

EM08: Shared Services

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Strategic Intent

- The Belyuen Community Government Council (the Council) is committed to amalgamation with Coomalie Community Government Council as the Council has identified significant social and economic benefits arising from this amalgamation, including:
 - Improved service delivery to the residents of the region
 - Reduced service delivery cost
 - Reduced risk
 - Improved long-term financial sustainability
- The Council recognizes that journey to amalgamation is long and ultimately requires approval from the Minister for Local Government.
- To support and strengthen the links between the Council and Coomalie Community Government Council, the Council will seek to enter shared service arrangements with the Coomalie Community Government Council.
- The Council also recognises that, under certain circumstances, it may be practical to enter a shared-services arrangement with one or more bodies for mutual benefit of improved service delivery and outcome, at a reduced overall risk and cost.

Legislative References

- Section 216 of the *Local Government Act 2019*

Policy

The Belyuen Community Government Council will consider whether a shared-services approach with other public or private bodies is desirable on a case by case basis. The Council will also consider requests and proposal for shared services from external stakeholders. The ultimate discretion of whether to enter into a shared services agreement lies with Council.

Proposals for shared services arrangements shall be assessed against various requirements and considerations including but not limited to:

- Applicable law;
- Current and potential contractual and agreement obligations;
- The public interest;
- Current and potential operational requirements;
- Risk;
- Safety;
- Cost analysis; and

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- Current and potential capacity of all parties to deliver stated and desirable outcomes.

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