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STRATEGIC DIRECTION REAFFIRMED
DURING STRATEGIC SESSION

Committed to providing efficient and effective services to the Overberg community, the Overberg District Municipal Council and management attended a strategic planning session with the purpose of deliberating on the review of the municipal vision, mission and objectives of the municipality. They have further identified service delivery hindrances and discussed solutions to overcome them.

The session took place at the ODM Council Chamber on 26 February 2024. This session is not only informative, but also a much needed brainstorming opportunity, which seeks to guide Council on the directions of allocating its resources, set priorities, strengthen operations, ensure that employees and other stakeholders are working towards common goals and shape its response to the changing environment.

The effectiveness of this strategic planning session will articulate not only where the municipality is going and the actions needed to make progress, but also measure the success and impact of its strategic plan.

The Strategic Direction for 2022/23 - 2026/27 was reaffirmed the ODM Executive Mayor, Ald Sakkie Franken and supported by Council.

INDUCTION OF NEW COUNCIL
MEMBER

Ms Cynthia Clayton was sworn in as a council member of the Overberg District Municipality during a council meeting that was held on Monday, 29 January 2024.

Ald Clayton, who is a seasoned campaigner in the Overstrand area, lives in Kleinmond and represents the GOOD Party. She took the Oath and Solemn Affirmation as per Section 26(2) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 1998, which provides that a person assumes office as a councillor when declared elected or when appointed.

Hereby she vowed to carry forward the directive given to her by the district's council in line with the municipality's vision and mission.



COUNCIL 2021 – 2026

CORE VALUES

Caring:

A total belief in collective caring principles – “Ubuntu”.

Integrity:

Higher levels of courtesy and professionalism in the workplace; behaving in a manner that reflects ODMs commitment to honesty, trust, transparency and ethical business operations.

Commitment:

To the development of people; regular consultation with customers on the level and quality of services.

Transformation:

Transformational leadership - corporate transformation begins with a shift in the values and behaviours of leadership; corporations do not transform, people do.

Transparency:

In accounting for our actions; responsible spending and utilisation of municipal assets.

Excellence:

Setting quality standards for service delivery, measurement thereof to improve productivity and the discipline to take action to address the situation.

Honesty:

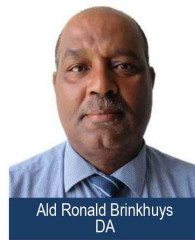
Contributes to a positive mind-set and facilitates morally acceptable behaviour.

Respect:

For our natural resources and celebrating diversity.

Following the 2021 Local Government Elections, in terms of section 29(2) of the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act of 1998, the Overberg District Municipal Council for 2021-2026 was constituted on 6 December 2021.

Political Parties represented:



VISION

Overberg – the opportunity gateway to Africa through sustainable services.

MISSION

To render sustainable, customer-directed services and to be the preferred Provider of Shared Services within the Overberg, by:

Promoting social and economic development; Utilising all available resources economically, efficiently and effectively; Ensuring the provision of optimal and quality services delivery; and Enhancing effective stakeholder relations

STRATEGIC GOALS

- SG 1:** To ensure the well-being of all in the Overberg through the provision of efficient basic services and infrastructure.
- SG 2:** To promote regional economic development by supporting initiatives in the District for the development of a sustainable district economy.
- SG 3:** To ensure municipal transformation and institutional development by creating a staff structure that would adhere to the principles of employment equity and promote skills development.
- SG 4:** To attain and maintain financial viability and sustainability by executing accounting services in accordance with National policy and guidelines.
- SG 5:** To ensure good governance practices by providing a democratic and pro-active accountable government and ensuring community participation through IGR structures.



5-YEAR STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2022/23 - 2026/27

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ODM WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

Ms Marlene Boyce was appointed as the Director Community Services for the Overberg District Municipality from the 1st of February 2024.

Ms Boyce hails from Knysna in the Garden Route and has been in local government for 18 years. Possessing two Law Degrees and a Master's Degree in Development Studies, Ms Boyce started her career as a public prosecutor for the NPA and following the completion of her Master's, she had worked as a planning director since 2016 and as a community services director since last year.

Her goal for her position as Director Community Services is to continue to be a catalyst for excellence in the directorate and the organisation.



PREMIER WINDE AND MINISTER ALLEN HAND OVER DRONES TO VARIOUS DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES



On 20 February 2024, Premier Alan Winde and Provincial Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety, Reagen Allen, handed over drones to the Overberg (ODM), Cape Winelands (CWDM), Garden Route (GRDM) and West Coast (WCDM) District Municipalities. Each district municipality took ownership of one drone.

Premier Winde said: "With technology such as drones, our municipalities, in partnership with our government, are sharpening up our collective crime-fighting and disaster capabilities. Technology and innovation must be embraced so that we work faster and smarter for our residents."

The districts were represented by Executive

Mayors, Alderman Andries Franken (ODM), Alderman Memory Booysen (GRDM), Alderman Roelof Strydom (WCDM) and CWDM's Municipal Manager, Mr Henry Prins. Premier Winde indicated that in the near future, drones will also be handed over to SANParks and to the Central Karoo District Municipality, upon further engagement.

The drones, valued at approximately R18 000 each, includes various specifications and functions, such as handheld control, an onboard camera, visual screen, recording ability and various others. The drones were donated to the Western Cape Department of Police Oversight and Community Safety (POCS) by the Consulate General of the

People's Republic of China, with the purpose of bolstering crime fighting efforts across the province.

Minister Reagen Allen added; "We extend our gratitude to our international partner, as it shows their interest in seeking to ensure that greater safety is achieved across the entire province. We have already established our K-9 and Rural Safety Units on the West Coast, Overberg and Garden Route regions, and these drones will also complement and enhance their operations. This is yet another demonstration of the Western Cape Government's commitment to create safer communities, regardless of where it might be in the province."

SUCCESSFUL KARWYDERSKRAAL LANDFILL SITE DRAWS ATTENTION OF NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS



The Joint District and Metropolitan Approach (JDMA) is premised on principles of co-planning, co-budgeting and co-implementation. It provides a space where the three spheres of government and private sector can coordinate catalytic projects in a collaborative manner in order to positively impact the lives of citizens.

Since the introduction of the JDMA in 2019, the Overberg District had fully implemented and institutionalized the approach and have successfully completed a number of catalytic projects.

Waste Management is one of the catalytic projects on the Overberg JDMA Implementation Strategy. To address challenges in waste management in the District, a regional waste site was established at Karwyderskraal to accommodate the local municipalities with their waste.

Because of the success of this project, the District was approached by the West Coast District Municipality to learn from their experience.

The Overberg District Municipality hosted a delegation from the West Coast District Municipality for a 2-day engagement on 19 & 20 March 2024 aimed at the sharing of best practices and exploring possible partnering opportunities. A specific focus was placed on the external service delivery component with regard to the management of the Karwyderskraal Landfill site as they seek to establish a landfill site for the West Coast region.

New Regional Landfill site to address waste in Cape Winelands

Subsequent to the visit from WCDM, the ODM welcomed a delegation from the Cape Winelands District Municipality on 16 May 2024, who also visited the landfill site to benchmark and gain insight into the management of the site as they too are busy developing a landfill site for the Cape Winelands region.

The Cape Winelands District Municipality (CWDM) and various partners celebrated the groundbreaking of the long-awaited Regional Landfill site that will be established in Worcester.

The state-of-the-art landfill site will serve the areas of Breede Valley, Witzenberg, and Langeberg. The project, which will cost approximately R104 million, is built on the same principles as the Overberg Region's site at Karwyderskraal, just outside Hermanus, which has been hailed as a world-class facility.

Karwyderskraal Landfill site, now over 20 years old, served as an informative case study. Francois Kotze, ODM's Manager of Environmental Management Services, and his team explained the site's operations. They demonstrated how the weighbridge determines loads received from feeder sites, showcased the process of turning organic waste into compost, and viewed an area that has been completely rehabilitated and now blends seamlessly with the surrounding veld.



ODM Municipal Manager, Mr Richard Bosman, and ODM Manager of Environmental Management Services, Mr Francois Kotze, escorted the visiting officials from the Cape Winelands District Municipality on their recent visit to the Karwyderskraal Landfill Site.

DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES CONTINUE TO PROMOTE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

SHARING FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCES BETWEEN DISTRICTS

During the visit by a delegation of West Coast District in March 2024, the Chief Financial Officer of WCDM offered to share their experience on various financial issues with ODM's Finance Directorate, especially the migration processes towards the SAMRAS financial web-system and the application made to SARS on the Roads VAT ruling.

The ODM CFO and his team were invited by their counterparts from the WCDM and visited their offices in Moorreesburg on 15 and 16 April 2024.

As part of ODM mSCOA due diligence process, WCDM shared their lessons learned on the SCM web-migration.

ODM was also advised to revisit the scheduled implementation plan dates for



readiness as to not be exposed to the same risk that they experienced.

It was further proposed that both the municipalities' finance departments should

aim to meet on a quarterly basis going forward. The next engagement is scheduled for August 2024, when WCDM will visit the ODM.

TAIWANESE DELEGATION VISITS ODM

A delegation from Taiwan visited the Overberg District Municipality on Friday, 5 April 2024 as part of the Taiwanese government's efforts to enhance business and trade ties in Africa.

The purpose of the visit was to discuss trade and investment, and to explore new areas of collaboration with the local authorities of the Overberg region. Executive Mayors and Councillors, along with Municipal Managers and other representatives from each of the municipalities in the Overberg attended the engagement.

In his welcoming address, the ODM Executive Mayor Ald Sakkie Franken, also provided an overview of the region's economy and its leading sectors, emphasising that trading and investment opportunities are plenty in the Overberg.

Ald Franken said, "This engagement is important as a base of introduction to expand cooperation in areas such as energy, agriculture, the economy, trade and development."

The Mayor expressed his hope that Taiwan and the Overberg will build on existing foundations to explore more opportunities for cooperation and exchange, and to further strengthen the diplomatic partnership and



jointly advance global development.

"Today marks the first of many more meetings and negotiations to come. We welcome the interest expressed by the Taiwan delegation and thank them for taking the time to visit our beautiful region," Ald Franken further stated.

The engagement was concluded with an

exchange of gifts as a gesture of good faith between the two groups. Ald Franken gifted the Taiwanese delegates with locally made goods to showcase some of the Overberg's offerings.

Moving forward, Taiwan and the Overberg region will continue to connect and engage on development and cooperation opportunities.

STATISTICS SOUTH AFRICA ROLLS OUT SUPERCROSS TRAINING



StatsSA Western Cape conducted a SuperCROSS training session for all the municipalities in the Overberg District in April.

SuperCROSS enables users to create their own tables and view statistics easily as charts and maps.

Following the official release of the Census 2022 results in October last year, StatsSA rolled out training across the province.

In 1996, Statistics South Africa ran the first Population Census to enumerate the entire South African population. Logistically it was a huge undertaking and its importance in terms

of government policy direction and resource allocation could not be overstated. Statistics South Africa had clear goals for the census: make the census as accurate and useful as possible; share as much possible data with as many people as possible; provide users with the tools they need to be able to easily access and analyse data; and make StatsSA the preferred supplier of quality statistics.

Since its first census, the demands on StatsSA for census data dissemination have increased exponentially.

StatsSA employs two online methods of

meeting this demand.

One is using SuperCROSS to create cubes, which are disseminated via SuperTABLE. Cubes provide users with the flexibility to run any query they want based on those cubes. StatsSA also uses SuperWEB2 for web-based ad hoc tabulation, providing both the public and private sectors with more detailed data for their individual analytics.

StatsSA uses SuperCROSS for fast, flexible tabulation and analytics, to easily handle, manipulate and analyse the census and survey data.



FRAUD & CORRUPTION AWARENESS

ACTIONS CONSTITUTING CORRUPTION, FRAUD, THEFT AND MALADMINISTRATION

Offences constituting corruption, fraud, theft and maladministration collectively refer to, but are not limited to:

- any dishonest, fraudulent or corrupt act;
- theft of funds, supplies, or other assets;
- maladministration or financial misconduct in handling or reporting of money, financial transactions or other assets;
- making a profit from insider knowledge;
- disclosing confidential or proprietary information to outside parties;
- irregularly accepting, requesting, offering or giving anything of material value to or from contractors, suppliers or other persons providing services/goods to the Municipality;
- irregular destruction, removal or abuse of records, furniture and equipment;
- use of the municipality's assets for personal gain;
- any similar or related irregularity; and
- deliberately omitting or refusing to report or act upon reports of any such irregular or dishonest conduct.

The Anti-Corruption & Fraud Policy can be accessed on the municipality's website at www.odm.org.za

POCS SAFETY SUMMITS: MINISTER ALLEN ENGAGES LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO STRENGTHEN SAFETY EFFORTS ACROSS THE WESTERN CAPE

Between 29 April and 21 May 2024, Western Cape Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety (POCS), Reagen Allen embarked on visits to all districts to ensure safety efforts and initiatives are aligned across the Western Cape, to ensure that safer communities are created.

The engagements commenced on 29 April 2024 in the Overberg, where the Overberg District Municipality along with the Overstrand, Swellendam, Theewaterskloof and Cape Agulhas Municipalities were all well represented.

The key purpose of the summit is to provide a platform for each municipality to present on the budget allocation received for safety from the Provincial Department, and on their projects implemented in the current financial year; as well as on planned safety projects for the 2024/2025 financial year.

In order to create safer environments, effective partnerships are needed between Government Departments, Municipalities and Law Enforcement entities and communities. It is therefore crucial to identify policing needs and priorities within the local municipal areas so as to work together to address such needs.

These engagements also provide an opportunity for discussions focusing on encouraging and promoting greater safety and cohesion throughout the region.

Along with their safety initiatives and programmes, municipalities were afforded the opportunity to advise how their activities tie in with the Western Cape Safety Plan (WCSP). In addition to this, they were asked about their efforts to ensure the integration of operations with all relevant stakeholders, in particular the South African Police Service, neighbourhood watches and Community Police Forums.

Some of the overall key challenges and priorities identified include:

- Budget cuts affecting safety initiatives
- Law enforcement entities that are under-capacitated
- The involvement of stakeholder departments in safety projects
- Addressing alcohol and drug abuse and its impact on communities
- Rise in criminal activities and crime hotspots

The feedback reported by the municipalities will be captured and the Department will formulate proper responses and initiate further discussions to address the feedback.



Ald Sakkie Franken, ODM Executive Mayor, highlighted various safety interventions during his opening address.



Mr Reinard Geldenhuys, ODM Fire Chief, presented on the status of the District Community Safety Forum.

Subsequent meetings with the other districts were held as follows: Cape Winelands District, 8 May 2024; Central Karoo District, 17 May 2024; and the Garden Route District, 21 May 2024.

Following this round of engagements, Minister Reagen Allen said, "I am grateful for the robust engagements we could have with all the various municipalities. I also wish to extend my sincere gratitude to all district mayors, mayors, and mayoral committee members, for the manner in which they are driving safety initiatives in their areas. Various programmes clearly show how safety is being prioritised across the Western Cape. Residents can rest assured that we have their best interests at heart and are working

together to create safer environments for all."

"As we move forward, we will now embark on wider district engagements, where more stakeholders will be incorporated. It is critical that we are all flexible enough to adopt new and amend methods to be more effective in our crime fighting efforts. We will not shy away from including new partners, as we must remain one step ahead of criminals and their activities. We have a huge task on our hands."

"As the Western Cape Government, we remain committed to supporting the efforts of our colleagues at a local government level to combat crime," concluded Minister Reagen Allen.

Reference: POCS/Facebook

IDP AWARENESS SESSION WITH HIGH SCHOOLS



Overberg District Municipality Deputy Mayor, Ald Helen Coetzee (middle), and IDP & Communications Manager Mr Franco Ruiters (far left, back) with the learners from High School Bredasdorp and Albert Myburgh Secondary School who attended the awareness session in the ODM Council Chamber.

As part of the District Awareness Campaign and public participation process, the IDP & Communications Department of the Overberg District Municipality invited senior learners from High School Bredasdorp and Albert Myburgh Secondary School to attend an Awareness Session on 12 June in the Council Chamber of the ODM Head Office, where they were presented with an overview of the District's 5-year Integrated Development Plan as well as some of the roles and functions of the District Municipality. Both learner groups were made up of Grades 11 and 12 senior pupils.

The purpose of these engagements is to promote awareness in terms of the roles and responsibilities that the District Municipality has regarding service delivery to the communities and inhabitants of the Overberg.

The Deputy Executive Mayor of the Overberg District Municipality and Strategic Services Portfolio Chairperson, Ald Helen Coetzee, welcomed all the learners and expressed the importance of the IDP and the role of residents in the IDP process.

The functions of the Overberg District Municipality, or ODM as it is more commonly known, have a direct impact on the lives of all

the inhabitants of the region, whether through services such as roads maintenance, municipal health services, environmental management or regional economic development and tourism, to name but a few.

This was highlighted by Mr Franco Ruiters, the Manager IDP & Communications, who facilitated the session and also presented an overview of the IDP process.

Special emphasis was put on the Municipal Health Services and Emergency Services departments of the ODM.

By introducing the learners to the roles and functions of the District Municipality and its processes is important, especially educating them on their roles in local government and how they can influence and impact government decision-making processes.



ALERT ON RABIES RISK ALONG THE WESTERN CAPE COAST: HIGH-RISK INDIVIDUALS ARE URGED TO BE CAUTIOUS

After the recent confirmation of rabies in Cape Fur Seals along the Western Cape coast, residents and travellers are urged to be cautious when visiting our coastline. Persons who frequently come in contact with seals or using coastal areas for recreational activities, such as: surfers, divers, water sports enthusiasts, and those in the fishing industry particularly are asked to be extra cautious.

Stored samples collected from seals since 2021 by Seal Search are currently being tested to determine the timeline and extent of the outbreak. The Agricultural Research Council's Onderstepoort Veterinary Research has confirmed positive rabies cases in seals from Melkbosstrand (October 2023), Plettenberg Bay (January 2024), and Die Dam near Gansbaai (June 2024).

Additionally, researchers at the University of Pretoria have detected rabies in seals from Fish Hoek (October 2023), Pringle Bay (February 2024), Strand (May 2024), and Muizenberg (May 2024).

These findings highlight the potential for rabies cases along the entire coastline where seals are present.

Critical Information on Rabies

Rabies is a serious and often fatal disease. The rabies virus is spread to humans and other animals through contact with the saliva of infected animals. Humans can be exposed to rabies through bites, scratches or licks to wounds, grazes, broken skin, or to the lining of the mouth and nose by rabid animals.

The common signs and symptoms of rabies in people include discomfort or pain at the site of the (previous) wound, fever, headache, nausea, and vomiting. This rapidly progresses to signs of neurological dysfunction, which may include changed behaviour, confusion, and agitation. People with rabies can also display hypersalivation, localized weakness and paralytic syndromes, which eventually progresses to coma and death.

Immediate medical attention following suspected rabies exposure is critical. If no post-exposure prophylaxis is given, an infected person may start experiencing symptoms 1 to 3 months after exposure. In rare cases, symptoms can develop after more than six months following an exposure.

Urgent Advice for Seal Bite Victims

If you have been bitten by a seal in the last six months, it is crucial to seek medical evaluation from a healthcare provider (general practitioner, clinic, public or private hospital) immediately. The incident will be assessed for the necessity of post-exposure

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Health advice: Rabies Western Cape

We are aware of a number of confirmed animal rabies cases (in dogs and seals) in the Western Cape.

Please consult your clinic or doctor if:

- You have been bitten by a Cape fur seal in the last 6 months (from Dec 2023).
- You have been bitten by an animal recently (past six weeks to present).

More information on rabies:
<https://www.elsenburg.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/RabiesAwareness-FAQ.pdf>







prophylaxis (PEP). This is irrespective of whether you previously received medical attention for the bite. Rabies vaccine and immunoglobulin is available at strategic public hospitals, emergency centres at private hospitals, travel clinics and selected pharmacies.

Guidance for Animal Bites

For bites from animals such as dogs, cats, mongooses, jackals, or seals, follow these steps:

- Clean the wound thoroughly with soap and water, as soon as possible after the injury.
- Visit a hospital emergency centre promptly for a medical assessment.
- The need for PEP with rabies vaccine and rabies immunoglobulin administration will be determined based on the category or nature of the bite, severity, and risk assessment for potential rabies exposure.

Additional measures

- Avoid interacting with seals and other wild animals.
 - Ensure your pets' rabies vaccinations are current. Pets need revaccination every 1-3 years, depending on the vaccine and regional rabies risk.
 - Keep dogs controlled or on a leash to prevent contact with wild animals.
 - Report any strange animal behaviour to the local State Veterinary Office (<https://www.elsenburg.com/veterinary-services/animal-health-and-disease-control>).
- Stay informed, stay safe, and take immediate action if exposed. Rabies is preventable with prompt and appropriate medical care.

For more information, contact your local healthcare provider or visit the nearest medical centre.



SAFETY TIPS | FLOODING



#1 Live in a low-lying area? Sudden floods might affect them. Monitor the rising water levels and evacuate to a safer place or higher spot.



#3 Avoid crossing low-lying bridges, streams and rivers.



#5 Motorists must be **very careful** and avoid **driving** through flooded areas.



#7 The public must monitor **weather alerts** on radio and television.



#9 Do not try to drive over a **low-water bridge** if water is flowing strongly across it and the ground is not visible.



#11 Keep your **important documents** in a water-resistant container.



#13 Be especially vigilant at **night**. It is harder to recognise potentially deadly road **hazards**.



#15 **If you are on foot**, be aware that low-moving water can be dangerous during flood conditions, do not walk into it.



#2 Do not cross through **flooded roads** or **bridges** – use other **routes**.



#4 **Never** try to walk, swim or drive in swift-flowing water. Even if water is 15 cm deep, it can sweep you off your feet.



#6 Drive to and park at **safer areas**.



When threatened **contact** your municipal disaster management centre, police station, call national emergency numbers (**112, 10177, 107**)



#10 **Teach** your **children** about the dangers of floods.



#12 Keep your **cell phone** in close proximity to you and have emergency numbers at hand.



#14 Do not **camp** or **park** your car along rivers, especially during heavy rains or thunderstorms.



#16 Avoid contact with **flood waters**, may be contaminated with raw sewage, oil or other dangerous substances, and may also be charged with electricity.



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