



# **SUB-COUNCIL 21**

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

### **14 AUGUST 2019**

**CLLR JOHANNES VAN DER MERWE**

## **Councillors**

**Director Area East (Mr Luzuko Mdunyelwa)**

**Acting Subcouncil Manager**

## **Officials**

**Members of the Public**

**Members of the media**

Good morning, Goeie Môre, Molweni

I want to welcome you all to this meeting and hope that we can have a fruitful and productive meeting.

At my first Subcouncil meeting six months ago, that took place on 23 January 2019, I said that I did identify some challenges in the Subcouncil which will need urgent and ongoing attention.

I am happy to report back today that these challenges are being dealt with, and that good progress has been made thus far.

1. Sewer problems in Wesbank – the situation isn't critical any more, lots of time and effort was put in to try and solve the problem;
2. Illegal dumping and other waste issues – progress has also been made here. In the current financial year, more money is set aside through MURP to put more people on the ground to clean-up on a regular basis.

3. Bardale Community Hall Upgrade & Repairs –

After 4 years there are finally movement and working progress is escalated to a higher level.

4. Kalkfontein Community Hall –

After a period of 3 years the upgrade will be finished in October;

5. Lack of Resources –

As discussed at our Activity Day yesterday, a lot of EPWP workers will be available this financial year to help with service delivery-issues on ground level;

6. The Kuilsriver Administration Building –

Regular meetings took place with Facilities Management.  
The staff parking was remarked and resurfaces took place.  
As you all can see, they are currently busy with the upgrading of the lift.

## **WARD ALLOCATIONS**

Subcouncil 21 spending of Ward Allocations for the 2018/2019 financial year was 98,4%, which put us under the ten best performed Subcouncils in the City. We are the best performed Subcouncil in area East.

I want to thank all the Councillors, Subcouncil staff and officials for achieving this. Our target for the 2019/2020 financial year must be to be the Best Performed Subcouncil in the City.

I will follow the spending of Ward Allocations very closely and will intervene when necessary.

## **AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES IN BLUE DOWNS (WARD 108)**

At a Council meeting that took place on 31 July 2019, it approved the transfer of 219 residential serviced plots in Blue Downs at discounted rates to qualifying beneficiaries for Gap housing opportunities. This aims to empower beneficiaries as property owners, whose monthly income exceeds the threshold for State-subsidised assistance, but not necessarily enough to participate in the private property market.

Following Councils approval, residents who meet the criteria will have the opportunity to apply to purchase the residential services plots in Fairdale, Blue Downs, at discounted market value rates. Among the criteria are:

- Residents must be registered on the City's Housing Database;
- have not previously benefitted from a government subsidy;
- have a monthly income of between R9000 and R20 000

Beneficiaries also need not have owned property previously, must be able to obtain an approved housing loan or bond from a commercial bank, and qualify for a Financial Linked Housing Subsidy (FLISP) with the Western Cape Government for top structure.

Current City or housing tenants, as well as single individuals with financial dependants, who meet the criteria, can also apply.

The plots range between 160 sqm to 350 sqm in size and are valued at approximately R105 000 (excluding VAT). The market value was determined by City Valuer.

Application forms is available and can be collected at the following housing offices:

- Kuilsriver Municipal Offices
- Housing Kiosk at the Concourse Level, Cape Town Civic Centre

## **CONSTRUCTION: BELHAR ROAD BETWEEN STELLENBOSCH ARTERIAL AND HIGHBURY DRIVE**

This project of approximately R40 million will commence soon in our Subcouncil. An Open Day for the public was held at the Western Cape Sports School on Monday where members of the Public could go to get more information on the Project.

This project also makes provision for a component of local labour from the respective wards, in which the project will take place.

## **MURP**

I am happy to announce that Subcouncil 21 will be in future part of the Mayoral Urban Regeneration Programme (MURP)

An item in this regard is part of today's agenda. An outcome of this decision is the fact that a lot of EPWP-job opportunities will be available in the area of the Subcouncil.

I want to urge Councillors and other role-players involved, to motivate residents in the communities to come and register on the Subcouncil's database.

In closing, I want to repeat, what I said earlier:

Subcouncil 21 belongs to all of us – politicians, officials, residents and other role-players. All of us must take responsibility for this subcouncil – irrespective of your position. At the end of the day we must all be proud of what's been happening here.

I thank you.