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REPORT

The Petitions Committee having, considered a petition received from Citrusdal Community Police Forum on 01 December 2015, reports as follows:

1. Introduction

In March 2015, the Committee received a petition from the Community Police Forum in Citrusdal. During the meeting of 15 May 2015, various concerns were raised about the petition. The Committee resolved to engage with the Cederberg Municipality, Department of Home Affairs, members of the community and the Citrusdal Community Police Forum during an oversight visit to Citrusdal on 19 June 2015. The main objective of the visit was to get an overall status of the situation in Citrusdal.

Following the oversight visit, the Committee resolved to have another engagement with Cederberg Municipality, Department of Home Affairs and the South African Police Services in Citrusdal on 31 July 2015 in Cape Town. The main objective of the meeting was to gather evidence to assist the Committee in making tangible recommendations.

This report discusses the Committee's recommendations taken during the meeting of 02 October 2015.

2. Overview

The Committee held a meeting on Friday, 02 October 2015. The Chairperson provided a brief overview of the investigation conducted by the Committee on the petition received from the Community Police Forum in Citrusdal. During the meeting Members discussed the status of the petition and recommendations provided by Members at the meeting of 31 July 2015.

3. RECOMMENDED

The Committee RECOMMENDED that: -

3.1 The following RECOMMENDATION be forwarded via the House to the Standing Committee on Transport and Public Works for implementation and response, that:

3.1.1 The Department of Transport and Public Works communicate with the Provincial Traffic Department and in co-operation with the South African Police Services (SAPS) to conduct more road blocks on the N7 leading to Citrusdal. As these roads are the conduits for drugs into the region.

- 3.2 The following RECOMMENDATIONS be referred via the House to the Standing Committee on Community Development for implementation and response, that:
- 3.2.1 The Department of Social Development engages with Citrusdal District on whether the town has social programmes in place and running in this area.
- 3.2.2 The Department of Social Development provide clarity on the issue pertaining to the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) cards being repossessed by tavern and drug dealers to pay for parent's drugs and alcohol accounts. The Department of Social Development to indicate what mechanisms are in place to combat this.
- 3.3 The following RECOMMENDATION be referred via the House to the Standing Committee on Cultural Affairs and Sport for implementation and response, that:
- 3.3.1 The Department of Cultural Affairs and Sports investigates the possibility of establishing a Mass participation; Opportunity and access; Development and growth Programme (MOD Centres) in Citrusdal.
- 3.4 The following RECOMMENDATION be referred via the House to the Standing Committee on Economic Opportunities, Tourism and Agriculture for implementation and response, that:
- 3.4.1 The Department of Agriculture investigate the possibility of leasing the farm adjacent to the Riversview Informal Settlement, so that it be utilised as a Safe Haven for Youths
- 3.5 The following RECOMMENDATION be referred via the House to the Standing Committee on Local Government for implementation and response, that:
- 3.5.1 The Department of Local Government investigate the possibility of demolishing the Alaska Forever Tavern in Riversview Informal Settlement.

The Committee RESOLVED to engage with the following National Departments on the following matters:

- 3.6 South African Police Service fills all vacancies at the SAPS Citrusdal station.
- 3.6.1 South African Police Service investigates the alleged sexual exploitation of minors by drug dealers and drug lords in Citrusdal and inform the Committee of the mechanisms in place to combat this epidemic.
- 3.6.2 The Department of Home Affairs investigates and informs the Committee as to the whereabouts of Mr SL Maroeti, the owner of Alaska Forever Tavern in Riversview Informal Settlement in Citrusdal.

5. Conclusion

The Committee concluded its meeting and took cognisance of the urgency of the challenges experienced in Citrusdal. The Community of Citrusdal needs support in their endeavors to succeed against the backdrop of the challenges noted in this report.

Report to be considered.

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