Katherine Town Council last night made the decision in principle to provide local government services and to support the inclusion of Binjari Community Government Council in the Katherine Municipality.

Minister for Local Government, Elliot McAdam said the decision follows the request made by Binjari Council to Katherine Town Council, earlier this year and subsequent guidance and assistance from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Sport.

“Binjari Council consulted closely with my Department over a number of months regarding its limited financial situation and indicated it did not have the financial capacity to continue to provide essential local government services.” said Mr McAdam.

“This has been a very difficult situation and a sensible decision was made by Binjari Council members who have shown strong leadership while providing local government management to Binjari for more than a decade.

“Their willingness to combine local government service provision with Katherine Town Council is an indication of the way in which the community would like to move forward.”

Mr McAdam also commended the efforts Katherine Town Council has made to ensure the negotiations have progressed smoothly.

Katherine Town Council will provide services to Binjari such as rubbish removal, capital works, and administration management commencing in the near future.

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