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Dear Mr. Briggs

INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP) COMMENTS 2024/2025

Your comments received 3 May 2024, refers.

All public comments received on the draft IDP review and proposed amendment for 2024/25 served together with the Final IDP document, at the Council meeting on 31 May 2024.

The Municipality responses are as follows:

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1. Management of Baboons

The assignment for the management of baboons in the Overstrand from the Western Cape Government will lapse in December 2024. Council is of the opinion that an extension will be not considered as the function is currently not funded by the provincial government and is this unfunded. However, the Municipality is open to engage the Provincial Government and Cape Nature to find an amicable solution for the management and funding of the Baboon Management programme beyond December 2024. Any change in the status of the program beyond December 2024 will be reflected in next year's IDP review (i.e. 2025/26 financial year).

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Point 4

Drugs is a function of the SAPS and we just perform a supportive role to SAPS, non the least we do deploy officers on a daily basis to prevent crime in the areas. We do have great success and have made a number of arrests during the past years.

Point 5

Fernkloof safety, we will put up boards and do more regular patrols to ensure the safety of the community. However, we will not be able to place an officer on a permanent basis in the area.

Point 6

Overstrand Fire and Rescue do not have the capacity to deal with the significant threat posed by fires due to lack of proper infrastructure and personnel constraints, refer to the SANS 10090 Community Protection Against Fires, weight of response and fleet. Council recently approved and MHI in the Sandbaai Industrial area that also require major firefighting equipment. We continuously request funding for early warning and communications systems however we are unsuccessful. We do not have professional fire fighters in towns like Bettys Bay, Pringle Bay, Rooiels, Pearly Beach and Stanford therefore there is a delay in response.

Point 7

We acknowledge that our sport facilities in the Overstrand need urgent attention and maintenance. Our strategy will be that in the new financial year we will do an assessment of all our sport facilities and draw up a Facility Maintenance plan to address the issues identify on each facility in a planned manner.

When we have the shortcomings of each facility then we can influence the budget. We will in the meantime continue to do the day-to-day maintenance and upkeeping of the facilities.

Point 9

The population of the Overstrand is not yet large enough to generate the demand for a larger Public Transport Service.

Point 10

The Provincial Government is responsible for mobility of freight vehicles in the province. Royal- and Lord Roberts streets are not provincial roads and cannot fulfil the required function.

Thank you for participating in the Municipality's 2024/25 IDP review process.

Yours sincerely,



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