

Section 1: Office of the Municipal Manager

ITEM

ADOPTION OF 2022-2027 INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Department: Office of the MM

Wards: All Wards

File Ref: 2/8/5

Delegation: Council

Attachments Annexure “A” Amended 2023/24 Integrated Development Plan

Report from: IDP Manager

Date: 16 May 2023

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this item is for the tabling and adoption of the amended 2023/24 Integrated Development Plan.

Background/Discussion

1. Integrated Development Plan

Section 34 of the Municipal Systems Act, Act 32 of 2000 compels each municipal council to review and amend its Integrated Development Plan in line with the MEC comments and changing circumstances so demand.

Council adopted the 2022 – 2027 IDP under resolution: **C/1/55/05/22**. Section 34 requires that council review and amend the IDP as explained above.

On the 31 August 2022 Council resolved to amend the Integrated Development Plan under resolution: **C/1/74/08/22**.

The draft IDP under resolution **C/1/136/03/23** was tabled before council for noting prior to the public participation and comments process.

Public Participation

Council went on public participation after an IDP and budget notice was placed in the local newspaper and municipal website for public comments.

Meetings were held in all wards except Ward 4 whereby the meeting was postponed due to bad weather, Eskom loadshedding and poor attendance.

The Greenvalley meeting could also not proceed due to none attendance by residence.

Section 1: Office of the Municipal Manager

Main issues from the community

The most aggrieved community that showed complete dissatisfaction with the budget is the Harkeville. This community expressed their grief and rejection of the budget citing that the municipality constantly scorn them and disregard their development needs. Nothing is in the capital budget for Harkeville.

Natures Valley also indicted that the municipality keep on shifting the water reservoir project that was meant to have been built few years back. They say there is no sign that the municipality will implement the reservoir project anytime soon. The community of Natures Valley pleads with the municipality to expeditiously budget for the reservoir before a disaster strikes.

Public participation challenges

Public participation was not as successful as we would have liked it to be because of a number of factors such as:

- a. Loadshedding: Sometimes the updated loadshedding schedules classed with predetermined meeting as a result meetings must be rescheduled. Some people do not attend meetings because loadshedding interfere with their dinner preparing schedules.
- b. Participation fatigue: In some quarters, people complain about the number of meetings called by the municipality. In some instances there are two to three meetings in one week. The municipality must learn to streamline its meetings.
- c. None delivery: Some people feel that attending meetings is a waste of time because the municipality fail to deliver what they ask. Some people were complained of forever waiting for housing delivery.
- d. None housing meeting: In some arears meetings are well attended only if housing will be central to the agenda.

Amendments to the 2022 – 2027 IDP

Following the IDP strategic planning workshop that was held at the grand hotel on the 21 – 23 November 2022, it became apparent that the municipal IDP must be amended.

The amendments relate to:

- a. Executive Summary
- b. Socio-Economic data
- c. Community development issues
- d. Policy updates
- e. Institutional dimensions
- f. Financial Plan
- g. Integrated and alignment strategies

Section 1: Office of the Municipal Manager

Financial Implications

For seamless implementation of the IDP, the 2023-2026 MTREF is aligned to the IDP for both capital and operational programmes.

Executive Summary

The IDP is compiled in accordance to an approved process plan, the MEC comments and SIME recommendations. This emended IDP document complies with sections 26 of the Municipal Systems Act, Act 32 of 2000 and Municipal Performance Management Regulations.

Mechanism for participation

A public notice was placed in the local newspapers and municipal web site inviting the public to comment on the draft IDP and Draft budget. In addition public meetings were held in all wards

All community inputs were factored into the amended document.

Relevant Legislation

The IDP was compiled in accordance with:

1. the Municipal Systems Act, Act 32 of 2000
2. the Municipal Finance Management Act, Act 53 of 2003; and
3. Local Government: Municipal Planning and Performance Management Regulations, 2001
4. Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 (Act 16 of 2013) (SPLUMA)
5. Western Cape Land Use Planning Act, 2014 (Act 3 of 2014) (LUPA)
6. Bitou By-law on Municipal Land-Use Planning, 2015 (Bitou Planning By-law)

Comments by the Chief Financial Officer

The recommendation by the Municipal Manager is supported

Comments by the Director: Economic Development and Planning

The recommendation by the Municipal Manager is supported

Comments by the Director: Community Services

The recommendation by the Municipal Manager is supported

Comments by the Director: Engineering Services

The recommendation by the Municipal Manager is supported

RECOMMENDATION BY THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Section 1: Office of the Municipal Manager

1. That Council approves the first amended of the 2022 – 2027 Integrated Development Plan as amended for 2023 / 2024 as well as the 2023– 2026 Medium term Expenditure Revenue and Expenditure Framework.
2. That Council re-adopts the Bitou Municipal Spatial Development Framework 2021 as a core component of the new Bitou IDP, in terms of sections 25 & 26 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000
3. That the revised approved 2021/2022 Integrated Development Plan tabled with the budget be sent to the MEC for Local Government and Provincial Treasury