



MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL IGR FORUM

DATE: 14 JUNE 2019

TIME: 10H00

VENUE: BLUE LAGOON HOTEL

ITEMS	MATTERS DISCUSSED	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN	DEADLINES
1. Welcoming & Introductions	The Chairperson Ms. Ncumisa Sidukwana- HOD: Executive Support Services opened the meeting and welcomed all present. Ms. Sidukwana advised that she was going to leave the meeting early due to another commitment however Ms. Mahlangu who is the General Manager Communications and Development Cooperation will stand in as the chair of the meeting.	None	

2. Apologies	Mrs. Bana-IEC, Mr. Ncunyana-BCMM, Mr. , Mr. Sigcau-BCMM, Ms. Frans- BCMM, Mr. Petzer-BCMM, Ms. Tutshana-Cogta, , Ms. Madumana- Treasury,		
3. Feedback on the National Elections by IEC	<p>IEC IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING CHALLENGES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Cwebu from IEC acknowledged the assistance received during the elections from various departments. • He further noted that even though there were challenges in some of the voting stations, e.g. electricity outages, the task team ensured sure that the elections went smoothly. • Due to heavy rains the tents in some voting stations proved to be problematic. • IEC discovered that amongst the unemployed youth who had applied to assist at the voting stations they were either not registered on the voters roll or they did not have bank accounts • IEC has encouraged the management of collecting voters addresses and manage those voters who do not haver addresses on the voters roll, for the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCMM was requested to look at more permanent structures as the voting stations for 2021 local government elections to minimize the use of tents. • BCMM resolved to facilitate a meeting between IEC and Harambee to assist unemployed youth with registration. • Working together has been encourage with all the stakeholders, IEC had requested that if the sector 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

	<p>previous elections IEC had the opportunity of harvesting 1 569 voters who do not have addresses in the BCMM area alone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IEC identified an increase in the number of political parties in the ballot papers which is 48 for National and 26 for Provincial. • It was found that there were more spoilt ballot papers in 2019 as opposed to 2014 (3466), therefore this showed that there was a need for voter education. • In terms of voter turn up, in BCMM the number of registered voters was 421 227, but the number of those registered voters who voted was 271 722 meaning there was a decline in number of voters in BCMM, contributing factor to the lower turn out of voters was the misuse of section 24A that encourages voters to vote anywhere in the country if they were not to be not in the area where they registered and some did not go due to bad weather. 	<p>departments and municipality have outreach programmes they are encouraged to invite IEC to attend those outreach programmes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IEC requested that Home Affairs department collaborates with them in registering the unemployed youth. • The presenters were asked to forward by email their presentations • It was proposed that a task team to be formed to prepare for the upcoming elections in 2021. 	
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4. Feedback on ID collection by Home Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Stuurman from Home Affairs gave feedback on the ID collection campaign from April to May 2019 in preparation for the elections. The Department acknowledged the boost and support received from BCMM who developed posters and advertisements that encouraged communities to collect IDs from Home Affairs. • Following the intervention by BCMM collection rate of ID documents in KWT increased by 2104. • Furthermore, EL increased by 2920. • On Voting day (8th May 2019) 281 ID's were collected and 286 Temporary ID's were applied for. The East London office served more than 538 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In terms of the Hotspot areas which were identified during the elections, for the upcoming elections in 2021 BCMM and sector departments need to prioritize these areas for intervention in the next year. • Provincial Treasury to consider funding home 	

	<p>clients on the day of voting and in KWT there were 180 people who collected ID's and 80 people applied for their smart ID's.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A suggestion was made to Home Affairs to have a mobile office that will take services to where people are situated however Home affairs responded that currently there was no mobile facility. 	<p>affairs department for mobile facility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Affairs to look at a user-friendly electronic system to fast track their queuing system. 	
<p>5. Presentation by Built Environment Performance Plan Unit by EPMO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Bakumeni from EPMO unit within BCMM presented on the Built Environment Performance Plan. It focused on Intergovernmental projects which affected the Integrated Development Plan. • The main purpose of the presentation was to encourage other Government departments to forward projects that needed to be captured on the BCMM BEPP. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All government departments within BCMM space needed to input into the BEPP. 	

6. Presentation on the Provincial International Relations Procedural Manual	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs. Matimane presented on the Provincial International Relations Procedural Manual. She added that the Provincial International Relations Strategy was currently being reviewed by the department.• She further explained the twinning agreement process and commended BCMM for the work they were doing in terms of twinning agreements and international cooperation.• Certain protocols were outlined for Municipalities when embarking on International trips, she advised that a travel form must be submitted to Department of International Relations and the Province when travelling abroad.• She further outlined the documentation required as per protocol and legislation.• She also explained that official passports are not allowed to be used for personal use, one could be arrested, as it is the property of the state. The International Relations office are required to keep the these passports.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All Agreements and documents signed are re	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also, in terms of Hosting and receiving the BRICS countries in June 2018, she applauded the Metro for a job well done. • The Forum was also informed that the department was currently busy developing an MOU with the United Nations, and that an agreement will be signed soon. • The Official Development Assistance (ODA) and African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) will be also established. The Premier was keen on knowing more about agreements and has requested information on the APRM and twinning agreements of the municipalities in the province. • She pointed out that in terms of protocol the signing of agreements can only be actioned by the Mayor for the municipality and Premier for the Province. 		
7. Presentation on Clinics and other Health related issues in BCMM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. George from the Department of Health gave a presentation on infrastructure plans and finances in the districts. • The department has a Service Delivery improvement plan that arises out of a clinical need. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was identified that Department of Health has limited budget as compared to the increasing clinical needs. • The Department indicated that the focus of the department was on former Transkei region where there was more of a need for health care support. 		
8. Presentation on Housing Plans for BCMM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Human settlements presented on plans of the department for the current financial year. • The department has allocated R 350 million to the city for this financial year, with the target of delivering 1780 units for the metro. • There are developments for DVIR and Reeston projects that are planned for the city. • There are also plans for a project for Military Veterans in the city. • Out of the R 350 million allocated for the Department, so far R 41 million has been spent in the city 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	

	<p>Questions and Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A question was raised seeking a clarity on whether the department has any plans for a project in Orange Groove. <p>It was therefore advised In terms of Orange Groove, all sector departments were invited to submit sector plans for development in the area and to also submit this to the Provincial Department of Human Settlements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for emergency housing was also quired and , it was advised that there is no funding for the emergency houses from province at this stage. • Another question rose on the new houses in Newlands which were not electrified. The department advised that they were still discussing a way to manage the electrification of the area through a contractor. 		
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<p>9. Presentation on Property by Department of Public Works</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A presentation was made by Mr. Madela from Public Works on Property and infrastructure disbursement from the department.• Department of Public Works advised that there was a list of buildings identified for BCMM to consider to be transferred to BCMM. BCMM needs to provide the use of those buildings.• There is also a donation of portion 23 of Farm 836 in Reeston that is still awaiting a land claim clearance from Land Claims Commission.• The department also identified closed schools in BCMM, and wanted to find out how they could be utilized to avoid vandalism. The department is still identifying the schools and a list will be sent to the municipality. <p>Questions and Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A question was raised on how the Department of Public Works identified the closed schools. It was advised the responsibility was with the of	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BCMM needs to advise Department of Public Works on the use of the buildings that will be donated to the city.•	
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	<p>Department of Education, The Department of Public Works informed BCMM about the availability of the closed schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 		
<p>10.Presentation by Eskom</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jakavula made a presentation on Eskom Plans in the Metro. All projects initiated in 2018 are in the finalization stage. The presenter noted that the movement of people to urban areas has put some strain in the department that has to cater for these extra households. • Some of the plans for electrification include Ncerha village, for R6 million for about 300 households. For the year 2019-2020, Dikidikana for 120 connections, Enkosini in Tshatshu village for 180 connections and Umsintsi Electrification project which was identified by Buffalo City, but Eskom had advised that the Area will not be electrified in this financial year as there is an existing network line in the area. • There is R4 million rand allocated for infills in BCMM. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resolution was taken that Eskom will feedback to Health department and appraise to the next IGR meeting. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The issues of land grab was a challenge that affected Eskom who could not electrify the areas where there is a dispute. Eskom advised that those matters need to be referred back to the municipality. <p>Questions and Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A question was raised to Eskom on how far they are in reconnecting Fort Grey Clinic. Eskom responded by saying that a follow up will be made and feedback on the next meeting. 		
11.Presentation on the Anti-Poverty Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Sogoni presented and introduced the strategy in a plan to get support from stakeholders to join forces on the initiative. It was one of the priorities of the Province. The Strategy is in the process of reviewal and is aligned to the multi-dimensional index report by Stats SA. It not new as it has already been implemented in two wards in the BCMM. The areas proposed for implementation are identified as the most deprived areas. The Department proposed those Wards that needed intervention as ward 24, ward 2, ward 6, ward 31, ward 32. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sector departments and BCMM were invited to form part of the stakeholder engagements that were taking place at the ward level. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation is planned with stakeholders of BCMM on monthly basis • The Anti-poverty strategy has been successful in ward 34 which is currently out of poverty. • The ward which was identified by the department as the most deprived ward was ward 24 which needed urgent attention. <p>Questions and Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A question was raised on how the most deprived ward in BCMM was identified. The presenter responded that they were identified based on Stats SA results. 		
12.Way Forward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairperson acknowledged all the presentations given and informed the meeting about the Plans of the IGR Unit for Reviewing the Terms of Reference. • BCMM wants to adopt a new approach of having fewer bigger meetings such as the Technical IGR forum and more roundtable meetings with sector departments to make IGR more functional. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCMM is considering the projectising approach to ensure tangible results, and collaboration with other government departments. 		
13.Closure	The Chairperson thanked everyone in attendance and appreciated their the inputs and then closed the meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	