

REPORT TO: URBAN MANAGEMENT PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE

1. ITEM NUMBER URBM 18/06/20

2. SUBJECT

FUNCTIONING AND MANAGEMENT OF WARD COMMITTEES

**ONDERWERP
FUNKSIONERING EN BESTUUR VAN WYKSKOMITEES**

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3. DELEGATED AUTHORITY

In terms of delegation

This report is FOR NOTING BY

- Committee name** : Urban Management Portfolio Committee
- The Executive Mayor together with the Mayoral Committee (MAYCO)
- Council

4. DISCUSSION

This report deals with the performance of ward committees in the City of Cape Town for March 2020

Meetings

The total number of scheduled meetings for Ward Committees for March 2020 is 37.

- 19 meetings were quorate;
- 7 ward committees held informal meetings;
- 11 meetings were cancelled.

Please refer to:

*Annexure “A” for Ward committee meetings held in March 2020***Membership**

The total number of seats allocated to sectors in wards is 1097 of a potential maximum number of 1160 seats. The number of Ward Committee representatives elected to seats in approved sectors was 897 (82%). The number of vacant seats currently is 200. Ward 32 committee was dissolved by the Speaker on 3 February 2020 as it was deemed dysfunctional.

Ward committee membership may cease due to :

- the non-attendance of meetings,
- resignation,
- death,
- removal of representative by interest group,
- organisation not updating the required documentation to prove that they are active; namely Constitution and AGM minutes (held within the last 18 months),
- dissolution of a ward committee by the Speaker.

Filling of vacancies and meetings have been suspended in line with the National Disaster Regulations in line with COVID19.

Please refer to:

Annexure “A” for Ward committee membership status for March 2020

- 4.1. Financial Implications None Opex Capex
- Capex: New Projects
- Capex: Existing projects requiring additional funding
- Capex: Existing projects with no additional funding requirements

4.2. Legal Compliance

Section 152 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa 1996 places emphasis on the objectives of local government and specifies that local government must “provide democratic and accountable local government and ... encourage the involvement of communities and communities organisations in the matters of local government”.

The National White Paper on Local Government supports this view, stating that

“building local democracy is a central role of government, and municipalities should develop strategies and mechanisms to continuously engage with citizens, business and community groups”.

The Local Government Municipal Structures Act (Act 117 of 1998) regulates the establishment of Ward Committees (Section 72)

The Guidelines for the Establishment and Operation of Ward Committees as attached to the Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 provides the framework on the establishment and operation of Ward Committees.

Rules for the Election and Establishment of Ward Committees, Rules for the Operation of Ward Committees and Code of Conduct of Ward Committee Members approved by Council on 26 October 2016 C19A/10/16

4.3. Staff Implications Yes No

4.4. Risk Implications Yes No

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Report on the functioning and management of the 116 Ward Committees within the City of Cape Town **BE NOTED.**

AANBEVELINGS

Daar word aanbeveel dat daar kennis geneem word van die verslag oor die funksionering en bestuur van die 116 wykskomitees in die Stad Kaapstad.

ZINDULULO

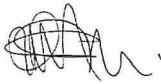
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LEGAL COMPLIANCE

REPORT COMPLIANT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF COUNCIL'S DELEGATIONS, POLICIES, BY-LAWS AND ALL LEGISLATION RELATING TO THE MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION. NON-COMPLIANT

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The following note is made regarding the legal compliance of the report:

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