

**SUBMISSION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY FOR APPROVAL (9/2/1/9) (DIRECTORATE: STRATEGY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT)**

**Purpose of the report**

To submit a Public Participation Policy to Council for consideration.

**Legislative Background**

Municipal Systems Act 32/2000 Section16:

Development of culture of community participation

- 1) A municipality must develop a culture of municipal governance that complements formal representative government with a system of participatory governance, and must for this purpose-
  - a) encourage, and create conditions for, the local community to participate in the affairs of the municipality, including in-
    - i) the preparation, implementation and review of its integrated development plan in terms of Chapter 5;
    - ii) the establishment, implementation and review of its performance management system in terms of Chapter 6;
    - iii) the monitoring and review of its performance, including the outcomes and impact of such performance;
    - iv) the preparation of its budget; and
    - v) strategic decisions relating to the provision of municipal services in terms of Chapter 8;
  - b) contribute to building the capacity of-
    - i) the local community to enable it to participate in the affairs of the municipality; and
    - ii) councillors and staff to foster community participation; and
  - c) use its resources, and annually allocate funds in its budget, as may be appropriate for the purpose of implementing paragraphs (a) and (b).

The Public Participation Policy is attached on p 91 - 107 of Annexure 1 of the Mayco of 12 April 2013.

**Recommendation / Aanbeveling**

That the Public Participation Policy be approved in principal and advertised for public comment.

*Dat die Publieke Deelname Beleid in konsep goedgekeur word en geadverteer word vir publieke kommentaar.*

**This item served before the Strategy & Social Development Portfolio Committee on 25 March 2013**

**Hierdie item het voor die Strategiese & Sosiale Ontwikkelings Portefeulje Komitee gedien op 25 March 2013**

**Recommendation / Aanbeveling**

That a workshop about the Public Participation Policy be arranged for all councillors.

*Dat 'n werkwinkel oor die Publieke Deelnamebeleid vir alle raadslede gereël word.*

**This item served before the Mayoral Committee on 12 April 2013**

**Hierdie item het voor die Burgemeesterskomitee gedien op 12 April 2013**

**Aanbeveling / Recommendation**

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2. That a workshop about the Public Participation Policy be arranged for all councillors.

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**Hierdie verslag het voor die Raad gedien op 24 April 2013**

**This item served before Council on 24 April 2013**

**Eenparig Besluit / Unanimously Resolved**

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