

# Service Level Agreement for Destination Coromandel to operate a Visitor Information Centre in Thames

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<b>TO</b>	Economic Development Committee
<b>FROM</b>	Ben Day - Deputy CE
<b>DATE</b>	13 October 2014
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Destination Coromandel Service Level Agreement to operate a Visitor Information Centre in Thames</b>

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## 1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to approve the Service Level Agreement for Destination Coromandel to operate a Visitor Information Centre in Thames.

## 2 Background

At its meeting of 3 April 2013 the Council resolved that it would *"fund (district) two i-SITES at Thames and Whitianga to be operated by Destination Coromandel (which will be reviewed again if a Discovery Centre is established at Kopu). The remaining Centres will be funded by Community Boards"*.

The Council also reinforced this position when it adopted the Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan in December 2013.

Destination Coromandel has already taken over the operations of the Mercury Bay Visitor Information Centre (i-SITE) from the Mercury Bay Business Association on 1 July 2014.

Destination Coromandel will operate the Thames i-SITE from 1 July 2015, subject to a successful negotiation with the current operators.

## 3 Issue

Destination Coromandel require a funding commitment from the Economic Development Committee and the Council prior to finalising negotiations with the Thames i-SITE operators.

The funding quantum is \$80,000 per annum for three years starting from 1 July 2015, which is the approximate funding quantum currently received by the Thames-based Incorporated Society operating the Thames i-SITE.

Destination Coromandel are working directly with the Thames Area Office to move the Visitor Information Centre to the Thames Civic Centre.

## 4 Suggested Resolution(s)

That the Economic Development Committee

1. Receives the report.
2. Approves the 2015/18 Service Level Agreement for the funding of the Visitor Information Centres located in Thames

**References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments**

**Attachment A** *Draft Unsigned Funding Agreement for 2015-2018 Destination Coromandel and Thames i-site Centre*

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