



REPORT TO SUBCOUNCIL 4

1. ITEM NUMBER: 5 117

2. SUBJECT

MATTERS RECEIVING ATTENTION REPORT

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3. PURPOSE

That the Subcouncil note the attached schedule.

4. FOR DECISION BY

The Subcouncil note the report.

Delegation: Part 24 1(1) – To assess the performance of service delivery generally within their area of jurisdiction (outcomes monitoring).

5. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is submitted to the Subcouncil to provide feedback/update and any comment received from line departments.

6. RECOMMENDATION

That the Subcouncil note the content of Annexure A.

AANBEVELING

Daar word aanbeveel dat die subraad van die inhoud van bylae A kennis neem.

IZINDULULO

Ukuba iBhungana maliqwalasele okuqulathwe kwisihlomelo A.

7. DISCUSSION/CONTENTS

See Executive Summary.

7.1. Constitutional and Policy Implications

N/A

7.2. Sustainability implications

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

No ☒ Yes ☐

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 ☐

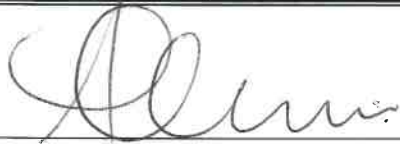
7.5. Other Services Consulted

N/A

ANNEXURE A: MATTERS RECEIVING ATTENTION REPORT

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SUBCOUNCIL MANAGER: SUBCOUNCIL 4

Comment:

NAME *ARDELA VAN NIEKERK*

DATE *14 November 2019*

Subcouncil - Matters Receiving Attention Report

Subcouncil 4

Agenda Item No:	04SUB 9/8/2019	1	REPORT ON STATUS AND PROGRESS OF WINTER PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM WITHIN TRANSPORT: DISTRICT 3 SERVICE AREA, COVERING SUBCOUNCILS 3, 4, 5 AND 6
Author:	Jeanine du Preez;		
How Resolved:	Consensus		
Meeting Date:	2019/08/15		
Outstanding:	65		
Directorate:	TRANSPORT		
Department:	Asset Management and Maintenance		

Preamble:

Cllr B van Reenen proposed that the item be withdrawn as the Subcouncil resolution for item 04SUB09/08/2019 as resolved at the Subcouncil meeting held on 15 August 2019 was not complied with.

Cllr B van Reenen reiterated that the reasons listed for the floods in Ravensmead, Florida, Uitsig, Cravenby, Bonteheuvel and Netreg areas be amended from mainly due to system abuse and possible capacity problems to low lying areas as the main reason.

Cllr B van Reenen was of the view that the reasons listed creates an opinion that budget allocation is not a requirement as the culture of illegal dumping into the stormwater system must change.

Resolution Details:

That the Report on the Status and Progress of Winter Preparedness Program within Transport: District 3 Service Area, Covering Subcouncils 3, 4, 5 and 6 **BE WITHDRAWN**.

Preamble History

Meeting Date Preamble

2019/08/15

Mr Deon Botha made reference to folio page 92 in the Subcouncil agenda, which stipulated the stormwater interventions as well as the preventative measures implemented since 11 July 2018. He said that catchpit cleaning is scheduled once a year.

Mrs Jeanine Du Preez was afforded an opportunity to elaborate on the content of the report and to provide an overview on the status and progress of the Winter Preparedness Programme. It was also requested that she provide the Subcouncil with a detailed overview of the flood incidents reported for 2019.

Mrs Du Preez made reference to folio page 92 in the Subcouncil agenda and said various remedial measures have been implemented and regular planned maintenance programmes were carried out.

Cllr Beverly van Reenen expressed her dissatisfaction with the content of the report and made specific reference to the floods that occurred during the 2018 winter season.

Cllr Van Reenen stated that the reasons listed in the report for the flood which occurred within Ravensmead, Florida, Uitsig and Cravenby Estate is primarily due to system abuse and possible capacity problems. She said that these reasons can be described as a deliberate attempt to sabotage the poorer areas and said that the communities of these areas are inheritors of the substandard infrastructure.

Councillor Van Reenen further said that the bureaucracy who were tasked to design and install infrastructure within these poorer/ previously disadvantaged areas, are still part of the City of Cape Town. She alleged that infrastructure was deliberately designed in a substandard manner because it was meant to be implemented in a disadvantaged area.

Cllr van Reenen said that comments of this nature (system abuse by residents) is the motive used by the administration to disregard the importance to source the necessary funds to remedy the inferior quality of the underground infrastructure.

Cllr van Reenen said that Ravensmead and its surrounding areas have always been low lying areas. She said this fact is known to the administration, yet it is omitted from the report.

Cllr van Reenen mentioned that a missing drain lid/cover was the cause of the blockage in 42nd Avenue in Eureka Estate, yet the report reflects system abuse by residents as the cause.

Cllr Van Reenen alleged that the administration refuses to attend to flooding complaints as it is generally assumed that the flood is caused by system abuse. She stated that this behaviour displayed by officials can be considered as prejudiced.

Cllr van Reenen proposed that the Subcouncil resolve that the report with its current content be rejected. She said that an amendment to the report is required; the amendment must read as follows:

Flooding within Ward 25 including Bonteheuwel, Valhalla Park and Netreg are due to low lying areas and not because of system abuse.

Ms Jeanine Du Preez responded as follows:

When reference is made to system abuse it is not aimed at an area or a target group. Evidence, such as photographs, is gathered as proof to sustain comments listed, e.g photographs containing building rubble in the storm water system will be available, if the reason is listed as system abuse.

The report clearly states the capacity problems. The presentation conducted by Catchment and Stormwater Management highlighted the areas with the capacity problems and made reference to the low lying areas. The current study undertaken by the Catchment and Stormwater Management includes the anomalies in terms of the underground infrastructure within Ward 25. For this reason, the Roads Infrastructure and Management is focusing on remedying the short to medium term concerns.

Mrs du Preez reiterated that no target group or specific areas are deliberately isolated in respect of floods.

Cllr Esau stated that if the programme allows for catchpit cleaning once within a calendar year, blockages are inevitable. He enquired if residents experiences blockages of drains and flooding after an annual clean up, is it required of residents to wait for the ensuing year before the administration attend to the matter. He said if this is the case, he finds this practice unacceptable.

Cllr Esau reiterated that missing drain covers must be replaced as a matter of urgency. He explained that open drains pose a risk to pedestrians. OZThe Chairperson, Cllrs Esau and van Reenen expressed their concerns regarding the increasing number of potholes in the roads within Subcouncil 4.

Mrs du Preez said consideration must be given to the winter weather conditions that negatively affects the repairs of potholes as well as the shortage of bitumen to do these repairs. The Roads Infrastructure and Management Department however gave an undertaking to attend to the repairs of potholes as a matter of urgency.

Ms Jeanine du Preez reiterated that flooding of roads are due to blocked catchpits. Roads are designed as a conduit for a 1:2 or 1:5 floods. Therefore, if a road floods, the actual road serves as a conduit for the water. The road becomes the holding place for the water to prevent it from entering properties. Unfortunately, there are properties that are lower than the road which results in the flooding of homes.

Cllr Van Reenen proposed that officials within the Transport Directorate must be rotated as she claimed officials are resistant to change. She said the notion of areas being a danger zone and officials refusing to attend to service delivery issues, must be attended to as a matter of urgency

as service delivery cannot be compromised.

Resolution History

Meeting Date	Resolution
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2019/08/15

RESOLVED

1. That the content of the report on the Status and Progress of Winter Preparedness Program within Transport: District 3 Service Area, Covering Subcouncils 3, 4, 5 and 6. **BE DEFERRED.**
1. That the reason listed for the floods in Ravensmead, Florida, Uitsig, Cravenby, Bonteheuwel and Netreg areas **BE AMENDED** to low lying areas.
1. That a Progress Report on the remedial actions and planned maintenance implemented since 2018 **BE SUBMITTED to Subcouncil 4.**

Action: J Du Preez
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