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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Tuesday, 2 May 2017 (at 08h50), Committee Room 1, 4th Floor, 7 Wale Street, Cape Town

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

Mnqasela, M (Alternate)
Schäfer, BA

African National Congress

Beerwinkel, CF (Acting Chairperson)
Olivier, RT

Additional Members

Joseph, D (DA)

Apology

Dijana, TM (ANC)

The following persons were in attendance:

Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Mr P van Zyl, Head of Department
Mr T Gildenhuis, Chief Financial Officer
Mr A Gaffoor, Director: Strategic and Operational Support
Mr F Wust, Programme Manager: Regional Socio-Economic Programme and Violence Prevention
Through Urban Upgrading (RSEP/VPUU)
Ms N Murray, Chief Town Regional Planner
Mr S Kistensamy, Deputy Director: RSEP/VPUU

VPUU Not For Profit (NPC) Company

Mr M Krause, Chief Executive Officer
Ms W Arendse, Executive Support

The Committee Co-ordinator, Ms Niekerk, informed the Committee that in accordance with the Western Cape Provincial Parliament's Standing Rule 77 (2), the Committee would proceed to the election of an acting Chairperson.

Ms BA Schäfer moved that Ms CF Beerwinkel be elected as acting Chairperson.

No further nominations were received.

Motion agreed to.

1. Opening and Welcome

The acting Chairperson opened the meeting by welcoming the members of the Committee, the Departmental officials and the representatives from the VPUU NPC. She informed the Committee that an apology was received from the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, Mr Anton Bredell.

2. Briefing by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and representatives from the VPUU project on the RESEP/VPUU Programme

The Department provided the Committee with an overview of the RSEP/VPUU Programme outlining the implementation thereof in collaboration with municipalities as well as the opportunities that arise from the programme. Various municipalities that participate in the programme were showcased and the benefits of the programme within these municipal areas were highlighted. The Programme's alignment and synergy to and with other initiatives and Departments to ensure its success were provided to the Committee as well as details of the Programme funding. Successes and lessons learnt were also specified.

The Chief Executive Officer of the NPC provided the Committee with background information on the VPUU Programme. The selection criteria for municipalities were explained and the spatial and social transformation resulting from the programme was emphasised. The results of various research studies that were funded by tertiary institutions were provided indicating the link between the outcomes of the research and the positive impact of the programme that proved evidence led social cohesion, transformation and sustainability.

The Committee commended the Department on the RSEP/VPUU programme that is geared towards improving the living space of communities.

3. Resolutions/Actions

- 3.1 The Committee RESOLVED that it would, at a later date, undertake an oversight visit to a municipality that is a participant in the RESEP/VPUU programme.

3.2 The Committee RECOMMENDED that:

3.2.1 The Department adopts a proactive approach by being the leading agent for negotiation in terms of the Better Living Model for future spatial development so as to ensure the optimal use of land for sustainable integrated development; and

3.2.2 Provincial Treasury considers an increased adjustment to the allocation of funds to the Department for this programme in order to facilitate proactive integrated development.

4. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Quarterly Report (January – March 2017)

The acting Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Quarterly Report that was considered and adopted.

5. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Tracking Document as at 2 May 2017

The acting Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Tracking Document that was considered and adopted.

6. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Programme

The acting Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Programme as at 2 May 2017 that was considered and adopted.

7. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Annual Report 2016/2017

The acting Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Annual Report that was considered and adopted.

The Committee RESOLVED that it would focus on active public participation in the budget process.

8. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Minutes of 22 March 2017

The acting Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes that was considered and adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 10h55.

MS CF BEERWINKEL, MPP

**CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT
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