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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Tuesday, 19 November 2024 (at 09:00), Virtual meeting via MS Teams

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

Bryant, D W (Chairperson) Johnson, P Masipa, N P Wessels, D J Van Minnen, B M

African National Congress

Stoffel, B N

Patriotic Alliance

Constable, N (PA)

Freedom Front Plus

Marais, G P

Department of Transport

Mr D Ntuli, Chief Director:

Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Ms N Davis-Wolmarans, Director: Pollution and Chemicals Management Ms K Marhota, Environmental officer: Specialised Production

Department of the Premier

Mr L van der Schyff, State Legal Advisor

Western Cape Provincial Parliament

Ms M Khoele, Senior Legal Advisor Mr M Odendal, Senior Officer: Communications Mr K Mkunyana, Senior Public Education and Outreach Officer

The following person was in attendance:

Mr J Coetzee, Procedural Officer Ms N Mshumpela, Committee Assistant Ms C Morris, ICT Support Mr S Hassan, ICT Support

1. Opening and Welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee and the Departmental officials.

2. Briefing by the National Department of Transport on the Marine Oil Pollution (Preparedness, Response and Cooperation Bill) [B10 - 2022]

Mr Ntuli briefed the Committee on the Marine Oil Pollution (Preparedness, Response and Cooperation Bill).

The Committee deliberated.

3. The way forward

The Committee deliberated on the way forward and RESOLVED as follows:

- 3.1 Advertisements be placed in Die Burger (Afrikaans), Cape Argus (English) and City Vision (English and isiXhosa) requesting for written comments and to indicate whether interested persons would like to make an oral submission;
- 3.2 Write to all coastal district municipalities and coastal municipalities inviting them to submit comments on the Bill;
- 3.3 Invite relevant stakeholders to submit written comments and indicate whether they would like to make an oral submission;
- 3.4 Utilise WCPP's Social media platforms to inform the public about the bill, to submit their comments to the Procedural Officer and to indicate whether they would like to make an oral submission; and
- 3.5 The WCPP website be utilised to create awareness.

4. Consideration of Draft Committee Minutes

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes of 27 August 2024, 3 September 2024, 11 October 2024 and 14 October 2024 which were considered and adopted.

5. Consideration of the Draft Report of the Standing Committee on Local Government Environmental Affairs and Development Planning on the Annual Report of the Department of Local Government for the 2023/24 financial year

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Report on the Annual Report of the Department of Local Government for the 2023/24 financial year, which was considered and adopted.

6. Consideration of the Draft Report of the Standing Committee on Local Government Environmental Affairs and Development Planning on the Annual Report of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and CapeNature for the 2023/24 financial year

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Report on the Annual Report of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and CapeNature for the 2023/24 financial year, which was considered and adopted.

7. Consideration of the Draft Report of the Standing Committee on Local Government Environmental Affairs and Development Planning on the oversight visit to Stony Point Penguin Sanctuary in Betty's Bay.

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Report on the oversight visit to Stony Point Penguin Sanctuary in Betty's Bay, which was considered and adopted.

8. Consideration of Draft Committee 2nd Quarterly Report (July 2024 – September 2024)

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee 2nd Quarterly Report (July 2024 – September 2024, which was considered and adopted.

9. Consideration of Committee Business Plan 2024/25

The Chairperson submitted the Committee Business Plan 2024/25 as at 31 October 2024, which was considered and adopted.

10. Resolutions

The Committee RESOLVED to:

- 10.1 Invite the relevant Departments to brief the Committee on the state of landfill and recycling sites as well as the wastewater treatment plants in the Western Cape;
- 10.2 Invite municipalities to provide the Committee with a report on the properties/land the municipalities own and the condition/status thereof; and
- **10.3** Request a report on the three marine outfalls, whether the City of Cape Town is still in compliance with the minimum standards, and the impact on coastal water quality.

11. General

The Chairperson informed the Committee about suggestions for a potential international study tour, highlighting the challenges of finances and coordination. It was proposed that the Standing Committee on Local Government Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism of Member Masipa undertake a joint visit, as they share several members. Two destinations were suggested: the United Kingdom, which offers opportunities to address both climate change and agricultural issues, and Brazil, where COP30 will be held next year. While Brazil presents significant agricultural and climate challenges, attending COP30 would be costly due to accommodation expenses.

Member Masipa added that Ireland could be considered for the UK tour due to its robust rural entrepreneurship and development model. Ireland's rural communities, such as Dublin and Limerick, offer valuable lessons in managing local economies and agricultural issues. Regarding COP30 in Brazil, Member Masipa emphasized the importance of addressing climate change and suggested that a joint study tour to Brazil would be beneficial for tackling local government and agricultural issues. Both destinations offer valuable insights into our challenges.

The Chairperson also mentioned that a formal decision is not required at this time, but the Committee supports either of these proposals for a joint visit.

The meeting adjourned at 10:28.

MR D BRYANT, MPP CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING