Douglas Chamber of Commerce for specialist business support, with funding of \$50,000 (GST exc) for a period of one year dated from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

Following this, Council officers entered into discussions with the Douglas Chamber of Commerce to develop KPI's that would focus on strong support for small businesses in the community and support economic growth for the Shire, while also encouraging structure and growth within the organization.

The Resource and Performance Agreement was adopted at the Douglas Chamber of Commerce AGM on 17 September 2020 and effective from this date.

### **COMMENT**

An extension on the Resource and Performance Agreement by three months from 30 June 2021 to 30 September 2021 will allow for the Douglas Chamber of Commerce to have a full twelve-month period to achieve their KPIs.

## PROPOSAL

The proposal that Council:

1. Approve the request to amend the Douglas Chamber of Commerce's current Resource and Performance Agreement to extend the expiry date by three months from 30 June, 2021 to 30 September, 2021.
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to finalise all matters in relation to the above Agreement.

## FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The funding for the Agreement has been allocated in the 2020-2021 budget and will be carried over.

## RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Clear terms, conditions and reporting requirements will mitigate the inappropriate use of public funds. Monthly reports and an annual review ensure the objectives of Council continue to be met.

## SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

**Economic:** Douglas Chamber of Commerce can continue to provide a strong and coordinated approach to economic development.

**Environmental:** Nil

**Social:** Business support during the challenging period is important to the social wellbeing of the Shire.

## CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

### Corporate Plan 2019-2024 Initiatives:

#### Theme 2 - Fostering Sustainable Economic Growth

A robust economy is at the heart of a thriving community and enables investment in environmental protection. While our remoteness is a key attribute, it also presents challenges for attracting new business and investment. We must also meet the challenges of fierce competition in the tourism sector. Council will partner with industry to build, diversify and promote the Douglas economy. Council will design and deliver infrastructure, strategies and services that support the local economy and businesses.

**Goal 2 - We will work with partners to promote the Shire as the World's leading sustainable tropical destination and encourage business investment.**

**Goal 3 - We will develop strategies that seek to diversify the Shire's economic base.**

## COUNCIL'S ROLE

Council can play a number of different roles in certain circumstances and it is important to be clear about which role is appropriate for a specific purpose or circumstance. The implementation of actions will be a collective effort and Council's involvement will vary from information only through to full responsibility for delivery.

The following areas outline where Council has a clear responsibility to act:

**Funder** Council often partly funds services, events or community organisations through grants, donations, subsidies and in-kind support. Council will apply robust governance to ensure that such funding is fair and appropriate.

## CONSULTATION

**Internal:** Finance

**External:** Financial support for the Douglas Chamber of Commerce was discussed as part of Council's Operational Plan 2020-2021 and the Douglas Shire Council Economic Development Strategy 2021-24.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Nil

## ATTACHMENTS

Nil