**Independent Expert Policy**

**Policy Statement**

In the event of Council requiring a timely  appointment of an independent expert under *Local Government Act 1995* s.5.45(2)(a) to assist Council with its LG Act s.2.7(1)(a) govern role and its LG Act s.2.7(2)(a) oversight role, Council is authorised to expend up to $100,000 without regard to and without applying Council’s *Procurement of Goods and Services Policy* (Purchasing Policy).

**Definition**

*Expert* is defined for the purpose of the *Independent Expert Policy* to mean a person or persons with qualifications decided suitable by Council *simple majority.*

*Timely* for the purpose of the *Independent Expert Policy* is defined to mean a timeframe as decided appropriate to the circumstances by Council *simple majority*.

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| **Link to Council Plan** |  | | |