



## REPORT TO SUBCOUNCIL 11, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19 AND 20

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1. **ITEM NUMBER :** *To be inserted by secretariat*

2. **SUBJECT**

**WEEDSPRAYING PROGRESS REPORT**

**ONDERWERP**

**VORDERINGSVERSLAG OOR ONKRUIDBESPUITING**

**ISIHLOKO**

**INGXELO ENGENKQUBELA NGOKUMALUNGA NOKUTSHIZWA KOKHULA  
NGOMCHIZA**

**[LSU: P3229]**

3. **PURPOSE**

To inform the Sub-council on the progress of the weedspraying maintenance programme in the area covered by the Urban Mobility Directorate - Roads Infrastructure Management Department, **District Six (6)**.

4. **FOR DECISION BY**

The report is for information and noting.

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5. **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The weedspraying maintenance programme is implemented annually to control weed growth on hardened surfaces within the road reserve. The programme covers the area south of Settlers Way, east of the M5 and Prince George Drive, north of Baden Powell Drive, west of Weltevreden Road, north of Goven Mbeki and west of New Eisleben Drive.

A high level summary of progress is provided in the report with the detail programme attached as an annexure.

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6. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that this report be submitted for information and noting.

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Making progress possible. Together.

## AANBEVELINGS

Daar word aanbeveel dat hierdie verslag ter inligting en kennisname voorgelê word.

## IZINDULULO

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## 7. DISCUSSION/CONTENTS

### 7.1. Contract Information

The service is provided using contract no. 228S/2021/2022 - Chemical Control of Unwanted Weeds, Invader Species, Insects and Fungi for the City Of Cape Town. The contract was compiled and awarded by the Community Services and Health Directorate and is valid for a period of 3 years from date of commencement until 30 June 2025.

### 7.2. Roles and Responsibilities

Roles and responsibilities with respect to weedspraying is as per the agreement titled:- Roles and Responsibilities for the Maintenance and Management of Verges, Road Reserves, Ponds, Open Spaces and Other Areas Incidental Thereto entered into between Urban Mobility (Roads Infrastructure Management), Community Services and Health (Recreation and Parks) and Urban Waste Management (Area Cleaning).

In terms of the agreement, Urban Mobility is responsible for weed spraying on all **hardened** surfaces such as roads and sidewalks within road reserves. Parks is responsible for weed spraying on landscaped medians within road reserves as well as landscaped verges except where privately landscaped by the abutting property owner. Urban Mobility does not undertake any weed spraying on unmade areas, unsurfaced verges or landscaped areas within the road reserve.

### 7.3. Scope and Purpose

Urban Mobility conducts two (2) spraying cycles per year. The first ideally takes place over September, October and November and the second in March, April and May. Complaints from members of the public, Ward Councillors, service requests and departmental site inspections are used to trigger any follow up actions required from the service provider. It should be noted that removal of weeds above hardened surfaced level will not effectively control weed growth as the root system remains and will continue to grow. Systemic control of weeds is thus essential to permanently kill a plant into the root.

Urban Mobility undertakes weedspraying on its infrastructure for asset protection and preservation reasons. If left uncontrolled the root system of weeds would allow water to infiltrate the sub-structure and over time leading to infrastructure failures and major repair cost to infrastructure such as roads, sidewalks, kerbs and channels.

It should be noted that in the absence of a weed control programme on other areas e.g. rail reserves, open spaces, unmade verges, private properties etc. there will always be a degree of regrowth taking place within road reserves hence the need for an annual control programme. Rain, wind and sand accumulation in channels would also promote regrowth.

#### **7.4. Progress Summary**

The 1st Cycle of weed spraying on all roads commenced on the 11<sup>th</sup> November and was completed on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The late start was due to the delayed term tender activation date.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Cycle spray has commenced on the 12 April 2023 see attached annexure to this report. It should be noted that the scheduling on the maintenance plan is a guideline and can vary depending on weather conditions encountered i.e. rain, wind and the service provider's progress through the areas.

#### **7.5. Constitutional and Policy Implications**

None

#### **7.6. Sustainability implications**

Does the activity in this report have any sustainability implications for the City?	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
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None

#### **7.7. Legal Implications**

None

#### **7.8. Staff Implications**

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

No ☒

Yes ☐

## 7.5. POPIA Compliance

☒ It is confirmed that this report has been checked and considered for POPIA Compliance.


## 7.6 Other Services Consulted

*None*

## ANNEXURES

*Annexure A – Weedspraying Maintenance Programme*

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