

# COUNCIL-CONTROLLED ORGANISATIONS

The Council is to establish a council-controlled organisation with other regional councils for the purposes of collaboratively developing and maintaining a software application suite for use by regional councils in the delivery of their activities under a long-term council community plan. The application suite expected to be developed has been called IRIS – Integrated Regional Information Software.

The main drivers of the IRIS project are:

- continuity of supply
- influence/control of the destiny of regional council sector specific software
- risk reduction
- economies of scale
- standardisation of practice and/or adoption of best practice

A council-controlled organisation can be a company, partnership, trust, arrangement for the sharing of profits, union of interest, co-operation, joint venture or other similar arrangement in which one or more local authorities, directly or indirectly, controls the organisation. The final structure of the council-controlled organisation is yet to be determined.

The shareholders of the council-controlled organisation will be a number of regional councils and potentially the external vendor responsible for the development of IRIS.

Depending on the final adopted structure of the council-controlled organisation the Council may hold shares or some other form of ownership. The Council will not be contributing capital to the council-controlled organisation. Rather, by committing its share of the costs of development, the Council will be financing the council-controlled organisation. The Council may contribute to the operating costs of the council-controlled organisation. The Council will maintain its ownership of the council-controlled organisation as long as it continues to operate and the Council continues to utilise the products developed by the council-controlled organisation. Once established, the council-controlled organisation will prepare a statement of intent. This statement of intent will form the basis of key performance targets and other measures by which the performance of the council-controlled organisation may be judged.