



## MINUTES OF THE BCMM POLITICAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS (IGR) ROUNDTABLE MEETING

DATE: 25 JUNE 2021

TIME: 09H30

VENUE: MICROSOFT TEAMS PLATFORM

ITEMS	MATTERS DISCUSSED	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN
1. <b>Welcome &amp; Introductory Remarks</b>	The Chairperson Councillor Helen Neale-May opened the meeting and welcomed the Portfolio Holders who were present, representatives from sector departments, BCMM representatives as well as the IGR Secretariat to the first political IGR Roundtable meeting. The Chair advised that the purpose of the Roundtable meetings was to discuss and action items of service delivery where there were delays or challenges, that needed intervention in order to speed the process of delivering those services.	None

<b>2. Apologies</b>	<p>Apologies were tabled for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Sinyanya HOD Community Services in BCMM, Mr. Mbula HOD Human Settlements in BCMM, Mr. Sikweza from Municipal Service, Cllr Pakati Executive Mayor BCMM, Cllr. Maxhegwana Speaker of Council BCMM, HOD for Eastern Cape Department of Sports, Recreation and Arts and Culture (ECSRAC), Mr. Mbambanisi Director Provincial Human Settlements.</li> </ul>	
<b>3. Presentation by Human Settlements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. M. Ngonyama from BCMM Human Settlements tabled a presentation that focused on the Human Settlements status quo, the issue of Level 2 Accreditation, 2021-2024 BCMM's Housing Plan with Budgets, Housing Provision for Military Veterans.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>STATUS QUO</b></p> <p>Mr Ngonyama highlighted the following:</p> <p>To run the day to day operations of the department, BCMM funds are used. The Urban Settlement and Development Grant (USDG) from Treasury are used for engineering services that include internal roads, stormwater, and sanitation. The Department is responsible for top structures and are currently facing a backlog of 107 top structures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BCMM prioritize the Human Settlements policy for social housing and beneficiary allocation policy</li> <li>BCMM to consider the alignment of Service</li> </ul>

## LEVEL 2 ACCREDITATION

In terms of level two accreditation, Mr Ngonyama advised that:

- The Department made an application for Level 2 Accreditation in 2013, where 57 items were considered for evaluation to determine state readiness of BCMM.
- The Department then commenced with engagements in 2016, to address the items needing attention.
- In 2017 submissions were made, however, it was decided that the issue will only be looked at when BCMM had enough capacity. To date the department has resolved majority of the issues and are ready to make a submission again to Council by 31 August 2021.

Mr Ngonyama provided a timeframe for the next steps to be undertaken by the Department in the Level 2 Accreditation process:

PROCESS	TIMEFRAME
Submission of Level 2 Accreditation Status Report and Business Plan to BCMM Council	02-31 August 2021

Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) targets to set Medium Term Strategic Framework (MTSF) Targets for the Informal Settlement Upgrading Partnership Grant (ISUPG) and Urban Settlements Development Grant (USDG).

- The Finance Linked Individual

	BCMM Review of Scoring items and draft road map for presentation to Provincial Department...	02- 30 September 2021		<p>Subsidy Programme FLISP should be prioritized by BCMM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provincial Department of Human Settlements to consider accelerating the Military Veterans Projects</li> <li>DMV &amp; Military Veterans be afforded opportunity to guide Provincial Department of Human</li> </ul>
	Follow-up on the submitted Business Plan to the Province	15-29 October 2021		
	Approval of the business plan by the Provincial Department	01-30 November 2022		
	Approval of the road map by the Provincial Department	10 January 2022- 28 February 2022		
	Data Collection by BCMM and submit to Provincial Department	15 March 2022- 30 June 2022		
	Review of application by the Provincial Department	11 July 2022- 31 October 2022		
	Submission of the application to Capacity and Compliance Panel	19 September 2022- 31 October 2022		

	Review of the application by Capacity and Compliance Panel	15 November 2022- 30 December 2022	Settlements and BCMM on Military Veterans prioritization. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BCMM to fast track the appointment of service providers to implement the Military Veterans projects</li></ul>
	Presentation by the Provincial Department and BCMM to the Capacity and Compliance Panel	10 January 2023- 28 February 2023.	
	<p><b>2021/24 BCMM’S HOUSING PROJECTS AND BUDGET</b></p> <p>Mr Ngonyama reported on the list of projects that were currently being undertaken by Department of Human Settlement (DoHS) in collaboration with BCMM.</p> <p><b>HOUSING PROVISION FOR MILITARY VETERANS</b></p> <p>Mr Ngonyama reported that the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eastern Cape DoHS has approved 132 Military Veterans Beneficiaries across the BCMM. The projects will be delivered within the three project areas already identified, ie<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ BCMM 28 Military Veterans (Include Rural)</li><li>○ BCMM 179 Military Veterans</li><li>○ DVRI Gompo – 30 Units</li></ul></li></ul>		

- The construction activities have started in BCMM on 28 Units of which 8 are completed in Dimbaza and the remaining are in the formalization of contracts stage for 20 Military Veterans in King Williams Town (KWT) area.
- The BCMM 179 Units in Amalinda are at a stage where land has been identified for planning purposes.
- DoHS and BCMM to consider sites from active projects for Military Veterans such as Zone 18 CC and Ikwezi Block 1, to address the 54 approved backlogs in Mdanstane.
- BCMM to provide sites serviced and land for Ginsberg and other KWT approved beneficiaries.

### **CHALLENGES**

Mr Ngonyama indicated that some of the challenges experienced include:

- Prioritization required from BCMM for the implementation of projects that are located within the Priority Development Area (PDA).
- Limited funding.
- Moving from level 1 to level 2 of the accreditation process.
- Land acquisition which is a major challenge for the Department.

### **INTERVENTIONS REQUIRED**

The following interventions were requested by Mr Ngonyama:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funds to be set aside for emergency housing.</li> <li>• Assistance with Social Housing policy development.</li> <li>• Alignment of targets set by the Department and those that are set by National Treasury.</li> <li>• Staffing of the Department, as it was affecting the capacity to deliver the targets within set timeframes.</li> <li>• Matching the targets set, with allocated budget.</li> <li>• Prioritization of Human Settlements policies for social housing and beneficiary allocation policy.</li> <li>• Alignment of Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) targets to set Medium Term Strategic Framework (MTSF) Targets for the Informal Settlement Upgrading Partnership Grant (ISUPG) and Urban Settlements Development Grant (USDG).</li> <li>• The Finance Linked Individual Subsidy Programme (FLISP) should be prioritized.</li> <li>• Provincial Department of Human Settlements to consider accelerating the Military Veterans Projects.</li> <li>• DMV &amp; Military Veterans to be afforded opportunity to guide Provincial Department of Human Settlements and BCMM on Military Veterans prioritization.</li> </ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fast track the appointment of service providers to implement the Military Veterans projects.</li> </ul>	
<b>4. Presentation by Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment</b>	<p>Mr H. Mayapi from Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) presented an update on projects that the Department was currently running in the city; namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The “Thuma Mina” good green deeds waste programme that is currently in progress. The programme started in 2019 and it deals with cleaning the illegal dumping in clean sites.</li> <li>The waste pickers support programme which started in 2021 and is currently in progress.</li> <li>The municipal cleaning and greening project, which was still scheduled to start early this year and due to internal challenges, will start in July 2021.</li> <li>The youth environmental outreach programme which started in 2019 and is in progress.</li> </ul> <p><b>CHALLENGES</b></p> <p>The challenge highlighted included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Department requires a formal database on BCMM waste pickers for the waste pickers programme which needs to be provided by BCMM.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BCMM to provide Database of Waste Pickers as required by DFFE</li> <li>Awareness Raising of services and facilities of DFFE required.</li> </ul>



<b>5. Waste Management Cooperation for the Cleanliness of the Buffalo Pass Road - Department of Public Works/ Department of Transport</b>	<p>The General Manager, Solid Waste Management, Ms. N. Daniels presented on the status to date on the cleanliness of the Buffalo Pass Road Department. She informed the meeting that there is a working group of different stakeholders that are affected by the challenges in terms of the cleanliness of the Buffalo Pass Road. The Solid Waste Department has taken the responsibility of clearing and cleaning the waste of the Road where, resources such as tipper trucks, TLB and allocation of workers have been channeled towards the cleaning the road. The Department has been working with Law Enforcement to deal with illegal dumping in this area.</p> <p>Ms Daniels also reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Department was currently upgrading two transfer stations (Kaysers beach and Kidd's Beach) to curb illegal dumping.</li> <li>• A rapid response programme has been established that will look at illegal dumping hotspot areas.</li> <li>• Service delivery Fridays is because of the good green deeds programme organized by DFFE.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation and enforcement of by-laws required (for example community to assist to report/take photos of culprits who are dumping i.e. through WhatsApp, etc.</li> <li>• Setting up controlled road access by owner of road – Buffalo City Pass Road</li> <li>• BCMM Waste Management</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of the waste management by-law after that implementation will follow.</li> <li>• The Department was also in the process of consolidating its Waste Management Plan.</li> <li>• The Department is working with GIS to identify the illegal dumping hotspot sites, with aim to formally turning those dumping sites into official drop-off points, and in so doing, the department can work closely with the communities.</li> </ul> <p><b>CHALLENGES</b></p> <p>Ms Daniels advised that the Department experienced the following challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shortage of resources to cover all areas.</li> <li>• Non-residents of one area required education and awareness on illegal dumping in another area.</li> </ul> <p><b>INTERVENTIONS REQUIRED</b></p> <p><b>The following interventions were highlighted by Ms Daniels:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raising awareness on the Programmes and services that were currently provided by the Department.</li> <li>• Access control of the gate (using boom gates) with guards at Buffalo Pass Road.</li> <li>• Urgent enforcement of solid waste municipal bylaws.</li> </ul>	<p>Department to present a progress report on the Swedish Hazardous Waste Project at the next IGR Session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Department of Health to present the policy and plan for the disposal of masks which impacts on solid waste at the next IGR Session.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>6. Transfer of vacant schools and buildings</b></p>	<p>Mr. X. Madela from Department of Public Works (DPW) presented on the issues of vacant schools and buildings. He highlighted the following procedures in terms of property, vacant schools and land parcels:</p> <p><b>PROPERTY:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Property procedure required for acquiring properties and vacant land that BCMM and Public Works may be interested in to undertake specific developments, such as a new school.</li> </ul> <p><b>VACANT CLOSED SCHOOLS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are closed schools in Mdantsane that the Department of Education (DoE) is no longer utilizing. Department of Public Works (DPW) is still waiting for DoE to confirm and publish the list of closed schools to the gazette. Once the list has been published by DoE, then the DPW will advertise the list and make a call for expression of interest to the public at large. The DPW will then consider proposals that are meant to generate revenue.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In terms of the renovation of the two halls in Mount Coke, BCMM is advised to follow property procedure in terms of communicating with Department of Public Works as the halls still belong to the Department.</li> <li>• In terms of transfer of the 33 Improved Public Works Properties (2 out of the 33</li> </ul>
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	<p><b>LAND PARCELS:</b></p> <p>For BCMM to attain a certain land parcel it needs to submit a proposal to DPW and there after a process of expression of interest needs to be followed with all interested parties.</p> <p><b>CHALLENGES</b></p> <p>Mr. Madela indicated that the following challenges were experienced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DPW has identified that BCMM has renovated two halls belonging to DPW in Mount Coke without following proper procedures. BCMM needs to consult the DPW prior to embarking on any work on any property owned by the Department.</li> </ul> <p><b>PRESENTATION PART TWO</b></p> <p>General Manager for Property Management BCMM, Mr. S. Bam provided an update on properties that were mistakenly transferred to BCMM. He advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Directorate of Spatial Planning and Development engaged with Council regarding the list of properties that need to be transferred to the DPW. BCMM Council has resolved properties must be transferred to the Provincial Department of Health (DOH), Provincial DPW or National</li> </ul>	<p>properties</p> <p>needs to be transferred to the National DPW and the remaining properties to Provincial DPW. These include the Bhisho High Court and the Safety and Liaison Building.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 201 improved properties which comprise of schools, clinics and the prison located</li> </ul>
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	<p>DPW. 33 properties were identified, and a resolution was taken in August that these properties must be transferred to DPW.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In terms of schools and hospitals, after a resolution that was taken by council to transfer the list of schools and hospitals to DPW, the department was to appoint an attorney to transfer these properties to provincial or national DPW.</li> <li>• To date BCMM has advised both provincial and national DPW of the council resolution and is still waiting for the DPW to advise whether the state attorney has been appointed. This is affecting negatively on BCMM revenue.</li> <li>• 201 properties were anticipated to be transferred to DPW.</li> </ul> <p><b>CHALLENGES</b></p> <p>The following challenges were highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Property acquisition for densification and for sheltering the homeless in the city.</li> <li>• The delays by DPW in terms of property and land transfer interferes with timeframes set for the process of service delivery.</li> <li>• The HOD: Spatial Planning and Development, Ms Nonceba Mbali-Majeng expressed concern with the fact that DPW announced a different view on acquiring land for development, where in previous engagements they had agreed to donate the land to BCMM.</li> </ul>	<p>in Mdantsane needs to be to Provincial DPW.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Works needs to appoint the State Attorney to fast track the registration process.</li> <li>• DPW to meet with the entire Directorate of Spatial planning and Development to discuss decisions taken especially on previous engagements</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Portfolio Holder: Spatial Planning and Development, Councillor Nazo, expressed concern with the process that is being implemented by DPW on the expression of interest which was open to everyone, advising that first consideration should be given BCMM and the local community before extending invitation to other parties.</li> </ul> <p><b>INTERVENTION REQUIRED</b></p> <p>Mr Bam indicated that interventions were required in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assistance from the IGR unit to sensitize DPW to prioritize the transfer and registration of these properties and fast track the process so that it can be removed from the books.</li> <li>DPW is asked to please consult once again with BCMM in regarding the empty schools so that the local communities can be given a chance to express interest or to state what they want the empty school to be used for.</li> <li>With regards to the empty schools the BCMM would like to be given priority, as it plans to utilize the schools for township economy.</li> </ul>	<p>i.e. schools, and current matters that affect the Metro's plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPW to reconsider the expression of interest process due to it not being in line with BCMM and DPW 's discussions and agreements during previous engagements.</li> <li>DPW to consider giving the Municipality first preference</li> </ul>
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		<p>to acquire land before other interested parties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All issues that could not be resolved at the Roundtable session to find expression in the next Technical IGR Forum session.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7. Upgrading of provincial roads in BCMM (Gonubie road)</b></p>	<p>General Manager Roads in BCMM, Mr. S. Sojini presented the status of roads in BCMM with emphasis on the Gonubie road. He advised that: There are 472km surfaced roads and 1083km of gravel roads in BCMM that fall under Department of Transport.</p> <p>BCMM is experiencing a high volume of calls from the public to upgrade these roads which belong to Provincial Department of Transport (DoT). These roads include the Quenera Lagoon Road, Buffalo Pass road, Old</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High level intervention required with the Provincial Roads Department and BCMM to discuss provincial</li> </ul>

	<p>Gonubie Road (Floridale) and East Coast Resorts Road. This has created a recurrent challenge for the Department as the condition makes it difficult for BCMM to maintain.</p> <p><b>CHALLENGES</b></p> <p>The challenge highlighted by Mr Sojini was that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Misconception by communities on the road owned by Provincial DoT and BCMM.</li> <li>• A Memorandum has been prepared and submitted to the Province for a maintenance plan by BCMM however, no response has been received.</li> </ul> <p><b>INTERVENTIONS REQUIRED</b></p> <p>Mr Sojini advised that the matter of roads required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High-level intervention that will facilitate an agreement between BCMM and DoT to work together to 'maintain these roads.</li> </ul>	<p>roads within BCMM jurisdiction and roads linking BCMM other areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback required on the Memorandum of Understanding that has been sent to Roads Department by BCMM.</li> <li>• BCMM to consider an agreement with DoT to negotiate the transfer of</li> </ul>
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		<p>these roads to BCMM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DoT to present on issues raised at this session and also present at the next session on roads under the DoT in the next IGR Forum Session.</li> </ul>
<b>8. Unfunded Mandates</b>	<p>Ms. N. Tutshana from COGTA provided high level verbal input for unfunded mandates advising that through MuniMEC Task Team resolutions from IGR structures in municipalities will be monitored for implementation. She cited the issue of land invasion as an example which the EC COGTA is currently handling. She advised that the issue of the unfunded mandate in relation to libraries, can be put forward to the Province, where a coordinating team consisting of COGTA, EC Treasury and OTP can consider. For the Core team to consider the issue</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All matters affecting municipalities including libraries will be escalated to other Provincial Task Teams meetings as</li> </ul>

	<p>of unfunded mandate (library) issue she advised that the presentation by ECSRAC to find expression in the Provincial Task Team agenda, so that it can receive the necessary attention. She also advised that the issue of libraries to form part of the agenda of the next Provincial Technical IGR Forum Session.</p> <p><b>PRESENTATION 2 EASTERN CAPE SPORT, RECREATION AND ARTS AND CULTURE (ECSRAC)</b></p> <p>Mrs N. Gobozi from ECSRAC presented on the status of libraries in BCMM. He advised that, libraries are a constitutional mandate, but it received minimal funding from both the national and provincial levels. It was advised that Department was allocated R59 330m, where R 31.7 m is allocated to the two Metro Municipalities in the province, R24.5m to pay salaries and remaining R 3.1m is allocated for day to day operations of the libraries. There were 257 libraries in the province. Metros are responsible for the full function of libraries and had same functions and organizational structure as the province. Annually the department signs a Memorandum of Agreement with municipalities that have libraries within their jurisdiction to administer. Local municipalities depend on the department for material, resources, and staff, whilst the Department is responsible for constructing, refurbishing and renovating libraries.</p>	<p>they are matters affecting all municipalities which need urgent attention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interventions for BCMM on staffing and resourcing, ICT, E-books etc to be taken further between BCMM and ECSRAC.</li> <li>• A cabinet memo has been prepared for consideration by the</li> </ul>
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	<p><b>CHALLENGES</b></p> <p><b>Mrs N Gobozi advised that the Department has:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A backlog of water and sanitation in most of its libraries that need to be refurbished</li> <li>• Library services which are managed by librarians, has a shortage of librarians.</li> <li>• Budget reduction</li> <li>• Infrastructure backlog</li> </ul> <p><b>INTERVENTIONS REQUIRED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget for libraries needs to be reconsidered</li> <li>• There needs to be a clear funding structure</li> <li>• Consideration of a steep reduction in the number of new library infrastructure projects in favour of maintaining the existing libraries</li> <li>• To improve service delivery this relationship needs to be regulated by a delegation of the function to municipalities</li> </ul> <p><b>PRESENTATION PART THREE- BCMM LIBRARIES</b></p> <p>Mr. Tolbart from BCMM Libraries presented the on the unfunded mandate of libraries in BCMM. He advised that BCMM operates 18 libraries, 2 mobile libraries, 3 old-aged depots and 3 prison depots. Annually DSRAC transfers funds to BCMM to be allocated for the rendering of library services.</p>	<p>department to notify about this major challenge that the province is faced with.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Issue of libraries will be elevated to Provincial IGR Forum.</li> </ul>
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### **CHALLENGES**

Mr Tolbart advised that:

- Services offered are outdated and only benefit a minority of the communities that they are meant to service.
- Libraries are not aligned to new technology update i.e. 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution
- The current allocated subsidy for libraries is minimal and as such it can not carry the day to day running of the libraries and functions.
- The Metro has been operating at a deficit which then requires BCMM to divert funds that were meant for other legislated functions of the metro to the Library shortfall.
- BCMM Libraries are without transport, and the need for the provision of vehicles to transport library material, staff, furniture and equipment between branches and department is critical

### **INTERVENTIONS REQUIRED**

Mr. Tolbart highlighted the following interventions required:

- Appointment of senior staff for the libraries
- Conversion of the hours of those staff working part-time to full-time.
- Construction of new libraries and establishment of extra satellite libraries
- Upgrade and update of all Reference and study material

<p><b>9. Feedback from BCMM on IDP and DDM one plan inputs</b></p>	<p>Mrs. Qebenya from IDP BCMM gave a status update on the IDP and DDM One Plan of the Metro, advising that the Department was trying to integrate the IDP and DDM process for the sake of alignment and One Plan achievement. She indicated that the One plan progress dashboard was submitted on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The One Plan was incorporated into the Integrated Development Plan Section D and the draft was consulted with the public as part of the IDP process. The final BCMM profile was submitted to EC COGTA on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021. Notice of the adoption was published on 10 June 2021 in the media and on the BCMM website.</p> <p><b>CHALLENGES</b></p> <p>Ms Qebenya highlighted the following challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inputs were received from all government departments except for is ECSRAC, East London IDZ (ELIDZ) and PRASA</li> <li>• The document is still work in progress; therefore, inputs are still welcomed.</li> <li>• Draft One Plan does not explain how the situation analysis report informed the Catalytic Programmes</li> <li>• There is a particular model that needs to be followed in terms of the One Plan which is not currently aligned with long-term strategy.</li> <li>• The fact that timelines for DDM are not controlled by BCMM it poses a challenge in the municipality to incorporate it into its planning process and within the timeframes set.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback on the Diagnostic Report for BCMM</li> <li>• The Challenges and assistance required for the One Plan implementation in BCMM to be considered and escalated</li> <li>• EC COGTA is requested to speed up the process of setting up the political and technical structures for DDM.</li> <li>• BCMM needs to identify a date for</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a challenge to acquire information to be incorporated into the One Plan.</li> </ul> <p><b>INTERVENTIONS REQUIRED</b></p> <p>Ms Qebanya advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is an urgent need for the establishment of hubs.</li> <li>• Detailed work needs to be done by the three spheres in terms of the Catalytic Projects Rationalization.</li> <li>• The Metro needs to see how it can incorporate DDM into its financial planning and budgeting.</li> <li>• EC COGTA is requested to speed up the process of setting up the political and technical structures for DDM.</li> <li>• BCMM needs to identify a date for DDM engagement with EC COGTA.</li> </ul>	DDM engagement with EC COGTA.
<b>10.Way forward</b>	<p>The Chairperson presented the action items as part of the Way Forward as well as the key presentations required for the next BCMM IGR Sessions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chairperson highlighted the Action Items as covered by the presentations as highlighted above.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The BCMM Calendar was highlighted for upcoming meetings in order for stakeholders to prepare for the upcoming IGR Sessions:</li> <li>• 27 August 2021</li> <li>• 17 September 2021</li> <li>• 15 October 2021</li> <li>• 19 November 2021</li> </ul>
<b>11. Vote of Thanks and Closure</b>	<p>The Chairperson thanked all the presenters for the informative presentations, the IGR Secretariate, and all participants for participating in the session.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 13h30</p>	

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**HELEN NEALE-MAY**

**DEPUTY EXECUTIVE MAYOR**

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