



## REPORT TO SUBCOUNCIL ALL SUBCOUNCILS

---

1. **ITEM NUMBER :** *To be inserted by secretariat* 16SUB 13/10/2023
2. **SUBJECT**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS: IN ORDER TO OBTAIN COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF CAPE TOWN URBAN DESIGN POLICY (2013) (TO BE RENAMED DESIGNING QUALITY PLACES: URBAN DESIGN POLICY CITY OF CAPE TOWN).**

### **ONDERWERP**

**OPENBAREDEELNAMEPROSES: OPENBAREDEELNAMEPROSES VIR KOMMENTAAR OOR DIE VOORGESTELDE WYSIGINGS AAN DIE STAD KAAPSTAD SE BELEID OOR STEDELIKE ONTWERP (2013) (WAARVAN DIE NAAM VERANDER SAL WORD NA DIE STAD KAAPSTAD SE BELEID OOR STEDELIKE ONTWERP: ONTWERP VAN GEHALTEPLEKKE)**

### **ISIHLOKO**

**INKQUBO YENTATHONXAXHEBA YOLUNTU: UKUZE KUFUNYANWE IZIMVO KWISIPHAKAMISO SESILUNGISO KUMGAQONKQUBO WOYILO LWEDOLOPHU WESIXEKO SASEKAPA (2013) (OZA KUTHIYWA NGOKUTSHA NJENGOMGAGONKQUBO WOYILO LWEDOLOPHU WESIXEKO SASEKAPA: UYILO LWEENDAWO EZISEMGANGATHWENI).**

Q1111

3. **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the report is to invite comments from all subcouncils on the revised draft Urban Design Policy (2023) as part of the public participation plan and process.

4. **FOR DECISION BY**

In terms of delegation of the General Delegations to subcouncils:

5(1) to comment on by laws and policies of Council within the timeframes advertised and submit comments and objections to the relevant Portfolio Committee considering by-law or Policy

---

## 5. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the report is to invite comments from all subcouncils on the revised draft Urban Design Policy (2023) as part of the public participation plan and process.

The Urban Design Policy provides guidance to create sustainable places. Compact, walkable places are the most sustainable form of living. The Urban Design policy aims at the creation of useful, attractive, safe, environmentally sustainable, economically successful and socially equitable places. Good urban design pursues local identity and sense of place, cultural responsiveness and purposeful environmental innovation, well-functioning urban performance. The importance of drafting the Urban Design Policy (UDP, 2013) stemmed from the City's intention for the land use management system to become more policy-driven. The normative position as stated at the time of policy approval, was that the policy substance (Objectives and Statements), be reviewed periodically in order to ensure that they are relevant, respond appropriately to development trends and align with the goals and objectives of the Integrated Development Plan. Following research, internal and external engagement, it has been found the policy is relevant, but there are areas of improvement in terms of clarity and expansion – which this draft Policy strives to address.

---

## 6. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- a) The draft Urban Design Policy is noted
- b) The subcouncil consider commenting on the draft Urban Design Policy.

### AANBEVELINGS

Daar word aanbeveel dat:

- a) Daar kennis geneem word van die konsepbeleid op stedelike ontwerp.
- b) Die subraad oorweeg om kommentaar oor die konsepbeleid op stedelike ontwerp te lewer.

### IZINDULULO

Kundululwe ukuba:

- a) Makuqwalaselwe uMgaqonkqubo woYilo lweDolophu
- b) Ibhungana malithathele ingqalelo uvakaliso zimvo uMgaqonkqubo woYilo lweDolophu.

**7. DISCUSSION/CONTENTS**

The Subcouncil is requested to note and provide input as part of the public participation process on the revised and updated Urban Design Policy (2013 current), now being proposed as entitled “Designing Quality Places: Urban Design Policy City of Cape Town“ within the FY 23/24.

The Policy review process was initiated in 2020 in the form of an independent research project. This work was concluded in June 2022, noting the Urban Design Policy (2013) has contributed to improved applications and development quality outcomes and there is merit in retaining the policy to achieve city objectives of efficiency, sustainability, safety and transit orientated development. The recommendations for the policy research were broad across Policy improvements, regulatory improvements as well as promotion, training and digital improvements. Some of the key proposed recommendations were included and others need to be included by way of the future guidelines and action plan.

Summary of material changes to the Urban Design Policy (2013):

- The principle based approach of 9 Objectives aligns with global precedent and remains.
- Greater clarity (‘the how’) still needs to be provided in the future guidelines. The action plan allows for the guidelines to be linked to policy.
- The structure of the document is designed to speak to the most salient information upfront for those who use the policy frequently.
- The language attempts to keep industry jargon limited, but noting that this cannot be done away with completely. The definitions and terms (glossary) includes explanatory notes to ensure the main document remains succinct.
- The document seeks improved alignment with other City strategies and Policies (for example Human Settlements Strategy, Resilience Strategy, Green Infrastructure etc.). There is thematic emphasis placed on streets as places, improving parking areas, (Obj. 4), promoting sustainable livelihoods and enabling entrepreneurs, with greater emphasis on public actors and actions (Obj.7), green infrastructure (Obj. 8), and aspects of character have a broader reach (Obj. 9).

As per SPE 12/09/23, there is support from the SPE: Portfolio Committee to proceed to Public Participation.

**7.1. Constitutional and Policy Implications**

None

**7.2. Sustainability implications**

Does the activity in this report have any sustainability implications for the City?	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-----------------------------	-----------------------------------------

If No, delete 7.2.1 and respond only to 7.2.2. If Yes respond to both 7.2.1 and 7.2.2.

- 7.2.1 The revised urban design policy supports environmental, social and economic objectives of the City as underpinned by the Cape Town's Municipal Spatial Development Framework (MSDF, 2023) informed and aligned to the City's IDP, SPLUMA principles and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's)
- 7.2.2 The revised Urban Design Policy seeks alignment with Environmental Strategy (2017) as well as a number of strategic policies including the District Spatial Plans (2023), Climate Change Strategy (2021), Integrated Economic Growth Strategy (IEGS)(2021), Human Settlements Strategy (2021), Resilience Strategy(2019), Transit Orientated Development (TOD) (2016)

### 7.3. **Legal Implications**

N/A

### 7.4. **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**

The Urban Design branch, within the Urban Planning and Design Department, led this effort with the support via a transversal Steering Committee. Departments consulted were part of the review process:

- Spatial planning and Environment: Planning and Building Development Management
- Spatial planning and Environment: Environment & Heritage Management
- Spatial planning and Environment: Urban Design
- Spatial Planning and Environment: Climate Change - Environmental Management Department
- Spatial Planning and Environment: Urban Regeneration
- Directorate: Energy
- Directorate: Economic Growth (Enterprise and Investment, Property Management & Area Economic Development)
- Urban Mobility: Transport: Roads Infrastructure & Management, Project Management, Design and Development, IRT, TIA, Transport Planning, NMT
- Water and Sanitation: Water and sanitation services Rivers, Stormwater

#### & Catchment Management

- Urban Waste Management
- Directorate: Community Services and Health
- Community Services and Health: Parks and Recreation
- Directorate: Human Settlements
- Future Planning and Resilience: Policy and Strategy, Strategic Policy,
- Future Planning and Resilience: Public Participation unit.

---

**ANNEXURES**

*Annexures to the report to be listed here:*

Annexure A: Draft Urban Design Policy

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT:**

<b>NAME</b>	Simone Bergoff
<b>CONTACT NUMBERS</b>	021 400 9264
<b>E-MAIL ADDRESS</b>	Simone.bergoff@capetown.gov.za
<b>DIRECTORATE</b>	Urban Planning and Design Spatial Planning and Environment Directorate
<b>FILE REF NO</b>	<i>[Insert file ref no which should be provided by your Registry Office]</i>

Robert McGaffin Digitally signed by Robert McGaffin  
Date: 2023.09.28 10:17:49 +02'00'

*E. Naude* Digitally signed by Erika Naude  
Date: 2023.09.26 15:29:34 +02'00'  
Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

---

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Robert McGaffin

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_