

ITEM C 71/03/15

ANNEXURE A

QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR IN TERMS OF RULE 22 OF THE RULES OF ORDER

COUNCIL MEETING : 25 MARCH 2015

The City launched the Mayoral Urban Regeneration Programme as a new attempt to upgrade areas afflicted by crime and decay.

1. Why have Sub-Council 09 not been identified for MURP.
2. What are the funding sources (with specific amounts per funding source) for MURP for 2014/2015 financial year?
3. Which Human Settlement developments are identified for MURP funding?

Councillor Jerimia Thuynsma (ANC)

REPLY FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR TO QUESTION FROM CLLR J THUYNSMA FOR COUNCIL MEETING 25 MARCH 2014

1. MURP areas were identified with a mandate in mind to redress inequality, introduce investment and empower community safety, thereby, improving the quality of life and socio-economic conditions within formerly neglected neighbourhoods in Cape Town. As there were only nine MURP nodes initially, not every subcouncil could be included. The MURP list focused on areas that were not benefitting from other existing funding such as VPUU, USDG or alternative sources.

Khayelitsha was included in Mayoral Urban Regeneration Programme (MURP) and incorporates Harare, Kuyasa, Khayelitsha CBD and Vuyani Meat market.

Site C, including the Nolungile Station precinct which falls within the area of Sub Council 9, has been the historic focus of a City development planning exercise. A development framework was prepared for Site C which identified the Nolungile station and environs as a precinct for the focus of public investment primarily incorporating investment in public transport and public space improvements. The further implementation within the Nolungile Station precinct is currently being led by the TCT Directorate.

Currently, the City is implementing MURP projects in 14 areas. In order for these projects to receive the kind of attention that ensures their success, the City has to dedicate itself to the tasks at hand. The City is, thus, not extending the MURP programme at present. Although, certain areas do not currently have MURP projects active within them does not mean that they are neglected from City services or that the City will not implement this type of intervention in the future. Once the current allotment of MURP projects has reached completion and satisfactory implementation, the City will avail itself to new MURPs in alternative locations.

In the meantime, sub-council 9 is encouraged to initiate the process of developing their own Area Coordinating Teams (ACTs), as the MURP methodology is not exclusive to officially designated MURP projects alone.

2. Implementation within the Mayoral Urban Regeneration Programme is coordinated via Community Action Plans (CAPs), which are compiled through negotiations between the City line departments, communities and other organisations. It is the stated intention that implementation within the MURP programme is a City priority and that actions identified within the CAPs are budgeted for via line departments through normal budgeting processes. As a result there are multiple funding sources and it is the intention that budgets are identified and prioritised in terms of sound business plans and implementation readiness by the relevant line departments.

It should be noted that there is a limited operational budget which has been allocated to the MURP programme to fund:

- Community engagement
- Stabilisation of community safety

- The preparation of Community Action Plans
- The implementation of initial “quick win projects”
- The intention of this funding allocation is to set up the programme within identified communities.

3. Human Settlement Directorate developments are funded via normal budgeting processes coordinated by the Human Settlements Directorate. The MURP does not provide separate funding for housing projects.
