



REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

DATE : 4 FEBRUARY 2015

1 ITEM NUMBER: C 31/03/15

2 TREE MANAGEMENT POLICY (FINAL DRAFT)

*UMGAQO- NKQUBO OJONGENE NOLAWULO LWEMITHI (IDRAFTI
YOKUGQIBELA)*

BELEID OOR DIE BESTUUR VAN BOME (FINALE KONSEPWEERGAWE)

[LSU NO. E4621 & E4875]

3 RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES PORTFOLIO
COMMITTEE: 4 FEBRUARY 2015 (CS 09/02/15)

RECOMMENDED that:

- (a) the Tree Management Policy (final draft) document be supported
- (b) Council approve this policy document and rescind the earlier City Parks Tree Policy of 2002.

**AANBEVELING VAN DIE PORTEFEULJEKOMITEE OOR
GEMEENSKAPSDIENSTE: 4 FEBRUARIE 2015 (CS 09/02/15)**

AANBEVEEL dat:

- (a) die beleidsdokument oor die bestuur van bome (finale konsepweergawe) gesteun word
- (b) die Raad hierdie beleidsdokument goedkeur en stadsparke se vroeëre beleid oor bome van 2002 herroep.

**ISINDULULO ESIVELA KWIKOMITI YEMICIMBI ENGEENKONZO
ZOLUNTU: 4 FEBHUWARI 2015 (CS 09/02/15)**

KUNDULULWE ukuba:

- (a) Makuxhaswe uxwebhu loMgaqo-nkqubo ongoLawulo lweMithi (oluluyilo lokugqibela)

(b) IBhunga maliphumeze lo olu xwebhu lomgaqo-nkqubo kwaye lirhoxise uMgaqo-nkqubo wangaphambili ongeMithi yeePaki zeSixeko wango-2002.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: COMPLIANCE AND AUXILIARY SERVICES (ED: CAS)

NAME G RAS

DATE

A. G. R.

9/3/15

SUPPORTED FOR ONWARD SUBMISSION TO MAYOR / MAYCO / COUNCIL

NOT SUPPORTED

REFERRED BACK

COMMENT:

DIRECTOR: POLICY AND STRATEGY

C KESSON

11/3/15.

SUPPORTED FOR ONWARD SUBMISSION TO MAYOR / MAYCO / COUNCIL

NOT SUPPORTED

REFERRED BACK

COMMENT:

P. de Lille.

EXECUTIVE MAYOR

SUPPORTED FOR ONWARD SUBMISSION TO MAYCO / COUNCIL

PC RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION AS CONTAINED IN ORIGINAL REPORT

ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATION TO BE REFLECTED BELOW

APPROVED I.T.O. DELEGATED AUTHORITY

NOTED

REFUSED

REFERRED BACK

DATE

11.03.2015



REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE

1. **ITEM NUMBER :** To be inserted by Executive Support **CS 09/02/15**
2. **SUBJECT**

TREE MANAGEMENT POLICY (FINAL DRAFT)

ONDERWERP

BELEID OOR DIE BESTUUR VAN BOME (FINALE KONSEPWEERGAWE)

ISIHLOKO

**UMGAQO–NKQUBO OJONGENE NOLAWULO LWEMITHI (IDRAFTI
YOKUGQIBELA)**

[LSU NO. E4621 & E4875]

3. **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to request that the Community Services Portfolio Committee considers the final draft tree management policy after the public participation process with the inclusion of public comments for submission to the Strategic Planning Unit (SPU) for consideration and consultation with the Executive Mayor and further processing thereof to Executive Committee Services.

4. **FOR DECISION BY**

In terms of part 7.1 (1) of the System of Delegations, the Portfolio Committee may develop policy initiated by the Executive Mayor and recommend same to the Executive Mayor for onward recommendation to Council for approval.

5. **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The City of Cape Town Tree Policy was approved by Council in November 2002. The policy at the time was drafted to provide a single and integrated approach for the management of trees within the newly established Unitcity. Over the past 12

years since this policy has come into effect the urban, social, political and environmental context within which this policy has relevance has undergone many changes. The current contexts have highlighted shortcomings and gaps in the current policy, but also provided benefits and opportunities for a new and/or different approach to tree management within the Cape Town municipal area.

The current policy is being reviewed to ensure its alignment to the strategic focus areas of the City, as well as to make it a more responsive and relevant approach to current day demands.

The report seeks the support of the Community Services Portfolio Committee towards the final draft of the tree management policy after the public participation process with the inclusion of public comments for submission to the SPU for consideration and consultation with the Executive Mayor and further processing thereof to Executive Committee Services.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- a) the Community Services Portfolio Committee support the policy document and recommend it to the Executive Mayor;
- b) the Executive Mayor support the policy document and recommend it to Council; and
- c) Council approve this policy document and rescind the earlier City Parks Tree Policy of 2002.

AANBEVELINGS

Daar word aanbeveel dat:

- a) die portefeuljekomitee oor gemeenskapsdienste die beleidsdokument steun en by die uitvoerende burgemeester aanbeveel;
- b) die uitvoerende burgemeester die beleidsdokument steun en by die Raad aanbeveel; en
- c) die Raad hierdie beleidsdokument goedkeur en stadsparke se vroeëre boombeleid van 2002 herroep.

ISINDULULO

Kundululwe ukuba:

- a) Ikomiti ejongene neMicimbi yeeNkonzo zoLuntu mayixhase uxwebhu lomgaqo-nkqubo ize ilindulule kuSodolophu wesiGqeba;
- b) USodolophu wesiGqeba makaxhase uxwebhu lomgaqo-nkqubo aze alindulule kwiBhunga;
- c) Ibhunga maliphumeze lo mgaqo-nkqubo lize lirhoxise uMgaqo-nkqubo ojongene neMithi wangaphambili weseSebe leePaki wango-2002.

7. DISCUSSION/CONTENTS

7.1. Constitutional and Policy Implications

The current City of Cape Town Tree Policy is aimed at the effective and efficient provision and management of trees within the urban context of the City. This is in line with the The South African Constitution (Act 108 of 1996) and several other legislation relating to the protection of the environment and the conservation of biodiversity.

The planned review is to ensure that the City of Cape Town Tree Management Policy is compliant, relevant and responsive to social, legislative and environmental contexts and that it aligns to the strategic pillars of the City.

7.2. Sustainability implications

Does your report have any environmental implications: No Yes

7.2.1 The South African Constitution (Act 108 of 1996) guarantees the right to an environment that is not harmful to health or well-being. Further, the Constitution commits all levels of government to sustainable development so as to ensure that the environment is protected for present and future generations.

The provision and management of trees is a key element of sustainability within both the environment and social context. Trees are important elements of the landscape and have an array of social, cultural and environmental benefits. One of the most important of these being the role it plays in relation to climate change and environmental protection.

7.2.2 This policy complies with all the principles contained in the Integrated Metropolitan Environmental Policy (IMEP) and in particular, to the sectoral strategies relating to Fauna and Flora and the protection of our biodiversity, as well as Urbanisation and Housing in relation to importance of the environmental features and systems which is required to create quality living environments but which also need to be protected at the same time.

7.3. Context

The current City of Cape Town Tree Policy was approved by Council in November 2002. The policy at the time was drafted to provide a single, integrated approach for the management of trees within the newly established Unicity. The policy has been utilised predominantly by the City Parks Department to regulate and implement its operational responsibilities relating to the provision and management of trees.

Over the past 12 years since this policy has come into effect the urban, social, political and environmental context within which this policy has relevance has undergone many changes. The current contexts have highlighted shortcomings and gaps in the current policy but also provide opportunities for a new or different approach to tree management within the greater Cape Town municipal areas.

It was therefore incumbent upon the City Parks Department to consider a review of the current policy so to ensure its alignment to the strategic direction of the City, as well as to make it a more responsive and relevant document to current day demands and which can be utilized in greater detail by not only the City Parks Department but also other line departments in the City.

Furthermore, at its workshop in July 2013, the Community Services Portfolio Committee endorsed the review of this policy and subsequently the process which will be followed to create a more updated City of Cape Town Tree Management Policy.

The review of the Tree Policy is also one of the objectives contained in the Urban Forestry Sectoral Plan of the City Parks Greening Strategy. This strategy is aimed at giving greater credence to the provision and management of trees within the urban context and to value all trees as social and environmental assets which needs to be protected and conserved.

7.4. Legal Implications

The review of the policy was subjected to a public participation process. This process was in line with the City of Cape Town Public Participation Guidelines. The draft policy has been vetted by the Legal Services Department and SPU after the public participation process.

7.5. Staff Implications

Does your report impact on staff resources, budget, grading, remuneration, allowances, designation, job description, location or your organisational structure?

No

Yes

7.6. Other Services Consulted

Public Participation Unit
Anele Viti Tel: 021 400-1652

Strategic Policy Unit
Taru Jaroszynski Tel: 021 444-0218

Economic, Environmental & Spatial Planning
Spatial Planning and Urban Design
Ancunel Steyn Tel: 021 400-9436
Sonette Smit Tel: 021 400-9435

Environmental Management Systems Unit
Juan Nomdo Tel: 021 487-2009

Solid Waste – Manager: Planning
Alfonso van Vuuren Tel: 021 400-3391

Water & Sanitation Department
Water Demand Management
Zolile Basholo Tel: 021 590-1479

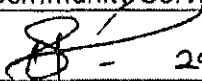
Metro Police Department
Glen Alexander Tel: 021 417-4150

Legal Services
Manager: Policy & Legislative Development
Timothy Zeeman Tel: 021 400-3222

ANNEXURES

- Annexure A: City of Cape Town Tree Management Policy (Final)
Annexure B: Summary of public comments and inputs received

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT:

NAME	Chantal Michaels
CONTACT NUMBERS	021 400-4304
E-MAIL ADDRESS	Chantal.Michaels@capetown.gov.za
DIRECTORATE	Community Services
SIGNATURE: DIRECTOR, CITY PARKS, CHANTAL MICHAELS	 - 29/10/2014

R. No. 2
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: COMMUNITY SERVICES

COMMENT:

NAME LOKIWE MTWAZI

DATE 30/10/2014

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

NON-COMPLIANT

CLP
LEGAL COMPLIANCE

[Compulsory to Insert name]

NAME Sarah van Zyl

COMMENT:

TEL 021 400 5446

Certified as legally compliant:
Based on the contents of the report

DATE 31.10.2014

Belinda Walker
MAYORAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

COMMENT:

NAME ALD BELINDA WALKER

DATE

06 11 2014