

SDF REVIEW

PURPOSE OF REPORT

Review of the Spatial Development Framework.

BACKGROUND

WCG's spatial agenda.

Spatial Planning gives geographical expression to the economic, social, cultural and ecological policies of society. It is the coordination of practices and policies affecting spatial organization of people, activities and land use at various scales.

Spatial planning must underpin the following principles:

Spatial justice - equitable access

Spatial sustainability - lower carbon emissions and less environmental damage

Spatial resilience - making places and people less vulnerable to hazards

Spatial quality - livable, vibrant and valued places

Spatial efficiency - productive places with efficient circulation of people and resources

In spatial planning it is important to ensure balance.

It is important to note that the Spatial Planning Land Use Management Act reinforces the role of the IDP and its Spatial Development Framework and land use management system, as the core of municipal land use planning. All land use planning must fit within the framework of the IDP.

The Prince Albert Municipal council approved the SDF at its meeting held end of February 2014 that provides a framework with a 20 year horizon. To ensure the integration of the Spatial Development Framework and the Integrated Development Plan the SDF approved in 2014 is in the process of review. The review process were initiated in July 2016 where the public was invited to register as stakeholders in the review process. No stakeholders registered. The Municipality again advertised for suggestions on the amendment to the SDF. Input were invited through advertisements, in public meetings and via the municipal radio programme. Several input were received to the SDF approved in 2014 and attached as reference. The changes include the following:

- Extend the urban edge in Prince Albert to include the air strip
- Identify additional business and faith based premises in Klaarstroom, Leeu Gamka and Prince Albert.
- Land for emerging farmers.
- Protect the town farms and cultural heritage - develop development parameters

- Development of Agri Parks hub and plantation in Prince Albert on the air strip and behind the EE Centre.
- Move of informal settlement of Klaarstroom to river
- Development of business nodes along Voor- and Long Street in Prince Albert.

These spatial proposals will be spatially illustrated in the reviewed SDF that will then be advertised for 30 days to the public for their input, while the Minister of Local Government in the Western Cape will be afforded 60 days to comment on the proposed reviewed amendments.

RECOMMENDATION

That the amendments to the SDF of 2014 as indicated above be accepted by Council for public input and referred to the MEC for his input.