



REPORT TO ALL SUBCOUNCILS

1. ITEM NUMBER:

2. SUBJECT

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (ECD) DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES EXEMPTION CRITERIA

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OPENBAREDEELNAMEPROSES VIR VROEËKINDONTWIKKELING (VKO): VRYSTELLINGSKRITERIA VIR ONTWIKKELINGSHEFFINGS

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INKQUBO YENTATHO-NXAXHEBA YOLUNTU EJOLISWE KUMMISELO WOKUKHULULELWA KWAMAZIKO OPHUHLISO LWABANTWANA ABASELULA (ECD) KWIINTLAWULO ZOPHUHLISO

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3. PURPOSE

To notify Subcouncils of the distribution of the draft Early Childhood Development, Development Costs Charges Exemption Criteria, and call for input, between 4 and 30 November 2019

4. FOR DECISION BY

The Subcouncils – in terms of PART 24 Clause 5(1) of the System of Delegations:

"To comment on by-laws and policies of Council within the timeframes advertised and submit comments and objections to the Executive Mayor together with the Mayoral Committee for submission to Council."

5. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Children's Act and its regulations pertinent to registration of partial care centres (ECD centres) in South Africa, pose many challenges for centres throughout impoverished communities and informal settlements. One of the biggest problems with the registration process is the cost to register. Many of these centres trying to start up and operate in very low income areas cannot afford these fees, and therefore fail to register which in turn leads to them not meeting legislative requirements.

It is these unregistered centres that will benefit from the reviewed Development Charges policy and the proposed ECD Development Cost Charges Exemption criteria. The public participation process outlined in Annexure A seeks to solicit comment from communities on the proposed criteria. Besides advertising on the print and online platform, a session with City-wide ECD forums will be held to further engage the sector on the proposed ECD Development Cost Charges Exemption criteria.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

Not delegated: for decision by Subcouncils

It is recommended that:

- a) The Sub-council note the public participation process to be followed
- b) That the Subcouncil submit its comments on the draft Early Childhood Development Criteria before 30 November 2019

AANBEVELINGS

Nie gedelegeer nie: vir besluitneming deur subrade

Dit word aanbeveel dat:

- a) Die subraad kennis neem van die openbaredeelnamesproses wat gevolg moet word
- b) Dat die subraad voor 30 November 2019 sy kommentaar oor die konsepweergawe van die kriteria vir vroeëkindontwikkeling indien

IZINDULULO

Zigunyazisiwe: isigqibo sesaMabhungana:

Kundululwe ukuba:

- a) Ibhungana maliqwalasele inkqubo yentatho-nxaxheba yoluntu ethe yalandelwa
- b) IBhungana malingenise izimvo zalo malunga nommiselo oluyilo

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7. DISCUSSION/CONTENTS

7.1. Constitutional and Policy Implications

Planning legislation enables the City to impose a requirement for applicants and developers to pay a once-off development charge (also known as bulk infrastructure contribution levies or development contributions) where new or additional land use and development rights are granted. The payment of such Development Cost Charges are required to cover the cost of municipal engineering services required by and the additional impact on the City's bulk infrastructure networks as a result of and associated with such approved development or land use. This financing mechanism ensures the cost associated with infrastructure provision and development is borne by the beneficiaries or owners of such a development and that the City's normal ratepayers are not burdened with this.

Guided by the City's Policy on Development Charges for Engineering Services (as adopted by Council on 29 May 2014), imposing such requirement as conditions of approval in new developments is standard practice throughout the City. This financing mechanism is important to ensure the financial sustainability of the City and that it is able to continue providing basic services to its citizens and consumers, thereby creating an enabling environment for economic growth and attractive investment destination as part of the Opportunity City objective. Notwithstanding and over and above financial sustainability, the City of course has other competing strategic objectives which it must balance, for instance ensuring access by communities to appropriate ECD services.

The Development Charges Policy sets out in detail which development types attract this charge and to what extent. It also identifies a number of more minor application and development types which doesn't attract Development Costs Charges due to its insignificant additional impact on bulk infrastructure networks. Amongst others, this includes small scale ECD centres accommodating up to 34 children per establishment.

Where ECDs are larger than this threshold, development charges are indeed imposed when approving these new ECD centres. Whilst it is generally discouraged as it would undermine the policy objectives and the City's ability to provide service infrastructure in a financially sustainable manner, the policy also sets out the circumstances under which exemptions from such charges could be considered in a fair and responsible manner.

Sustainability implications

Does the activity in this report have any sustainability implications for the City?

No ☒ Yes ☐

7.2. Legal Implications

Not applicable

7.3. Staff Implications

Does your report impact on staff resources or result in any additional staffing resources being required?

No ☒

Yes ☐

7.4. Other Services Consulted

Community Services and Health Portfolio Committee
Public Participation Unit


ANNEXURES

Annexure A - Public Participation process

Annexure B - Early Childhood Development – Development Charges Cost
Exemption Criteria

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