

MEDIA BRIEF: IDP LAUNCH 4 AUGUST 2009

Why a 5-Year Plan?

The City of Cape Town's **5-Year Plan**, also known as an **Integrated Development Plan (IDP)**, is a strategic developmental plan, setting strategic and budget priorities. This plan is reviewed annually. The main objective of the IDP is infrastructure-led economic growth that will create jobs and draw investments into the city that will benefit all citizens. The 5-Year Plan may be viewed as an integrated engagement plan with the City and its stakeholders and role players to ensure a prosperous city.

What has changed in the 5-Year Plan during the last year?

To make sure that we continue on the right path toward our main objective of infrastructure-led economic growth, we must review our IDP each year and make adjustments after consulting with residents. Our IDP must be able to take into account shifts in the global and local economy over the past year and any practical challenges that arise.

- Firstly, the global economy is facing a major downward cycle, which is also making its impact felt in South Africa.
- Secondly, the shortage of technical skills across South Africa is becoming an increasing challenge for economic growth and for government service delivery.
- Thirdly, rapid urbanisation in Cape Town means that for every family now receiving a house, 350 are still waiting. A number of incidents over the past year, including violent protests and invasions of houses, have also shown that this situation can create social upheaval.
- Fourthly, a number of studies have raised concern about the sustainability of water and energy resources in the Cape Metropole, and have also highlighted the risks associated with climate change and rising sea levels.

And finally, we are entering the last financial year ahead of the 2010 Soccer World Cup, and our investment of substantial funding from National and Provincial Government in new infrastructure is in full swing. We look forward to welcoming thousands of visitors to Cape Town for the event, and our residents will benefit from lasting improvements to services and infrastructure, including a R2 billion upgrade to the airport, a R1.3 billion upgrade to public transport, over R1 billion worth of upgrades to major roads, around R1 billion in upgrades to electricity infrastructure, a R400 million upgrade to the central station, R1,2 billion for new trains, over R3 billion for a new world class stadium, and hundreds of millions of rands' worth of upgrades to other public spaces and facilities, like the Phillipi Stadium, the Athlone Stadium, Green Point Common and the Grand Parade in the CBD. These investments will change the face of Cape Town for the better, and help us to promote further economic growth and job creation as we head toward 2020.

Our revised IDP for 2009/2010 continues to emphasise most of the strategic focus areas that were introduced over the previous two years. However, in response to the developments of 2008 mentioned above, we have also added the following specific areas of emphasis:

- With the continued global economic downturn, we are further increasing our infrastructure investments to promote investor confidence in Cape Town and offer the most competitive urban environment possible for economic activity. National Treasury has announced that it will embark on a similar investment programme in this year's budget cycle.
- The City has introduced a new Strategic Focus Area to this year's reviewed IDP, relating to sustainable energy use in Cape Town. This strategy aims to promote environmental accountability across city line functions, with the specific objectives of reducing energy consumption in the Cape Metropolitan Area, monitoring the implementation of the City energy and climate change strategy, increasing measures to ensure our energy security, and increasing communication and education initiatives around climate change and sustainable uses of energy.

- In terms of safety and security, the City will increase its focus on the combating of minor crimes and by-law offences. We are adopting the broken window policy that has been applied successfully in cities around the world. By creating a cleaner and more orderly public environment, we aim to encourage respect for the law and create a more attractive urban environment. To support this we will strengthen our CCTV surveillance network, increase capacity and efficiency in our law enforcement and traffic departments and continue to develop our specialised units to address specific types of criminal activity, like substance abuse and vandalism of service infrastructure in informal settlements.
- The City is determined to improve the living condition of residents of informal settlements. A concerted effort is being made to ensure that an acceptable level of infrastructure, access to basic engineering and other services the City provides, such as emergency services, is made available to residents of informal settlements. The City's fire and flooding risk with informal settlements is high and apart from improved services and programmes such as the Winter Readiness Programme, the City needs to also improve its capacity for emergency response. Consequently the City will be overhauling its disaster risk reduction and response plans and expanding the City's Emergency Call Centre Capacity.
- Strategic Focus Area 8, relating to the City's human resources, has a number of new dimensions aimed at further increasing the efficiency of our organisation following the introduction of the Organisational Realignment Process and the first phase of pay parity. The focus in the year ahead will be on fine tuning our staff management strategies to match our service delivery priorities, and to monitor the success of this process on an ongoing basis. By so doing, we aim to establish how well our organisation measures up to international and national best practice benchmarks. And we will work to ensure that our information and communication technology are used to the maximum benefit of service delivery. I believe these initiatives will help us meet our key objective of infrastructure-led economic growth. You have the opportunity to comment on the revised IDP, including the above proposals, and we very much want to hear your views.

Role of the public in the process.

During the month of August/September the integrated development plan department in conjunction with the subcouncils scheduled public meetings for the input from the public into the IDP. The IDP has a new sms line sms "IDP followed by a short message" to 31766 as well as an email address idp@capetown.gov.za that will be open to the public on an ongoing basis.

The document is available at libraries, subcouncil offices, website www.capetown.gov.za (5Year Plan) as well as at all hotels and bed & breakfast accommodation sites, for perusal. The public will be able to give input via

- Written comments using feedback forms. Available at:
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- Telephone: 021 400 9803
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Public participation meetings are advertised 14 days beforehand in local and regional newspapers.

All comments should be in the end of October 2009.

