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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Tuesday, 10 April 2018 (at 08:30), Committee Room 1, 4th Floor, 7 Wale Street, Cape Town

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

Mackenzie, RD Schäfer, BA Simmers, TA (Chairperson)

African National Congress

Beerwinkel, CF Dijana, TM

The following persons were in attendance:

Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Mr P van Zyl, Head of Department

Mr G Arendse, Chief Director: Environmental Quality

Mr E Hanekom, Director: Waste Management

Mr A Gaffoor, Director: Strategic and Operational Support

Adv C Maré, Director: Environmental Governance

Dr E Palmer, Director: Environmental Law Enforcement

Mr K Munro, Director: Spatial Planning

Mr G Gerber, Director: Development Facilitation

Eden District Municipality

Mr M Booysen, Mayor
Ms L Hoek, Chief Financial Officer
Mr M Stratu, Municipal Manager
Mr C Africa, Executive Manager: Communication Services
Mr M Hubbe, Waste Manager

West Coast District Municipality

Mr B Strydom, Deputy Mayor Mr D Joubert, Municipal Manager Mr W Markus, Director: Administration and Communication Services

Provincial Treasury

Mr P Prinsloo, Economist

1. **Opening and Welcome**

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee, the Head of Department, the Mayor of the Eden District Municipality, the Deputy Mayor of the West Coast District Municipality, the departmental and municipal officials.

2. Briefing by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and key District Municipalities on the subject of Regional Landfill Sites with a core focus on the Eden District, Kalbaskraal and Atlantis sites

The Department proceeded to brief the Committee on Regional Waste Disposal Facilities with specific reference to regionalisation and its benefits, landfill airspace challenges, the compliance status of waste disposal facilities and pending litigation.

The West Coast District Municipality proceeded to brief the Committee on their regional landfill facilities with specific reference to waste disposal facilities, challenges experienced and their implementation plan.

The Eden District Municipality proceeded to brief the Committee on the need for a regional landfill facility with specific reference to the Environment Impact Assessment undertaken and public-private partnerships that were formed with some municipal councils. It further informed the Committee that five of the municipalities in the Eden District have committed to financing a new regional landfill facility in Mossel Bay.

The Committee deliberated.

3. **Resolutions/Actions**

- The Committee REQUESTED that the West Coast District Municipality provides it with a 3.1 report containing the following information:
- A plan to address the challenges of waste management in municipalities within the district; 3.1.1 3.1.2
- The initiatives to identify sources of alternative funding for a regional landfill facility; 3.1.3
- The cost of capital requirements to close and rehabilitate existing waste facilities; and
- Further measures to lower the current proposed tariff structure for the communities of 3.1.4 Matzikama and Cederberg as well as a comprehensive breakdown of the overhead cost which form part of the current tariff.
- The Committee REQUESTED that the Eden District Municipality provides it with a report 3.2 containing the following information:
- With reference to the fact that Hessequa and Oudtshoorn municipalities will be included in the implementation phase of the proposed regional landfill facility at a later stage, a response as to whether the contribution per municipality to the project will decrease as a result of this inclusion;

- 3.2.2 The contribution required from Hessequa Municipality in year one of the project;
- 3.2.3 The response of local municipalities to the Biofuel Plant to be housed at the proposed regional landfill site;
- 3.2.4 The contract period for public-private partnerships;
- 3.2.5 The current waste minimisation initiatives that are in place in the respective B municipal areas; and
- 3.2.6 The projected waste weight reduction per household should these initiatives be implemented between municipalities.
- 3.3 The Committee **RESOLVED** that it would conduct an oversight visit to the Robertson/Ashton Landfill Site during a cluster visit week.
- 4. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Quarterly Report (January March 2018)

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Quarterly Report that was considered and adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50.

MR TA SINHIERS, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Date: (5/5/2018