

DRAFTING OF THE CITY OF CAPE TOWN'S FIVE-YEAR PLAN: 2011/12 – 2015/16 (IDP)

On 30 May 2007, Council approved the City of Cape Town's Five-year Plan [the Integrated Development Plan (IDP)]. This document guides the City's strategic planning for the period 2007–2012, and must be reviewed annually in terms of the Municipal Systems Act (MSA), Act 32 of 2000.

The City is about to commence with the preparation for the next Five-year Plan (IDP) for the new council that is expected to be elected during the first quarter of 2011. As the plan is ultimately meant to ensure the best possible service delivery to you, the residents of Cape Town, we value your participation in this important process.

The envisaged timeline for the process is as follows:

To prepare for public consultation, the City will evaluate its existing levels of service delivery and development to determine its strategic priorities.

In July/August 2010, the City will invite communities/ward forums and sector organisations to help prioritise Council initiatives at ward, subcouncil and City-wide level. This phase will also include consultation with other spheres of government to ensure that our plans are in line with sector-specific programmes.

During September/October 2010, departments will give feedback via subcouncils on issues/comments that the communities have raised. During this phase, the draft 2009/10 annual report will be tabled to the Mayoral Committee.

March 2011 will see the draft IDP and budget being tabled to Council. At the same time, the 2009/10 oversight report will be made available to the public.

During April 2011, the public will be able to comment on the draft IDP and budget after having received an opportunity to listen to presentations by various line departments at subcouncil meetings.

It is envisaged that Council will finally approve the IDP and budget in the course of May 2011. These documents will be made public soon thereafter.

Of course, the documents are meaningless without well-monitored implementation. Therefore, once we have consulted you and have received Council's approval, the updated objectives and targets of the IDP review and budget will be included in the scorecards of key senior officials, Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plans (SDBIPs) as well as the performance agreements of members of the executive management team. These are all monitoring mechanisms to ensure that we achieve our goals.

For a copy of the detailed time schedule for the 2011/12 IDP and budget process, please visit your subcouncil office, or go to www.capetown.gov.za. For more information on the process, please phone 021 400 9803, send a fax to 021 400 4909, or e-mail us on idp@capetown.gov.za.

