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1. **ITEM NUMBER:** 22SUB15/09/2020
 2. **SUBJECT: DRAFT CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

ONDERWERP: KONSEPSTRATEGIE OOR KLIMAATSVERANDERING VIR OPENBARE KOMMENTAAR

ISIHLOKO: ISICWANGCISO-BUCHULE ESILUYILO SOTSHINTSHO LEMOZULU UKUZE ULUNTU LUVAKALISE ULUVO

[LSU: M0782]

3. **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to ensure that Subcouncils have the opportunity to comment on the draft Climate Change Strategy.

4. **FOR DECISION BY SUBCOUNCILS**

This report is for consideration of all subcouncils as per delegation 5 (3) of section 24 of the System Delegations: "To ensure public participation in the development of policy, legislation, the IDP and budget, in consultation with the Public Participation Unit".

5. **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

During 2019, a review of the City of Cape Town Climate Change Policy was carried out. This review process determined that the Policy required significant updating in order to ensure that it remained in line with new scientific findings regarding climate change as well as significantly increased global ambition towards addressing climate change.

Additionally, it was determined that the Policy should be upgraded and converted into a City of Cape Town Climate Change Strategy in order to provide a higher level of strategic guidance for decision-makers.

The draft Climate Change Strategy has been drafted by a multi-disciplinary drafting team, including representation from the following departments: Environmental Management, Sustainable Energy Markets, Policy and Strategy, Resilience, and Enterprise and Investment.

The draft Climate Change Strategy is attached as Annexure A. Additionally, summaries of the draft Climate Change Strategy in English, Afrikaans, and Xhosa are attached as Annexures B, C, and D, respectively. The public participation plan for the draft Climate Change Strategy was sent to all subcouncils during August, and is attached here as Annexure E for reference.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- a) The Subcouncil notes the draft Climate Change Strategy for comment during the public participation period
- b) The Subcouncil considers commenting on the draft Climate Change Strategy

AANBEVELINGS

Daar word aanbeveel dat:

- a) Die subraad kennis neem van die konsepstrategie oor klimaatsverandering vir kommentaar tydens die openbaredeelnametydperk;
- b) Die subraad oorweging skenk wat kommentaar oor die konsepstrategie oor klimaatsverandering betref.

IZINDULULO

Kundululwe ukuba:

- a) IBhungana maliqwalasele iSicwangciso-buchule esingoTshintsho lweMozulu ukuze kuvakaliswe uluvo ngexesha lesithuba sentatho-nxaxheba yoluntu.
- b) IBhungana malithathele ingqalelo ukuvakalisa uluvo kwiSicwangciso-buchule esiluyilo esingokuTshintsha kweMozulu.

7. DISCUSSION/CONTENTS

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Additionally, it was determined that the Policy should be upgraded and converted into a City of Cape Town Climate Change Strategy in order to provide a higher level of strategic guidance for decision-makers. Together with the City's Resilience Strategy, the new Climate Change Strategy will give meaning to the City's commitment of being a connected, climate adaptive and carbon neutral city, achievable through partnerships, scaled response and public ownership and action.

Addressing climate change requires a whole of city approach that will require City departments to collaborate effectively. Through a dedicated strategy, the City will be able to design a framework for such collaboration, and for the development of an integrated approach to climate change, recognizing that it is a key socio-economic risk, and not just an environmental issue. Additionally, the current Policy deals with a broad range of high level issues that are better suited for the Strategy level.

It is the vision of the draft Climate Change Strategy to create an urban environment that is climate resilient, resource efficient and carbon neutral. Acting now to address climate change will enable inclusive economic and social development and environmental sustainability. It is also important to note that effectively addressing climate change requires collaboration, co-operation, and partnerships.

The key aims of the draft Climate Change Strategy are as follows:

- To provide a framework for the City to transform the way it plans and operates and to ensure alignment of key City policies, strategies, and plans with climate change concerns while guiding directorates and departments through this transition;
- To ensure that the co-benefits of climate change adaptation and mitigation - including job creation, improved health, reduced risk, improved energy and water security, and a range of other benefits – are maximised in the implementation of the strategy;
- To address identified impacts within the City's mandates and spheres of influence and to ensure that the City is able to address the challenges posed by climate change and;
- To ensure the local economy can trade competitively in a global environment that is rapidly rejecting carbon intensive goods and services.

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7.1. Constitutional and Policy Implications

The current City of Cape Town Climate Change Policy states the following vision: “To become a city that is climate resilient, resource efficient and lower carbon, in order to enable sustainable and inclusive economic and social development, and environmental sustainability.”

The conversion of the Climate Change Policy to a Climate Change Strategy is in line with the goals of the Climate Change Policy and will enhance the implementation of these goals by elevating climate change response to the Strategy level.

7.2. Sustainability implications

Does the activity in this report have any sustainability implications for the City?	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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7.2.1 If adopted, the new Climate Change Strategy will enhance environmental sustainability in Cape Town by improving the City’s ability to address climate change.

7.2.2 This report supports the goals of the City of Cape Town Environmental Strategy as it relates to the City’s climate change response.

7.3. Legal Implications

None

7.4. Staff Implications

Does your report impact on staff resources or result in any additional staffing resources being required?

No ☒

Yes ☐

7.5. Other Services Consulted

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ANNEXURES

Annexure A: Draft Climate Change Strategy
Annexure B: Summary of draft Climate Change Strategy (English)
Annexure C: Summary of draft Climate Change Strategy (Afrikaans)
Annexure D: Summary of draft Climate Change Strategy (Xhosa)
Annexure E: Public Participation Plan for the Climate Change Strategy

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