

OVERSTRAND MUNICIPALITY**PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE DRAFT INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP) REVIEW AND PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR 2025/26****#1**

From: Pringle Bay Ratepayers Association (PBRA), Mr. G Bam, Chairperson

Sent: 25 November 2024

PDF letter:

SUBJECT: INITIAL INPUT FOR DRAFT AMENDED 2025/2026 IDP AND BUDGET PROCESS OF OVERSTRAND MUNICIPALITY

[Municipality note only IDP related comments will be provided here. Refer to the separate Council item on the Budget for budget responses.](#)

1.EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Overstrand Municipality (OM) has commenced with the process of drafting the amended 2025/2026 IDP as well as the planning of the draft budget for the 2025/2026 financial year. As part of this process the Ward Committee of Ward 10, together with the Ward Councillor, is in the process of drafting priorities for the ward to be considered by OM as part of the IDP and budget preparation process. The Pringle Bay Ratepayers Association (PBRA) is represented on the Ward 10 Committee and is participating in this process. It is our experience in previous years as well as the current year that this process at ward level focusses primarily on capital budget projects. However, in addition to the capital budget, it is the operational budget and implementation thereof that impacts ratepayers' and residents' experience of service delivery. The PBRA submits the following input for consideration at this early stage of the IDP and budget preparation process.

This input document has three sections namely

- Inputs in relation to the budget
- Inputs based on consultation with business sector in Pringle Bay
- Initial general matters identified by PBRA for both IDP and budget

To retain the integrity of the ward committee system this input is therefore submitted to the ward councillor via the ward committee administrator for onward submission to the corporate IDP office of the municipality.

2. BUDGET RELATED INPUT

2.1 Rationale for above inflation increase of tariffs: Need to adhere to treasury budget and inflation forecast

Reference is made to our comments and input during the public consultation process in May of this year. We highlighted the observation of the report by the CFO to council in May 2024 wherein the above inflation increase in rates and tariffs for the 2024/2025 financial year is justified by using the CPI level of the 2023/2024 financial year instead of adhering to the National Treasury budget circular and inflation forecast looking at the 2024/25 period. The current CPI level in fact proves that the National treasury inflation forecast was indeed accurate.

We would like to recommend that with the current budget preparation process for the 2025/2026 this approach of the OM administration to ignore the National Treasury guidelines be revised and that the guideline and forecast of National Treasury be used as the basis for rates and tariff increases.

2.2 Addressing cost drivers that has major impact on Opex

We strongly recommend that both the IDP and budget address the cost drivers that negatively impact the operational budget. In previous editions of the IDP reference was made to the municipality's commitment to address the cost drivers

2.2.1 Staff productivity: The IDP should report on this process and give clear commitment about the measures that are implemented to address staff productivity.

Response:

Staff productivity and overtime are management responsibilities. Each manager and directorate should have established processes to effectively monitor and manage both.

2.2.2 Overtime: there is a recognition of need for overtime during crisis events such as fires and flood. However, the IDP should address measures to limit unnecessary use of overtime for what is regarded as normal operational duties.

Response:

Staff productivity and overtime are management responsibilities. Each manager and directorate should have established processes to effectively monitor and manage both. Overtime is closely monitored at the top management level, and all overtime requests must receive prior approval.

2.2.3 Councillor Allowances

With ratepayers having to bear the brunt of increases in different tariffs why should councillors be allocated 10% merely because this is a national recommended parameter? It is our recommendation that this should be a 5% increase

2.3 Growth Strategy

The 2024/2025 IDP indicated the projected a MTREF deficit increasing from R49m in 2024/2025 financial year to R150m in the 2026/2027 financial year. It is hoped that the draft 2025/2026 IDP should outline a clear the growth strategy to leverage increase in revenue and capital investment to lessen the impact on Reserves.

3. INPUT BASED ON CONSULTATION WITH BUSINESSES IN PRINGLE BAY

The PBRA initiated a liaison process with businesses operating in Pringle Bay. The business sector raised the following issues for the PBRA to relay to OM as part of the IDP and budget preparation process.

3.1 Waste Management

The business community expressed disappointment in not being consulted about the tariff for businesses. The businesses in the CBD expressed the need to have a second day of collection of waste for the village business centre with one tariff covering both days.

[Response: Confirmed that this need was also expressed during the April 2025 roadshow of wards 9 & 10 in Kleinmond.](#)

3.2 Sewerage

We are aware of the capacity constraint regarding the availability of sewerage tankers throughout the municipality. However, the following two points are relevant.

- Peak season impact on businesses requires more frequent service
- The Schedule requires logical planning.

[Response:](#)

[The capacity constraint has been addressed with the purchase of 12 new sewer tankers that will be delivered by 30 June 2025. 8 of the tankers have been allocated to the Kleinmond Operational department. The schedule is currently managed by our EMIS system which considers whether it is a business, the geographical area, as well as the service charter timeframes.](#)

3.3 Building Plans and Land Use Applications

With specific reference to the business centre in the village the businesses highlighted the following

- Lack of clear parking policy for business centre – there is a need for public participation as part of developing a clear parking policy for the business area in Pringle Bay.
- There is the need for the Land Use application process to be consistent.

Response point-1:

A parking policy for the Pringle Bay business centre will not be drafted since Schedule 2 - Overstrand Municipality Amendment By-Law on Municipal Land Use Planning 2020, prescribes the parking requirements in terms of section 17.1. In the instance that parking a developer cannot provide sufficient parking on their property, an application for parking buyout must be submitted. Furthermore, see the attached parking layout plans in connection with the parking buyout which is specific to the Pringle Bay CBD.

Response point-2:

The land use planning process is consistent and is considered in terms of legislation.

3.4 Law Enforcement Service in Pringle Bay

The business owners highlighted the presence of what is regarded as unauthorised or self- appointed baboon monitors in the village which impacts on the ability of the OM monitors to be effective in implementing the Adaptive Baboon Management Plan.

Response:

The OM has taken the matter up with CapeNature regarding the KVET Bio-Monitors not having permits/approval from CapeNature to monitor or manage baboons. These Bio-Monitors do not work with the OM and do not take instructions from the OM Eco-Rangers, nor do the OM Eco-Rangers take instruction from the KVET Bio-Monitors. If the Bio-Monitors do not actively monitor, chase, herd, push or block the baboons, neither OM nor CapeNature can stop them from observing the baboons. Unless KVET and the Bio-Monitors interfere with the operational tasks of the Eco-Rangers, the OM cannot stop them from observing the baboons.

3.5 Baboon Management

Highlighting the negative impact of habituated baboons on visitors and therefore the effect on business, the business sector in Pringle Bay supports the continuation of the ABMP.

Response:

There is currently a baboon management plan that Minister Bredell extended until January 2026. During this time, the OM will review the current management plan for implementation after January 2026. The review will entail a public participation process. Council budgeted for the implementation of the baboon management plan.

3.6 Public Spaces

The business sector highlighted the fact that they seldom, if at all, see the municipality maintaining the public spaces in the village.

Response:

Public spaces are only attended to only when there is a request or complaint from clients / residents. Betty's bay, Pringle Bay and Rooiels area is not on scheduled maintenance but works orders are issued for cutting around ablution blocks. Residents make use of emails, phone calls or the collab citizen app.

However, the Parks Department in Kleinmond also do inspections from to time to time for cutting of the corners for traffic obstruction. Please note these are the areas where the department normally use a contractor to assist with daily departmental duties.

4. INITIAL PBRA GENERAL MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

4.1 BMP (Updated Pringle Bay Beach and Adjacent Dune management plan 2014) : Beach access walkway - Ann Road boardwalk

This part of the BMP was agreed with OM Environment Services in 2022 and as requested by OM a request for materials was submitted in June 2023 - the objective being for OM to provide materials and PBRA to assist with construction labour.

Response:

This is acceptable practice, and OM can sign a co-management agreement with the PBRA to provide these materials, if the PBRA is willing to assist with the construction and labour.

4.2 Ropes and poles to control pathways

The plan calls for a limited number of access pathways to the beach to ensure integrity of the dunes. These need to be clearly demarcated to ensure the public is guided correctly.

Response:

The Working for the Coast Programme that supported the management and implementation of the Dune MMP's has collapsed and have not been in operation since

2019. The Environmental Management and Biodiversity Conservation division does not have operational teams to assist with path maintenance and need to appoint a contractor with staff to assist with these tasks when funding is available. Currently we can only assist when budget is available. If it is possible to sign a co-management agreement with an NGO or other organisation that is willing to assist with the maintenance work, the OM will be willing to provide the equipment.

4.3 Grass lawns

OM to mow and maintain the lawns in the CBD, beach parking areas and around the Community Hall. The current IDP refers to this service delivery promise but not seen in Pringle Bay.

Response:

The same procedure for line 3.6 applies to 4.3, suggest that the Pringle Bay community can assist to draft a list of all roads that need urgent attention. The Parks Department can then make use of the contractor if there are funds available as they are still busy with verges in Betty's Bay and a few Municipal plots in Kleinmond. OM will be attending to Pringle Bay requests once the scheduled work is completed for each month. Please note this can be implemented once the Parks Department received the list of the roads with urgent attention.

4.4 Water point at newly established garden in business centre

The PBRA initiated a project to enhance the village business centre by establishing a fynbos garden at the entrance to the village business centre. As requested from OM a waterpoint near the newly established gardens in the CBD is a requirement for long term maintenance of this developing tourism investment.

Response:

Request will be attended to before end June 2025.

4.5 Defined important walkways

A number of high traffic routes are virtually impassable and certainly unsafe for pedestrians. There are a number of important routes that need to be properly maintained - among them Hangklip road and Central road.

Response:

Same procedure provided under 4.3 applies here as well.

4.6 Verges

All verges should be correctly maintained to allow comfortable pedestrian movement throughout the Village. Again, this is a service delivery promise in previous IDPs which is not implemented.

Response:

Noted, same procedure applies as mentioned in point 3.6 and 4.3.

4.7 Beach public facilities & parking areas

- The beach toilets and surrounding infrastructure has deteriorated severely over the past 3 years. The wooden fence structures - held together with rusting wire - is now becoming a hazard.

Response:

Monthly ablution inspection reports are distributed and the condition of the toilets shown or work that needs to be done by the other departments is issued. However, OM is aware of the blocks that need urgent attention. For instance, the roofing in Little beach and some other work that must be attended by the building maintenance team/Water department/streets and Storm water. Please note the wooden fence structures belongs to environmental department.

- Internally the toilet facilities are poor and in desperate need of upgrading.
Noted and OM is aware.
- The parking areas themselves require grading or appropriate maintenance.
Response:
Streets and Stormwater is responsible for the roads.

4.8 Point road viewsite

At the end of point road is a terminus that is a popular viewing site within Pringle Bay. This needs substantial maintenance as the road condition is very poor.

Response:

Will be addressed during the 2025/26 financial year.

4.9 Beach maintenance

The sands need litter removed from time to time. This litter mostly comes from the sea and is in the form of dead sea life and plastics.

Response:

Parks department doesn't have the capacity to carry out this kind of work unless there is EPWP's available. However, there is an organization with the Councillors for Beach Clean-up.

4.10 Beach Walkways

Beach walkways in Pringle Bay fall in the scope of the Joint Management Agreement between the OM and PBRA. There should be clarity about the funding of this agreement. This should be funded by OM or the PBRA should be allowed to obtain sponsorship for this activity. It is fair to expect the IDP to elaborate on this important aspect affecting Pringle Bay.

Response:

The budget for the maintenance of boardwalks and paths for the entire Overstrand's Environmental and Conservation areas is R1,4 million and not enough to maintain all the areas every year. Areas are therefore prioritised according to their "value of use". The more popular an area, the higher it's priority to keep the area maintained. If there are co-management agreements with specific NGO's in place that are willing to assist with areas that require additional maintenance, this can be written into such a co-management agreement.

4.11 Bus Shelter : reallocation of area for taxis

Please clarify: There is no need for a Bus Shelter in Pringle Bay. Consideration should be given to provide a shelter for taxi passengers in the CBD of Pringle Bay. The IDP should reflect the need for a scoping exercise to be done for the need for shelter for the taxi passengers in Pringle Bay.

4.12 Basic Service Delivery Challenges : Roads

The gravel roads in Pringle Bay are a major aspect contributing towards the rural atmosphere of the village. The Roads & Stormwater Working committee of Ward 10 investigated viable methods and cost-effective materials to upgrade these gravel roads with a low to zero maintenance requirement. We believe this should be accommodated in the IDP and budget process.

Response:

Methods/material will be incorporated during maintenance in 2025/26 financial year.

4.13 Stream Road – Flood mitigation measures

The last two winters brought about excessive flooding resulting in complete undermining of the road surface of Stream road. We are of the opinion that flood mitigation measures in this road requires minimum operational expense if applied correctly. The PBRA had a site meeting with the relevant officials to illustrate that the department applied the correct interim measure at the intersection of Stream and Ceaser road. The result was that the second flood in 2024 did not undermine the road surface at this intersection point. However because this measure was not consistently implemented at the bridge entrances to properties further along the road, the water just proceeded to undermine the road surface at those points. A simple solution is to replicate the same solution as was implemented at the intersection of Stream and Ceaser road.

Response:

Stormwater team currently busy implementing the same measure at driveways located between Ceasar and Three Roads in Stream Road.

Conclusion

We sincerely request that you will please be so kind to acknowledge receipt of our input as an initial contribution to this process and trust that it will add value to the process of finalising the draft IDP and budget.

#2

From: Masibonge Sihlahla, Ward 12 Councillor

Sent: Sunday, 06 April 2025 17:58

Subject: Budget & IDP Comment by Councillor Masibongwe Sihlahla Ward 12

Please see comments on draft budget and IDP.

For ward 12 .

*Development of Masiphumelele Swartdam Road (way forward on the EHP section, what's municipal plan)

Response:

No capital draft budget. Maintenance included in current ops draft budget.

Immense flooding on the section (tackling of that).

Response:

Ongoing operational maintenance.

*Reissuing of Wheelie bins for Ward 12 formal RDP houses sections (almost all meetings it's being raised). money needed for it.

Response:

If the municipality have issued bins and the bin is broken, then the owner needs to replace or procure a bin at his/her own cost.

Unfortunately, the municipality do not budget for bins to be replaced, nor do we budget for new bins to be issued. Exceptions may include situations where the council provides funding or when a donation is received, such as prize money from an award, which can be used to purchase bins.

*Rehabilitation of Ward 12 Roads and streets are in immense wet especially underground in streets (total revamping of roads).

Response:

Included in the R6 million MIG grant for the reseal of roads in Zwelihle for 2025/ 2026.

*Again Permanent solution for Sophumelela, Amakhosikazi and Uxolo Streets immense pressure of blockages.

Response:

Subsoils to be installed from the operational budget.

*Additional high Mast lights for Ward 12

Response:

The municipality has already replaced 2 of the high mast lights (HML) and installed a new HML at the transfer station.

We have allocated budget in the 2025/26 FY to replace HML's based on the condition of the poles; we're also in process to replace the luminaires of older HML's with LED luminaires.

*Servicing of hills Marikana.

Response:

- We do not collect refuse on top of the Marikana hill due to the road being too narrow and cables hanging low.
- We collect every day around Marikana servicing the swing bins around Marikana.
- Roads are too narrow for the compactor trucks.
- Roads too narrow for big trucks and electricity cables.
- At all the places there are bins, but residents most of the time don't use the bins they throw their refuse on the ground.

Way forward on Zwe Mall, RDP centre as and open Erven CNR of Schulphoek Road and Sisulu Street.

#3

From: Masibonge Sihlahla, Ward 12 Councillor

Sent: Wednesday, 09 April 2025 12:20

Subject: Re: Budget & IDP Comment by Councillor Masibongwe Sihlahla Ward 12

Additional comment on budget

*Need the return of R500 000

For Ward Specific projects.

*Additional funds for Care Funds

Response:

For Consideration - Budget Steering Committee.

#4

From: YOUTH RISING CAMPAIGN, Amanda Siyoyo

Sent: Friday, 11 April 2025 15:55

Subject: Budget and IDP comments

Dear CFO

Please see comments from our organisation.

*Availing the Zwelihle Mall for youth based programs and meetings.

*Return of R500 000 for ward Specific projects.

Response:

For Consideration - Budget Steering Committee.

*Changing of old Asbestos and bins for Ward 12 formal house.

Response:

If the municipality have issued bins and the bin is broken, then the owner needs to replace or procure a bin at his/her own cost.

Unfortunately, the municipality do not budget for bins to be replaced, nor do we budget for new bins to be issued. Exceptions may include situations where the council provides funding or when a donation is received, such as prize money from an award, which can be used to purchase bins.

*Servicing of all Zwelihle informal settlements.

Response:

To be done operationally upon confirmation of quantities and location.

*Youth internships availability.

Response:

The municipality's socio-economic service department is involved with internships, mostly limited to sharing and distributing information ("facilitating") opportunities by various government departments (mostly in the Western Cape).

When information about youth internships becomes available, we share it through the Thusong Centre, our youth desk (youth desk WhatsApp group and inn-office clients / visitors), and at the socio-economic office help desk. We will also look to share the information through official social media channels of the municipality going forward. We have in fact, posted opportunities on the municipality's social media today. We also encourage the youth to register on SAYouth.mobi where various information and opportunities for the youth is communicated.

The Finance department in the Municipality offers internships to qualifying individuals.

*Rehabilitation of all Roads in Ward 12 and upgrading.

Response:

Included in the R6 million MIG grant for the reseal of roads in Zwelihle for 2025/ 2026.

*Preparing some main roads in Zwe for informal businesses.

Response:

OM not sure what is meant by preparing the roads. Some detail or context will have to be given.

*RDP must go back to being people owned and driven ...it must exist for purpose.

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From: Chris Meyer

Sent: Monday, 14 April 2025

Subject: Fwd: Split version of priorities etc

PDF document

Response:

This is a duplicate of item #8; please refer to response #8 for the municipal reply.

6**From:** Dr. Beth Engelbrecht**Sent:** 17 April 2025**Subject:** Comments on 2025/26 IDP

PDF document

Public Consultation: 2025/26 Budget and 3rd IDP Review, as amended.

To whom it may concern

1. As I will not be able to attend the engagement on the new date of 16 April, I am submitting an input in writing.
2. Firstly, we are proud to live in the Overstrand municipal area. The responsiveness of the ex-mayor left us with confidence and hands – on care for the people in the area. Gansbaai municipality also demonstrates responsiveness in many aspects, enabled through the Collaborator APP.
3. Arranging a public meeting to discuss the budget and IDP is commendable, yet unfortunately the false start in a too small venue and some acrimonious interchanges are unfortunate, yet demonstrates the level of concern about the proposals contained in the documents.
4. Whilst one commends the Gansbaai municipality for efforts, there are indicators of decay in our town. The sidewalks in town, as an example, tell a story that urgent attention is needed in these public areas.
5. IDP Chapter 4
 - a. It seems that one of the main focus areas is to provide land for the housing backlog of >4000 houses (about 20 000 people).
 - b. One questions how a waiting list can be created, giving false hope in an economically depleted reality, relying on a handful of taxpayers and home owners to carry the can. This will be elaborated upon later.
 - c. The image on **page 147** (Fig 21) sketches a development seems to nearly double the current Masakakane/Blompark area. The location seems pragmatic.
 - d. Providing housing without concomitant ensuring jobs and economic development is a recipe that will put the municipality on a road of further economic downturn.
 - e. The recognition in **section 3.4** that the economy is unable to accommodate the current and population growth burden is telling.
 - f. One notices the attempts of the municipality to provide some job opportunities (note – not jobs but job opportunities) through EPWP workers, as well as Chrysalis students. These attempts are completely inadequate for the growth

the municipality is planning for. The question is, why should the municipality plan for houses for people who will struggle to survive without proper jobs and possibly revert to activities that could be unlawful.

- g. The municipal levers described on p210 seem insufficient. There is acknowledgement in section 3.4 about the inability to provide economic infrastructure to facilitate trade.
- h. More creative solutions and partnership approaches are needed.
- i. The main concern, given the context above, is the envisaged area for housing as described on **page 151**: Extension of Gansbaai for future housing development. From the image it appears that a very large area is envisaged, similar to the current Masakane and Blompark combined.
- j. This area with housing will see both the R43, that provides access to Franskraal and Pearly Beach and other areas west of Gansbaai, and the road to Kleinbaai, sandwiched between informal settlement/subsidized housing areas. The concerns:
 - i. Given the realities of our country a road sandwiched between such informal areas stands the risk for easy destructive community demonstrations. Communities know they have destabilizing and economic stopping power just from their positional advantage.
 - ii. These roads provide the only access to town for citizens from Franskraal and Pearly Beach and those living to the west of Gansbaai. Safety and security risks are unnecessarily invited from this structural design.
 - iii. Access therefore to do business in Gansbaai, get to work from Franskraal and Pearly Beach, as well as reaching school, health services, and work, stand to be threatened.
 - iv. We have many senior citizens using these roads. They are vulnerable and instilling unnecessary risk and fear will demoralize these communities.

6. Conclusion

- a. The economic growth and economic sustainability of Gansbaai cannot support the increasing housing and dependable population.
- b. There seems to be extraordinary pressure on the municipality to build housing. Some backlog list has been created to give false hope that the municipality has the capability to provide houses as well as services, that the municipal infrastructure is sufficient, and that the municipality has plans to stimulate the economy and create jobs.
- c. The decay in the public areas of Gansbaai already shows a mismatch between promise and capability.
- d. Whilst this is not only a Gansbaai phenomenon, it does not imply the municipality has to do the structural developments at the economic,

quality of life and safety risk to its residents, who contribute substantially to the income of the municipality.

- e. Erf tax will be raised as well as other service areas and the communities affected by these changes are becoming increasingly dissatisfied with where the municipality is going,

7. Recommendation

- a. There is a need to dedicated, creative consultations and co-creative engagements on how to improve the quality of life across our communities.
- b. Economic growth and job creation are central to these debates.
- c. Given the risks outlined above, and if there is a need to provide housing for people CURRENTLY living in the area, a different area for housing than what is described on page 151, should be considered.
- d. The aim should be that every household should have someone who has a job. Dependency on social grants should not be seen as the solution.
- e. Therefore, renewed public engagement is needed.
- f. The third IDP Review and its amendments, dated 31 March 2025 **CANNOT BE SUPPORTED in its current form.**

Response:

The proposal contained on page 151 of the draft IDP review was as decided at the public meeting on 16 April 2025 removed from the Final IDP review and amendment for 2025/26.

#7

From: Gerard Nortier

Sent: Friday, 18 April 2025 12:24

Subject: Supporting documents for discussion of comments from the Ward 14 public meeting

Dear Mr King,

[GN comments on Draft Budget Report 2025-2026 pdf.](#)

Comments on the Budget and IDP are attached as well as an extract from the SDBIP. You will need these to fully understand some of the questions raised at the Ward 14 public meeting of 16 April 2025.

You have a paper copy of the questions raised but I have attached a Word version for your convenience.

In CC is Chris Meyer, the chairman of the Kleinbaai Rate Payers Assoc.

PDF document:

2025 IDP/Budget public meeting: KBBV/KBRPA questions 14 April 2025

We have several questions to cover tonight.

It is important to that we receive the information otherwise we can not complete an informed review of the documents and therefor we have to mention them all tonight.

Copies of our questions are available for you.

If the answers are not immediately available we request response within 3 days in order to complete our review timeously.

Stel dit indien antwoorde nie onmiddelik beskikbaar is nie dat ons dit binne 3 dae moet ontvang om ons hersiening te voltooi.

Your response to our questions should be sent to the entire OM public as it may be important to them also – to improve participation.

Aangesien die antwoorde seker ook vir ander wyke belangrik kan wees moet dit asb aan almal versprei word.

Budget:

Last Wednesday the CFO, when I stated that the review number of pages is immense, responded that the document is well laid out, with cross-references etc. I concede the point however it does not lessen the number of pages to be reviewed.

I hope the IDP and Budget are recognised for their importance, and thus should be of a high standard. The CFO should critically read all the words and not focus only on numbers. There are many errors in the narrative to be corrected. Hopefully before being returned to Council. We can help. **30 comments from page 6 to 12.** We will not deal with those tonight (unless you don't believe me).

Para 1.3 Where appropriate funds were transferred from Low to High priority programmes. We would like to see what is now unfunded as perhaps we would like to make a case for funding. Also those Low Priority programmes may now take priority above our ward priorities.

A reminder at this point: Encouragement of structured community participation in the matters of the municipality is a strategic objective

PaARA 1.4: Overtime budgets are abnormally high.

- Switching operators and control officers who are performing network switching operations and restoring supply after equipment damage or theft & Vandalism incidents are costing between R60 000 to R80 000 per day of load shedding.

This seems excessively expensive. Who are the operators? What can be done to reduce the cost?

PARA 1.4.4 and 1.4.5 Sanitation and Refuse removal

The proposed increase will allow this service to perform at a modest surplus for 2025/26.

This position still needs to be improved on in order to provide the necessary cash for replacement of refuse removal trucks (presumably also sewer trucks).

Is there instead an increased maintenance and refurbishment plan to extend service life? Sewer truck feature in several ward priority lists. Is it necessary for wards to monitor the OM for their fleet management progress? Is it not sufficient to provide concrete plans to the wards and then clear the item from the lists?

1.5 Operating Expenditure Framework

Strict adherences to the principle of no project plan no budget. If there is no business plan no funding allocation will be made;

This is a very important rule and links to the difficulties we have to understand zero progress on some Ward priorities. Basically there can be no budget because there is no plan. Who is supposed to make the plan?

TABLE 11 MBRR Table SA 14 – Household bills

Table 11: Why does electricity consumption for middle income decrease by 3,9% BUT increase by 7,3% for lower income group?

It seems the budget favours the high income group when comparing the total bill: 3,9% vs 6,7% for the people who can least afford it. This needs correction.

Table 12

Vacancies are frozen but budget is made. How does the overtime cost stack up against the frozen salaries?

Schedule 7 WC32 Table A9 Asset Management

Stormwater infrastructure – reduced from R13,5m in 24/25 to R5m for 25/26 and nothing for the following years?

Sanitation infrastructure – several wards have sewage infrastructure as a priority. Is R9,25m over the next 3 years sufficient. When can wards remove the issue from their lists?

Machinery and Equipment: R325k only for 25/26 and nothing further. Does that mean that zero additional/replacement sewer trucks, fire trucks, tractors etc will be purchased for the next 3 years?

Transport Assets – what is this for?

WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE POLICY

The use of 'should' is a get out of jail card. Use 'MUST'.

1. There should be consequences for transgressions, a lack of action and poor performance.

Consequences should be instituted against officials who fail to comply with applicable legislation, continuously underperform or are negligent, and against those whose actions and decisions cause financial losses.

The IDP in conjunction with the SDBIP

Exec Summary

31 March 2025 - Draft IDP review for 2025/26, and Service Delivery Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) for 2025/26 to be tabled in Council.

How long did Council have to review these documents before they were tabled on 31 March?

The 1st public meeting was on 9 April for Ward 3. They had less than 2 weeks to do a review of 1000 pages.

This is not fair or reasonable or effective. The same point was made last year. We request at least 2 months review period and contact with OM staff to obtain information.

The last public ward meeting is on 22 April. Will all the public on 23 April receive the QandA from all the meetings in order to be well prepared for the 6 May Closure of comments?

28 May 2025 – Final IDP review and amendment for 2025/26, ... and Final 2025/26 MTREF Budget to serve before Council for approval.

When is the date for OM feedback to the public's review comments? Has to be well before 28 May to allow another iteration.

2.3 Community needs

The Ward Priorities lists are controversial and need clarification

We have been struggling to make sense of the lists as they are now.

We discovered last week a Ward Priorities Methodology from 2021 issued by OM.

It is clear that none of the wards comply.

Guiding principles:

- I. Continuation of the methodology followed since 2017 for the IDP review process.
- II. Ward Committees to review and reprioritise their priorities.

III. **Priority list should not increase. As priorities are addressed during the 5 year IDP cycle, the priority list should decrease.**

IV. In reviewing this current needs list- **If need already addressed or is no longer relevant use the strike through function, don't delete from list.**

We want to show progress over the 5 year IDP period.

V. **Apply principle of substitution. Can substitute an urgent priority with an existing priority on the list. Urgent means – a need that arose to mitigate an existing service delivery challenge.**

Underline the need to be replaced and then state the urgent need.

VI. Be specific in terms of the need and the area/street.

We have never been informed of the Methodology by the Ward Councillor.

The Methodology is a step in the right direction if it is still valid. **Is it?**

Questions remain:

What should be listed as a priority:

If we think a Fire Truck is required, is it sufficient to ask the Fire Dept to place it in a procurement plan. Then remove it from the list when proof of the plan is received?

What if we want to upgrade a sports field? We put it on the list. Will a budget appear? No, because 'No project Plan- No budget'. **Who must make the plan?**

There are 14 wards, each with a list. Roughly 400 priorities. **Whose priority takes precedence?** When do we get a chance to influence this?

We see in the SDBIP that there is **budget allocated to the priorities of certain wards**. How did this happen in preference to other wards?

None of the ward 14 priorities are in the budget. But nobody told us. We were informed that the list is a 'wish list'. Clearly it is not.

If it is clear that the criteria to find budget for a 'wish' will not be met, why not inform the ward so that the expectations of success do not linger on fruitlessly.

Below are some examples of inconsistency, unfairness and incorrect use of the lists.

Please resolve this before submitting the IDP to Council for approval.

IDP ward priorities compared to the budget implementation in the SDBIP (Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan)

Ward 1 Stanford Priority List

-Fire truck –since 22/23 at least – no budget line evident

-Upgrading of public boat launching site - since 22/23 at least – no budget line evident

- Replacement of Sewer Tanker (R1.2 million) – why is this in the list, since 23/24 at least – no budget line evident. How would the community know it needs replacement? Why does Fleet Management not take care of it timeously? Why is there no budget line yet?

- Staffing – Traffic Officers – to address concerns in all wards due to the capacity growth in the communities (Overstrand wide). Why does this appear in Ward 1 priorities if it applies to all wards? Have the positions been created? Is there budget?

VEHICLES

Replacement/Refurbishment of vehicles/plant equipment - Gansbaai- All areas. Why a Ward 2 priority for Masakhane? Does Fleet Management not take care of this?

In the SDBIP we see budget lines for Vehicles for:

Traffic Services

Community Services

Project Management – Road Transport

Electricity Services

Does this sufficiently cover all vehicle related needs across all wards? What about the fire trucks and sewage tankers?

Sportsgrounds

Sportsgrounds have budget for Ward 4, 8 and 9 but NOT ward 14

Ward 4 Upgrading of Mount Pleasant Sportsgrounds. R1,7m from non-tariff and R10,5m from MIG. In their priority list since 2022.

Ward 8 Sport complex, Pavilion at Hawston sports grounds. Since only 2023 R929000 from non-tariff and R9,7m from MIG.

Ward 9 Upgrade and maintenance of current sports facilities. Since 2022 R1,9 from non-tariff and R6,872m from MIG.

However Ward 14 has had 3 sport ground improvement items since 2023 and no budget line is found. Why is this?

Slipway Facilities

Ward 9 Improvement of slipway facilities at Kleinmond harbour R1m. Since 2022 R1,9 from surplus non-tariff. However Ward 10 has similar since 2022 and no budget line is found.

REHABILITATE ROADS

Wards 2, 4, 6 and 9 have funding for this. R13,4m from MIG. However Ward 14 has prioritised similar since 2022 and no budget line is found.

From the 2024/25 review comments – unanswered at that time. Can be answered by mail please.

What exactly are ward priorities?

How are they funded? The Draft Budget says nothing can be in the budget if there is not a project plan.

How are they scheduled?

How are 'all areas' priorities allocated to certain wards?

Why are Capex projects in the priorities? Surely they must be done simultaneously not per priority listing. A Capex project could be delayed by a wishlist priority that is maybe not funded.

Why are Capex and Municipal Opex projects not listed in another Table. Generally these are things that must happen and are beyond the knowledge of the Ward members to prioritise or even list without priority.

Why, if a project is funded by Province or National is it prioritised by a ward? What influence does the ward have over the project?

3.1.4 Public Accountability

How/why does Public Accountability resort under Situational Analysis per National KPA's

This implies that the public is accountable in some manner. I can't find text that explains where and how any accountability rests with the public.

3.2.3 Vacancy Rate

The approved organogram for the municipality had 1258 posts as at the end of January 2025. 197 Posts were vacant at the end of January 2025, resulting in a vacancy rate of 15.65%.

Vacant posts are budgeted for.

How does the salary saving compare to overtime cost?

Chapter 4

Extension of Gansbaai

It would also be the future extension area for both Blompark and Masakhane. An application for planning funding will be submitted during the 2025/2026 financial year.

It is ridiculous that this idea can reach the 25/26 IDP without extensive prior consultation with the public.

It is in Chp 4 Para 8 subheading PROGRESS. Not in a place where the issue is in the public eye.

The topic first appeared in the 24/25 IDP. The Ward 14 councillor informed the KBRPA that no such plans exist in answer to a question about the purpose of the red area as seen in the SDF. This at the AGM of the KBRPA on 10 January 2023. The same councillor has not corrected her statement at subsequent ward meetings thereby denying the public to make their views known at an early stage.

We request URGENT public participation on this topic BEFORE approval of the IDP.

Chapter 14

DRAFT CAPITAL BUDGET 2025/2026-2027/2028

For 26/27 it is almost R100m less than for 25/26. Why?

END

Response:

Refer to the separate Council item on the Budget for budget responses.

Only IDP related comments will be provided here.

The public comment period was from 3 April 2025 to 6 May 2025, indicating that the public had more than 2 weeks to comment on the drafts. The draft documents were available on the municipal website on 1 April 2025 and also in the local libraries from 3 April 2025.

After the final documents (IDP & Budget) have been approved by Council at the end of May 2025, written feedback is provided to everyone that submitted public comments.

Community needs: -

Ward priorities are reviewed annually by ward committees as part of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) review process. Ward committee members are expected to reach consensus on these priorities, guided by the Ward Councillor, who serves as the chairperson. After the public has been given the opportunity to comment on the draft reviewed priorities during a public ward committee meeting (annually between October – November), the final decision on the ward priorities list is made collectively by the ward committee through consensus.

The methodology for the review of the ward priority list is still valid.

Not all the ward needs identified are the mandate of local government, therefore the classification of needs as either Local (Overstrand), Provincial or National. However, the IDP should also reflect the needs that are mandated to Provincial and National Governments in order for it to be considered in the planning and budgeting cycles of these spheres of government.

The IDP informs the Budget, therefore, if a need is not included in the IDP it can't be considered for funding. The IDP reflects the needs of the wards, administration (corporate needs) and Council. The identification of a priority by both the ward committee and the administration demonstrates a shared understanding of its importance within the organization.

The priorities of all 14 wards serves before the Budget Steering Committee (BSC) that oversees the Budget preparation process. The priorities by far exceed the funding available and the BSC endeavours to fund projects across the top 5 priorities of each ward. The reality remains that the inclusion of a priority in the ward needs does not

automatically mean that it will be funded in the municipal budget. Funding availability, affordability, cost effectiveness and municipal mandates are key considerations.

#8

Chris Meyer – 22 April 2024 (aansoek)

More Me Riana de Coning, ek hoop dit gaan goed.

Ons het die roadshow oor die IDP en Konsep Begroting verlede Woensdag in Hermanus bygewoon om te sien wat die Ander wyke se siening en probleme is.

Daar het ons gehoor dat die wyke hulle insette moet lewer nie later as 6 Mei 2025 nie. Die KBBV komitee het dadelik aan die IDP begin werk om tyd te spaar.

Aangeheg vind jy die KBBV se hersiende en voorgestelde wysiging na aanleiding van die ooreenkoms om die Prioriteite te verdeel tydens die 24 November 2024 se Openbare Wyksraad verg.

Die komitee kan dan na Maandag, 14 April 2025 se Openbare Wyksraad vergadering aandag skenk aan die Konsep Begroting.

Request, Ward Committees

Review and reprioritise current IDP ward priorities for the 2025/26 IDP review:

In response to the request and in the light of Line 9.2 of the Minutes of the Public Ward Committee meeting held on Monday, 25 November 2024 the following analysis and proposal is made.

The Ward Priorities reside in the IDP under the Heading: **2.3 Community needs**

There is no introduction or explanation of how needs should be selected and prioritised. The source of funding is shown as either OPEX or CAPEX **BUT** there is no indication as to when the funding will be available.

Some items are shown as 'ad hoc funding'. Does that mean all others are funded? This wording only appears in the Ward 14 list (items 14 and 15 in the IDP doc)

If items are in the budget then clearly they must be done. There must be project plans in place. Why then have a priority list?

Examples:

Ward 4 Mount Pleasant Sport Ground Upgrade is in the budget. See Table SA 36. But it is also in the Priorities List. Same for Roads and Stormwater.

It is noted that Ward 1 requires a Fire Truck. It can be seen in the budget that vehicle maintenance and acquisitions resort under Fleet Management. Are they in charge of this line item and have they arranged a budget for this? If there is a budget why does it appear in the Priorities List?

Ward 1: Water pipe replacement – Stanford (multi-years 2023/2025, R2 million). Why is this in a priorities list? Is it not in the budget?

Per Budget :1.5.1 Priority given to repairs and maintenance.

Alignment to this priority has been given to preserving and maintaining the Municipality's current infrastructure, the 2025/26 budget and MTREF provides for continuing in the area of asset maintenance, as informed by the asset maintenance strategy and repairs and maintenance plan of the Municipality.

It is noted that Table 14 provides a budget for water infrastructure maintenance

Ward 1: Item 22 - Replacement/Refurbishment of vehicles/plant equipment. Again this is a responsibility of the Fleet Managent Dept. Why are they not taking care of it?

Table 27 IDP Strategic Objectives clearly states that Strat Objective SO2 takes care of:

The provision and maintenance of Municipal Services

- *2.a Effective development of Municipal Infrastructure*
- *2.b Promote proactive maintenance of Municipal infrastructure*
- *2.c Promote the development, maintenance and management of Public Launching Sites*
- *2.d. Street and Storm water maintenance*
- *2.e. Replacement of deteriorating fleet items*

In the light of this it is clear that such items should NOT appear in a Community Needs Priority List.

Ward 1 line 24: Expansion of Employment (staff component) (R1.5 million)•Permanent positions of general workers (T1) to replace the existing EPWP staff employed in services regarded to be permanent (maintenance of sport fields, community halls, public ablutions, etc.)

Ward 1 Line 27: Fire Fighting Staff – Overstrand wide (includes 6 cadet fire fighters for Gansbaai and Stanford)

From the Virement Policy If the virement relates to an increase in the work force establishment, then the Council existing recruitment policies and procedures will apply

In the light of this it is clear that such items should NOT appear in a Community Needs Priority List.

In the case of Ward 14 there are many items that fall clearly under the responsibility of municipal departments who should identify , budget and schedule the work.

On the basis of the above the Ward 14 priorities are thus split as follows:

WARD 14 PRIORITIES SELECTED BY THE 10 WARD 14 REPRESENTATIVE ORGANIZATIONS

NOTE: the new priorities were selected only by the KBBV. The other members have to be consulted.

Priority 2024/25	Re- prioritised 2025/26	Ward 14					
		Ald. Riana de Coning			SPHERE OF GOVERNMENT		
		Description	Area	OPEX/CAPEX	Overstrand	Provincial	National
21	1	Development of additional parking areas	Kleinbaai (Adhoc funding)	Capex/Opex	x		
20	2	4.1 Kleinbaai Public Launching Site (Upgrading of Kleinbaai harbour) 4.2. Kleinbaai Slipway Boardwalk/ Road rehabilitation	Kleinbaai (Ad Hoc)i	Capex	x		
22 & 32	3	Upgrade Tidal pool area.	Kleinbaai	Capex	x		

		New Coastal Walkway from Kleinbaai Harbor to the end of the tidal pool grass embankment					
3 & 14	4.	Spaces for Sport: Development of Skateboard Park/ Playpark development (adhoc)	Gansbaai	Capex	x		
19	5	Blompark: Taxi Rank — Informal Business Hub	Blompark	Capex	x	x (if MIG)	x (if MIG)
10	6	Extension of Social Services and Health Services. Establishment of a Thusong Centre (S4S)	Not in RdeC list. Does it belong as a Ward pty? All areas	Opex/Capex	x	x	
	7	Upgrading/ beautification Entrance. Requested by ward member but not prioritised	Kleinbaai				
23	8	Expansion of existing cemetery	Blompark/Gansbaai	Capex	x		
17	9	Blompark Wheelie bins (100) for new houses in Blompark housing development		Capex/Opex	x		
30	10	Extension of Blompark Community Hall	Blompark	Capex	x	x (if MIG)	x (if MIG)
10 & 24	11	Early Childhood Development facilities (Kleine Gansies etc) and extension of social and health services. Establishment of Thusong Centre	Blompark/ Gansbaai	Opex/Capex	x		

Review and reprioritise current IDP ward priorities for the 2025126 IDP review:

IDP priorities selected by Overstrand/gansbaai municipality – previously listed as Ward 14 priorities

Priority	Re-prioritise 2025/26	Ward 14					
2024/2025		Ald. Riana de Coning				SPHERE OF GOVERNMENT	
		Description	Area	OPEX/CAPEX	Overstrand	Provincial	National
1 & 5	1	Testing Facility/ Drivers License/ Learners License & 3 staff members (in progress) -Completion of the vehicle testing centre	Gansbaai- All areas	Capex	x	x	
4	2	Replacement/ refurbishment of vehicles/ plant equipment	Gansbaai - Alf Areas	Capex	x		
7	3	Construction of new sidewalks and streetnames	De Kelders/ perlemoenbaai / Gansbaai, Blompark, Kleinbaai	Capex	x	x (if MIG)	x (if MIG)
13 & 15	4	CCTV Cameras, (Communal Sportsgrounds S4S), Safety Plan: Protection Services	Gansbaai	Capex	x		
9	5	Bulk Water supply	All Areas	Capex	x		
8	6	1.Roads ll.Roads (Deteriorating Road infrastructure) (all areas)	De Kelders/ Perlemoenbaai / Gansbaai, Blompark, Kleinbaai	Capex	x		
NEW	7	Change position of fencing – Caravanpark and Blompark Sportgrounds	Gansbaai	Capex	x		

24	8	Gansbaai: Fencing of Farmers' Market	Gansbaai	Capex	x		
6	9	Sewer Network Extension Extension of sewerage reticulation (MIG)	Gansbaai- All areas	Capex	x	x	x
16	10	Renewable energy (Solar Farm)	Gansbaai	Capex	x	x	x
28	11	Electricity (Upgrading of existing infrastructure) I.Electricity upgrade of Bulk II.Streetlights (all areas) III.Electricity: Network upgrade Birkenhead Smallholdings IV.Refurbishment of existing bulk infrastructure De KeldersGansbaai	Gansbaai	Capex	x	x	x
31	12	Danger Point Lighthouse: Development of tourism	Danger point	Opex/Capex	x		
11	13	Housing (IRDP & FLISP)	Blompark / Gansbaai			x	x
15	14.	1.Tertiary Education II.Technical High School (Blompark)	Gansbaai- All areas			x	x
27	15	Gansbaai: Hospital	Gansbaai			x	x
2	16	1.Upgrade of Provincial Tar Road (R43) (between Hermanus & including Main Road, Gansbaai) IN PROGRESS II.Vehicle By-pass / Slipway R43: Gootbos, De Kelders/ Perlemoenbaai (Guthrie-, Cove- and Park Street)	Gansbaai R43	Capex		x	x
26	17	Traffic Calming	All areas	Opex/Capex	x		
18	18	Blompark: Sportsground Pavilion / spectator seating	Blompark	Capex	x	x (if MIG)	x (if MIG)

Response:

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The IDP reflects the needs of the wards, administration (corporate needs) and Council. The identification of a priority by both the ward committee and the administration demonstrates a shared understanding of its importance within the organization. Refer to the response in #7 for other ward priority aspects raised in your input.

Ward 14 Councillor, Ald Riana de Coning, confirmed via email that you met with her on 14 May 2025 to discuss the comments you raised. The outcome of the meeting was a mutual agreement to accept the Ward 14 priorities for 2025/26, as discussed during the public ward meeting held on 25 November 2024. The correct version of the Ward 14 priorities has been included in the Final IDP Review document. During your meeting with Ald de Coning, you also reached agreement to revisit the ward prioritisation process during the next IDP review.

#9

From: Chris Meyer, Voorsitter KBBV

Sent: Tuesday, 22 April 2025 11:35

Subject: Konsep Begroting navrae

More Mnr O'Neil hoop dit gaan goed.

Tydens die Openbare Wyksraad vergadering wat plaas gevind het op 16 April. is uitbreiding van Gansbaai verwyder van die IDP.

Wil hoor wanneer die gewysigde IDP beskikbaar sal wees sodat ons lede dit kan bestudeer en insette kan lewer voor 6 Mei?

Kommentaar:

Die algemene praktyk is dat die dokumentasie nie weer beskikbaar gestel word vir publieke kommentaar na die aanvanklike publieke sessies nie. Die besluit is reeds geneem dat ons die gedeelte rakende die grondgebruik uit die dokument te haal en daardie besluit staan. Julle is welkom om daarna te verwys in julle kommentaar en ook enige ander kommentaar wat julle wil lewer. Ons sal skriftelik op elke kommentaar soos ontvang lewer.

Ek vertrou dit beantwoord u vraag.

#10

From: Anali Blom

Sent: Wednesday, 23 April 2025 07:23

Subject: Uitbreidings in Gansbaai

Geagte mnr/me

Dis met groot ontsteltenis dat ons verneem van beplande hoë digtheid uitbreidings in Gansbaai. Ons het 'n pragtige rustige dorpie met fynbos wat al hoe meer bedreig word. Ons wil nie hê dat ons pragtige toeriste-vriendelike dorp een groot plakkerskamp word soos wat Kaapstad alreeds is nie.

Daarom maak ons ten sterkste beswaar teen:

1. Uitbreiding en beskikbaarstelling van grond tussen Masakhane en Blompark. Hier is nie werk nie!!! As grond beskikbaar gestel word gaan nog meer mense instroom wat moet steel om aan die lewe te bly. Misdaad het hand oor hand toegeneem in die afgelope 5 jaar!!!

As iemand na Gansbaai toe trek moet dit wees omdat hulle alreeds 'n werk het, verblyf kan bekostig, of omdat hulle 'n passiewe inkomste het soos 'n pensioen.

Verder is dit 'n pragtige fynbosarea wat behou moet word vir ons omgewing.

2. Beoogde uitbreiding tussen de Kelders en die R43:

Om 'n hoë digtheid behuising daar te bou gaan die hele aard en atmosfeer van de Kelders verander en weereens fybos vernietig. Watervoorsiening en riool gaan 'n reuse uitdaging wees.

Vooruitgang moet nie vernietiging wees nie.

Toeriste word juis gelok deur ons natuurskoon en rustige atmosfeer!

Kommentaar:

Die voorstel vervat op bladsy 151 van die konsep GOP-hersiening is soos besluit by die openbare vergadering op 16 April 2025 verwyder van die Finale GOP-hersiening en wysiging vir 2025/26.

#11

From: Katie Smuts

Sent: Wednesday, 23 April 2025 15:51

Subject: Comment on the IDP and Budget

Good day,

I am disappointed that the municipality, despite hosting a rich and varied array of heritage resources within its boundaries, has still made no progress on budgeting for a dedicated heritage officer.

Such an appointment, which should have followed shortly after completion of the 2009 heritage inventory, would ensure that heritage assets - in municipal and private ownership - enjoy better recognition and protection. This ultimately ensures an appropriate level of balance between conservation and development, a vital requirement in light of the development pressure Overstrand finds itself under.

Further to this, the need to revisit the 2009 inventory in its entirety could have been avoided, and costs could have been minimised had such an official been appointed timeously.

Several other municipalities - some smaller, and less well financed or managed - have succeeded in financing such a post. Overstrand's continued failure to do so, despite repeated requests from the Overstrand Heritage and Aesthetics Committee, undermines the municipality's quest to be proactive in its service to its constituents, and be responsible in its management of resources under its control.

Response:

The Environmental Management Section is unable to comment on this matter because the statement is not clear. If the person is referring to natural assets, we have trained, skilled and qualified conservation officers that manage our natural assets. We have an Environmental and Conservation Division dedicated to managing the natural assets of the Municipality.

The Overstrand Heritage (& aesthetics) Committee (OHAC) has 13 members. OHAC convenes once a month to assess all building plan applications related to NHRA (Heritage Act) and OM Zoning Scheme and makes a recommendation in terms of heritage legislation to Building Control. Once a week a member of OHAC assesses all HPOZ (heritage overlay zone) applications in terms of the Zoning Scheme.

Although it is true that the appointment of a Heritage officer will add value to OM, the Building Control division requires more urgent staff such as Plans Examiners and Building inspectors. If OM can afford a Heritage Official, Building Control will support the appointment, as this official would also fulfil the responsibilities of OHAC.

#12

From: Tommy Snibbe

Sent: Thursday, 24 April 2025 11:08

Subject: BUDGET 2025 / 2026 - Tommy Snibbe

Dear All,

I took some time off to page through the draft budget for 2025 / 2026 and I would humbly request that you ensure that the following items are being taken up in the IDP.

PLEASE NOT THAT THE PROJECTS MENTIONED BELOW ARE STRICTLY AIMED TO IMPROVE CONDITONS IN WARD 9, MOUNTAIN AVENUES AND STREETS, OF THE OVERSTRAND MUNICIPALITY!

1. Installation of storm water pipes (Installation of used storm water pipes where necessary)
2. Replace water supply pipes (Water reticulation)
3. Expand Sewer system

And now - the odd one out!

Odd one out because it is meant for the upliftment of the Kleinmond Community and not exclusively for the use and / or convenience of the residents of the Mountain Avenues and Streets neighbourhood.

Furthermore, the odd one out because we have placed this item on the IDP for the past ten years with no success.

YES, I AM TALKING ABOUT THE INSTALLATION OF THE LIFT IN THE KLEINMOND LIBRARY!!! THIS REQUEST SHOULD NOW RECEIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION!! PLEASE HELP!!!

Your urgent attention to the above will be appreciated.

Response:

Ald Grant Cohen, Ward 9 councillor confirmed that the ward committee already has the 3 items as priorities and will be guided by the administration as to where the biggest needs are regarding them if budget is secured.

OM acknowledge the need for a lift in the Kleinmond Library as stated in the IDP. The Directorate Community Services is sourcing quotations for the lift installation in order to decide on the way forward.

#13

From: Brian Wridgway

Sent: Friday, 25 April 2025 14:45

Subject: Comment on IDP and Draft Budget - Brian Wridgway

Feedback on the Overstrand Municipal Draft IDP and Budget for 2025/26.

Introduction.

As far as I am aware it is a requirement for the IDP public consultative process to precede that of the Draft Budget. The logic as I understand it is that discussions resulting in decisions at the IDP review are able to be incorporated into the Draft Budget as amendments. The 2024/25 IDP and Budget process deviated from this norm with both processes taking place simultaneously and this is now being repeated for the period under review. Section 25 (1) b and c of the Systems act appear to say that the two processes may take place together. I am aware that other municipalities in the Western Cape have combined the processes in this way but my question is whether this is in the best interests of openness and transparency? It is common cause that very few members of the public even attend the reviews but for those who do it affords us the opportunity to raise matters of concern without the built-in time constraints.

Of concern to me is the decision to scrap the annual OMAF meeting at which the collective voice of Ward Committees can be heard regarding planning for the ensuing period. This robs participants of the opportunity to engage decision maker on key issues. The Constitution is clear in its intention that service delivery is intended to take place at

local municipal level. If opportunities to participate are denied then this is surely counter to the intention of the constitutional.

Response:

Although the IDP and Budget processes run concurrently, the IDP process begins earlier. The annual review of ward priorities takes place between August and November, and these priorities—along with the needs of the organisation and council—inform the Budget process. This input is then submitted to the Budget Steering Committee (BSC), with scheduled meetings from November to March to compile a draft budget. Public comments received during the April/May comment period, are again presented to the BSC for consideration, before the Final Budget and IDP review serve at Council by end of May.

The decision to cancel this year's OMAF meeting followed discussions between political and administrative leadership. Traditionally, the OMAF is held before the roadshows to provide ward committees with an overview of what will be presented. However, due to delays in the approval of the national and subsequently provincial budgets, the municipal draft budget was finalized much later than usual—just in time for it to be tabled at Council.

The presentations delivered during the roadshows are the same as those that would have been presented at the OMAF. It was advisable that ward committees should sit with the ward councillor to look at their specific draft ward allocations and of course expenses in the draft budget. Some wards have taken advantage of this opportunity before the public comment submission deadline.

The IDP

I have only one issue with the IDP and it refers to the Ward priorities for Ward 3. The schedule shows that the tarring of the gravel section of the road at the Hermanus Sports Club is the number one priority and is to be paid for from the Capex budget. I have a huge problem with this from a philosophical point of view.

In Hermanus, as in many other parts of our country, there exists a huge disparity in living standards between the haves and the have nots. The Gini coefficient in Hermanus is arguably of the highest anywhere in our country and yet we are prepared to devote more money to a section of gravel road used by the privileged few at the expense of the parlous state of the Football stadium in Zwelihle. Despite the priority being given to sporting facilities across the Overstrand no mention is made of the stadium in Zwelihle.

It has been argued by the executive of the sports club that the OM has a responsibility to maintain the Sports Club and that such maintenance is financially and societally

justified. I disagree. The optics of spending money on a facility, that has already enjoyed huge financial support from the public purse and which has established sources of income, is not good. We are reminded in the graphic on the OM website and in the body of the IDP document that this is intended to be an Overstrand for All. Perhaps not if you are a footballer in Zwelihle.

Response:

Your comment on the sport complex priority listing of ward 3 is duly noted. Ward priorities are reviewed annually by ward committees as part of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) review process. Ward committee members are expected to reach consensus on these priorities, guided by the Ward Councillor, who serves as the chairperson. After the public has been given the opportunity to comment on the draft reviewed priorities during a public ward committee meeting (annually between October – November), the final decision on the ward priorities list is made collectively by the ward committee through consensus. As representatives of their communities, ward committee members should ensure that the preferences and needs of their constituents are considered in the prioritisation process.

Ward residents should lobby their ward committee representatives and ward councillor on the prioritisation of ward priorities.

The Draft Budget

There is currently a White Paper published by COGTA requesting comment on reforming municipal structures and processes in order to improve service delivery. There is a graphic on page 21 which gives a breakdown of the aggregated financial status of the 257 municipalities in the country which makes scary reading. The portion which was most startling was the extent of the debt owed to municipalities by defaulting households, some R230,5 billion. No fewer than 196 Of the 257 are classified as either AT RISK or as DISTRESSED. Happily, the OM is listed in the STABLE category, but the story doesn't end there.

At The public presentation of the IDP and Draft Budget I shared the perception that from a financial perspective the Overstrand demographics fall into four broad categories:

The poor and unemployed who are net consumers of municipal services

The registered Indigents who receive financial support from sources external to the OM

The very wealthy for whom their municipal accounts are of no particular concern

The broad mass of people in the middle who are either retired or employed and who struggle to make ends meet. It is these people who will be affect most by the budgeted increases in municipal charges.

The OM is in the enviable position that its defaulting households constitute a minute proportion of the total and I feel that this is taken for granted. Not forever will this continue to be the case.

The OM has, for about 10 of the last 12 years, increased municipal charges at levels which have been in excess of inflation. The current rate of increase in CPI for the first quarter of 2025 is at 2.7%. The economy is projected by the IMF to grow at less than 1% point in the coming 12 months. Against this background the percentages being budgeted for are unreasonable, particularly those for Rates. This is not sustainable in the long term. Individuals and businesses are not experiencing the order of increase in their incomes which the OM is asking for in this budget. The increases are going to make people poorer and the rate of default is likely to increase.

This leads to the question of the future financial sustainability of the OM which has been the subject of in-depth analysis by other parties and shared widely in the public domain. In my opinion the biggest risk in the long term is the personnel related component of the OM's expenses. Historically these costs have exceeded inflation by quite some margin and unless an effort is made to bring them into line there will be serious consequences. Whenever this issue is raised it is defended vigorously and comparisons are made with norms and guidelines experienced elsewhere without taking sufficient cognizance of our particular circumstances. The bottom line is that the head count is too high and costs far too much.

In conclusion

I am a proud resident of Hermanus and whenever I travel in other parts of the country, I am aware of how high the standards are that are maintained in the Overstrand. Long may this continue and may we also continue to be able to afford to live here.

Brian Wridgway
Hermanus Heights
April 2025

[Response:](#)

[Refer to the separate Council item on the Budget for budget responses.](#)

#14

From: Leon Le Roux

Sent: Saturday, 26 April 2025 13:29

Subject: Draft IDP

Kommentaar rakende die “draft IDP”

Aan wie dit mag aangaan

Ek verstaan baie goed dat verdigting nodig is om te verhoed dat die natuurlike omgewing in die slag bly. My bekommernis is egter dat u terme gebruik soos “integrated human settlements en growing communities closer together”.

Ek glo dit het baie duidelik uit die vergaderings gespruit dat gemeenskappe uiters gesteld is op hulle identiteit en nie geïntegreer wil word nie. Ek glo darem tog dat u dit in gedagte het as ek so na u beplanning kyk. Tog mis ek terme soos byvoorbeeld “protecting the rights and identities of existing communities”, of “due consideration for the rights of the historic tax base”.

U is tog self bewus dat onbeheersde instroming net tot chaos sal lei. Lewers moet besluit word dat geen verdere grond vir behuising beskikbaar is nie, anders word verwagtinge geskep wat kan lei tot onrus soos in Hermanus met Schulphoek.

Aansluitende tot bogenoemde, is dit dan ontstellend om te verneem dat u “land invasion team” onderbeman en onderbefonds is. Ek kan tariefverhogings verstaan, maar as ek more plakkers of “social housing” bure het gaan ek uiters ontsteld wees omdat ek meer moet betaal, maar my eiendomsreg word nie beskerm nie. Dit kan lei tot ‘n houding van “nou gaan ek ook maar hokkies vir familie bou op my perseel en te hel met die res”.

Ons is in een van die laaste plekke in SA wat nog funksioneel is en dankbaar daarvoor. Maar as daar nie beperkings gestel word op instroming en nuwe uitbreiding nie, gaan u ‘n slagoffer van u eie sukses word.

Kommentaar:

Die terme waarna u verwys naamlik “integrated human settlements” en “growing communities together” kom direk uit die nasionale beleid vir behuising soos vervat is in die Nasionale Behuisingskode.

Die Kode verwys onder andere na die “Integrated Human Settlements Program”, wat as volg beskryf word:

“Hence a new Programme has been introduced to facilitate the development of integrated human settlements in well-located areas that provide convenient access to urban amenities, including places of employment. The Programme also aims at creating social cohesion.

The Integrated Residential Development Programme (IRDP) provides for the acquisition of land, servicing of stands for a variety of land uses including commercial, recreational, schools and clinics, as well as residential stands for both low-, middle-

*and high-income groups. The land use and income group mix will be **based on local planning and needs assessment.**" (The National Housing Code, Part 1, Volume1)*

Die IRDP fasiliteer die beplanningsproses en die befondsing van dienste (water, riool, paaie, ens.). Behuising vir middel- en hoë inkomstegroepe word dan deur die privaatsektor verskaf en die staat subsideer die behuising vir die laer inkomstegroep.

Dit is baie belangrik dat beplanning vir behuisingsprojekte vroegtydig begin word aangesien dit 'n lang en komplekse proses is. Indien geen beplanning gedoen word nie lei dit tot die onbeheersde vestiging van informele nedersettings.

#15

From: Archie Chambers, Chairperson, Franskraalstrand Ratepayers and Residence Association

Sent: Monday, 28 April 2025 15:16

Subject: Re: Draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP) 2025/2026 - Removal of Gansbaai Extension

Dr. Dean O'Neill
Municipal Manager
Overstrand Municipality

Dear Dr. O'Neill,

Re: Draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP) 2025/2026 - Removal of Gansbaai Extension - Amended letter of concern

Please ignore previous email: IDP year corrected as below'

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chairperson of the Franskraalstrand Ratepayers and Residence Association. We are concerned about the status of the draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP), specifically with regards to the extension of Gansbaai - Chapter 4, page 151.

As you may recall, during the meeting on 16 April 2025, it was agreed that the paragraph on the extension of Gansbaai would be removed from the IDP 2025/2026. Furthermore, it was undertaken by you, that a revised document would be made available to the public before 6 May 2025.

In light of the significant impact this has on the current and future budget, we kindly

request assurance that the removal of the Gansbaai extension in this chapter has been effected.

We would also appreciate it if you could provide us with a copy of the amended IDP. Please confirm in writing that the necessary changes have been made and that the revised document will be shared with us as soon as possible.

Please find attached our letter of concern.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

We look forward to your prompt response.

Response:

Dear Mr Chambers,

Your e-mail is herewith acknowledged and the content noted for the present.

Kindly take note that the decision to remove the section on the extension of Gansbaai is binding and it will be removed. I cannot recall that I undertook to have the document available to your before 6 May 2025 as this is the last day for public comment before all comments will be considered to inform the final IDP that will be tabled to Council at the end of May. These documents will be available as part of the agenda of the council meeting in May which will be available on our website approximately 7 days before the meeting which is scheduled for 28 May 2025. I trust that this answers your questions.

(Kind Regards, Dr Dean O'Neill, Municipal Manager)

#16

From: lizette.smook

Date: Mon, 28 Apr 2025 at 18:58

Subject: Feedback on proposed budget IDP

I have we ABSOLUTELY NO CONFIDENCE that my 'seperate and individual' mail (this mail) will even be opened of anyone would bother to read

17 DA board members have proven to NO CARE AT ALL and just enjoy their safe seats - for now!

If OM keeps bullying rate payers the ANC will definitely be in charge at next election as NOBODY would vote DA!!!

The e mail I wrote on feedback on the dog pet bylaw - I DID NOT EVEN HAVE YHE COURTESY OF AN E MAIL RESPONSE !!!!

If you were me The OM DOES NOT CARE !!!!! KEEP DOING WHAT YOU ARE DOING AND SEE WHERE YOU END UP ! I know where I am going ! You are not my Problem!

OM THINKS I AM WORKING FOR YOU, WAKE UP

PDF letter:

To: Overstrand Municipality

Subject: Concerns Regarding Municipal Rates, IDP Proposals, and Housing Standards

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to express my growing dissatisfaction with recent municipal decisions, particularly the year-on-year above-inflation increases in municipal rates and taxes, as well as the development proposals outlined in the Integrated Development Plan (IDP).

1. Unsustainable Municipal Rate Increases

The annual increases in rates and taxes far exceed the salary adjustments of working residents and the fixed incomes of retirees in our community. This disparity places an undue financial burden on myself and other ratepayers already grappling with rising living costs.

While households are required to adapt by reducing expenditures, I believe it is the municipality's responsibility to adopt similar measures before increasing the financial load on taxpayers.

I urge the municipality to:

- Conduct a comprehensive review of expenditures to identify and eliminate wasteful spending.
- Implement austerity measures within municipal operations.
- Justify any proposed rate increases with tangible and measurable benefits for the

community.

2. Proposed Land Allocation Across the R43

Following the verbal agreement reached during our joint meeting on Wednesday, 16th April 2025, we request written confirmation and an updated IDP document reflecting that the contested property has been removed from consideration.

While we support efforts to address housing shortages, the expansion of low-cost and RDP housing must meet minimum building code standards. Resolving the existing issues with illegally erected structures and addressing the squatter camp should be prioritized to:

- Uphold the municipality's mandate to provide safe, compliant housing.
- Ensure sustainable community development without repeating ineffective

practices.

3. Impact on Property Values and Housing Standards

I would like to emphasize the importance of safeguarding the property values of established suburbs and maintaining uniform housing standards. Informal settlements and low-cost housing projects must only proceed with:

- Viable employment opportunities for prospective residents to foster sustainable growth.

- Decisive action against illegal structures, including their removal, before allocating new development sites.

- Consistent enforcement of building codes to uphold fairness and community trust.

Conclusion

We urge the Overstrand Municipality to engage in transparent dialogue with residents to address these critical issues. Transparent planning, fiscal responsibility, and adherence to building regulations are essential to maintaining trust and the well-being of our community.

We look forward to your prompt response and the opportunity to discuss these matters

further.

Yours faithfully,

Name:

Address:

Contact Number:

Response:

Refer to the separate Council item on the Budget for budget responses.

Only IDP related response to comment 2- Proposed Land Allocation Across the R43, provided here: The proposal contained on page 151 of the draft IDP review was as decided at the public meeting on 16 April 2025 removed from the Final IDP review and amendment for 2025/26.

#17

From: Mario Davy

Sent: Tuesday, 29 April 2025 07:33

Subject: Emailing IDP en Begroting Komentaar Afrikaans 2025 Rev2.pdf

Mnr M. A. Davy

■ Spektrum straat Gansbaai

PDF letter:

Aan: Overstrand Munisipaliteit

Onderwerp: Kwessies Rakende Munisipale Tariewe, IDP 2025 Voorstelle, en

Behuisingsstandaarde

Geagte Meneer/Mevrou,

Ek wil graag my groeiende ontevredenheid uitspreek oor onlangse munisipale besluite, veral die jaar-op-jaar bo-inflasie verhogings in munisipale tariewe en belastings, asook die ontwikkelingsvoorstelle uiteengesit in die Geïntegreerde Ontwikkelingsplan soos uitgesit in die IDP 2025/26.

1. Onvolhoubare Munisipale Tariefverhogings

Die jaarlikse verhogings in tariewe en belastinge oorskry verreweg die salaris aanpassings van werkende inwoners en die vaste inkomste van pensioenarisse in ons gemeenskap. Hierdie wanbalans plaas 'n buitensporige finansiële las op my en ander belastingbetalers wat reeds sukkel met stygende lewenskoste. Terwyl huishoudings verplig is om uitgawes te verminder, glo ek dit is die munisipaliteit se verantwoordelikheid om soortgelyke maatreëls te tref voordat hulle die finansiële las op belastingbetalers verhoog.

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- Besparingmaatreëls binne munisipale bedrywighede in te stel.
- Enige voorgestelde tariefverhogings met tasbare en meetbare voordele vir die gemeenskap te regverdig.

2. Voorgestelde Grondtoewysing Langs die R43

Na aanleiding van die mondelinge ooreenkoms wat bereik is tydens ons gesamentlike vergadering op Woensdag, 16 April 2025, versoek ons skriftelike bevestiging en 'n opgedateerde GGP-dokument wat weerspieël dat die betwiste eiendom van oorweging verwyder is.

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Die bestaande kwessies rakende onwettig opgerigte strukture en die aanpak van die plakkerskamp moet geprioritiseer word om:

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- Volhoubare gemeenskapsontwikkeling te verseker sonder om ondoeltreffende praktyke te herhaal.

3. Impak op Eiendomswaardes en Behuisingstandaarde

Ek wil die belangrikheid beklemtoon van die beskerming van eiendomswaardes in gevestigde voorstede en die handhawing van uniforme behuisingstandaarde.

Informele nedersettings en laekoste-behuisingprojekte moet slegs voortgaan met:

- Lewensvatbare werkseleenthede vir voornemende inwoners om volhoubare groei te bevorder.
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- Konsekwente toepassing van boukodes om regverdigheid en gemeenskapstrust te handhaaf.

Afsluiting

Ons doen 'n beroep op die Overstrand Munisipaliteit om in deursigtige dialoog met inwoners betrokke te raak om hierdie kritieke kwessies aan te spreek. Deursigtige beplanning, fiskale verantwoordelikheid, en nakoming van bouregulasies is noodsaaklik om vertroue en die welstand van ons gemeenskap te handhaaf.

Ons sien uit na u spoedige reaksie en die geleentheid om hierdie sake verder te bespreek.

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#18

From: Annaleen Genade

Sent: Tuesday, 29 April 2025 08:35

Subject: Document from Ouma Lenie ❤️

IDP en Begroting Komentaar Afrikaans 2025 Rev2[1].pdf

PDF letter:

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Afsluiting

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#19

From: James van Zyl

Sent: Tuesday, 29 April 2025 11:43

Subject: Gansbaai Integrated Development Plan: Registration of Interest

Dear Sir / Madam

I'm a property owner in Kleinbaai and hereby wish to register my interest in the Gansbaai IDP and the recent developments regarding the same.

Please add my email address to the distribution list to ensure I receive all current and future related documentation.

Thanks & Regards

#20

From: Errol van Staden, Chairperson, Overstrand Community Action Network (OCAN)

Sent: Tuesday, 29 April 2025 11:33

Subject: Review of the Overstrand Municipality's Draft Budget Report (2025|26)

Importance: High

Dear OM-Councillors and Municipal Manager

Please find attached a file that contains OCAN's review of the OM's draft budget for 2025|26. This review should be read in conjunction with the second attachment (distributed earlier) that provides a fact-based assessment of the OM's performance based on the outcome of the Auditor General's audit for the 2023|24 financial year. Both documents are self-explanatory.

In a nutshell:

- OCAN believes that the Overstrand Municipality can do much more to reduce cost (employment-related in particular) and to direct investment to areas that really matters (infrastructure renewal and development as an example).
- We also believe that the OM-Council should set business-related performance targets for the Administration that must result in measurable achievements. The OM should be run as a business with a strong emphasis on performance, sound financial management, transparency and accountability.
- Budget reports are cluttered with too much irrelevant detail. For example, remove all the policies and save in a separate file. There is a need for a fresh approach to financial reporting (from a ratepayer perspective).

The attached files will be shared widely in the public domain. OCAN will also submit a list of questions to the CFO ahead of the 6 May 2025 submission deadline.

Response:

[Refer to the separate Council item on the Budget for budget responses.](#)

#21

From: Annedi Wessels

Sent: Tuesday, 29 April 2025 13:03

Subject: Vertoë: Munisipale Tariewe, IDP 2025 Voorstelle & Informele Nedersettings -

Annedi Wessels

Importance: High

Vir wie dit mag aangaan / Munisipale Bestuurder

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Terwyl huishoudings verplig is om uitgawes te verminder, glo ek dit is die munisipaliteit se verantwoordelikheid om soortgelyke maatreëls te tref voordat hulle die finansiële las op belastingbetalers verhoog. Ons omgewing maak staat op toeriste en vakansie seisoene, maar, ek voel tans werk die munisipaliteit teen ons en nie vir ons nie.

Ek versoek die munisipaliteit om:

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Weereens, as die R43 gaan lyk of jy deur 'n plakkerskamp ry, gaan dit nie net onveilig wees nie, maar onooglik, wat weereens 'n afskrik gaan wees vir toeriste en vakansie gangers. Kom ons bou eerder ons omgewing om die ekonomie 'n inspuiting te gee as dit af te breek. Daar is reeds hoeveel mense in beide Blompark en die informele nedersetting aan Build-it se kant. Ek verstaan daar is 'n tekort van behuising, maar nog meer – DAAR IS REEDS 'N TEKORT AAN WERK – deur nog behuising te voorsien, maak ons die probleem net groter. Mense moet migreer na areas/stede waar wel werks geleentheid is. Anders verhoog ons net die risiko van MISDAAD, geweld, diefstal, dwels, etc. Dink asb baie mooi aan die gevolge wat die vergroting van bogenoemde en soortgelyke uitbreidings.

Vraag: Indien u wel voortgaan met die Grondtoewysing – wat gaan u doen om addisionele werks geleentheid per persoon/huishouding te voorsien? Dit is dan ook die munisipaliteit se verantwoordelikheid vir permanente en addisionele werks geleentheid, maar weereens, doen asb eers 'n inpakstudie en kyk wat huidige werkloosheidsyfer onder hierdie gemeenskap is en sorteer dit eers uit voor daar “addisionele uitbreidings” gemaak word. Bekamping en voorsiening is beter as om oor 5 jaar terug te kyk en dan te sê ons het 'n fout gemaak...

3. Eiendomswaardes en Behuisingsstandaarde

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[Kommetaar:](#)

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#22

From: Stephan Coetzer

Sent: Tuesday, 29 April 2025 14:15

Subject: IDP Review 2025/2026

Good day,

I have reviewed the IDP 2025/26 and would like to raise a few concerns:

1. In December 2024, Vermont experienced low water pressure. This issue was likely due to one or more of the following:
 - (a) inadequate distribution of water from the reservoir to households,
 - (b) insufficient reservoir capacity,
 - (c) limited water treatment capability, or
 - (d) an inability to pump enough water from sources (dam and boreholes) to the treatment plant.

With Hermanus continuing to grow and attract more permanent residents, it is concerning that I could not find any mention of plans to expand the existing water supply infrastructure.

[Response:](#)

[The upgrade and replacement of water reticulation infrastructure and augmentation of water sources for Hermanus are included in Chapter 4, par. 1.2., of the Draft IDP.](#)

2. Lynx and Malmok Streets in Vermont serve as major traffic routes. The proposed rerouting of the Paradise Park access road is likely to increase traffic on these streets. Would it not be possible to install pavements along these busier roads to improve pedestrian safety?

[Response:](#)

- Lynx Avenue is not a municipal street. It's a Minor Road under the management of the provincial road authorities. The Overberg District Municipality may be contacted for more information.
- The “proposed rerouting” is not a random act but part of larger strategic plan (more than 10 years old) by the provincial road authority. The increase in vehicular traffic will be assessed and quantified (by all authorities, including the provincial road authority) if and when a new development proposal for Paradise Park is submitted for approval.
- It's not possible to consider the request for sidewalks in isolation. The request should be submitted via the Ward Committee system so that it can be ranked and prioritised together with similar request. Funding from the ward allocation may be utilised, if approved by the Ward Committee and/or the Municipality.

#23

From: Leon Griffiths

Sent: Tuesday, 29 April 2025 16:16

Subject: Public comments on the draft IDP.

OVERSTRAND MUNISIPALITY

SUBJECT: Comments on the 2025/2026 Integrated Development Plan.

1. Unsustainable Municipality Rate increase:

The annual increase in rates and taxes is of great concern to the people in the greater Gansbaai area. The Gansbaai area is mostly comprised of retirees and middle or below income community members. The burden on the residents would be unprecedented.

Urge the municipality to rather:

Reduce expenditure and wasteful spending.

Greater and effective consideration of all expenditure.

2. Proposed Land Development of Erf 2430 (Expansion of Masakhane).

The proposed expansion of Masakhane to the area across the R43 most definitely must be reconsidered.

My arguments against the proposed development are the following:

- **ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE:**

Gansbaai Main Road accommodates a high school, primary school, municipality offices, banks, supermarkets, doctors, churches, petrol stations and I can go on and on.

All of these are on **ONE SINGLE ROAD** with the only entrance from de Dam, Buffelsjags Bay, Baardskeerbos, Pearly Beach, Franskraal, van Dyksbaai, Kleinbaai and Romansbaai at the 4-way stop on the R43.

The 4-Way stop is a nightmare as conditions are now, especially with the High School on that same corner.

Developing that proposed piece of land across the High School is going to escalate the traffic problems to an indescribable situation.

The road infrastructure of Gansbaai cannot accommodate the expansion of Masakhane on the proposed piece of land.

The Overstand Municipality must seriously rethink the expansion.

It would be necessary to consider another location that is going to have less strain on the existing road infrastructure.

- **SEWERAGE INFRASTRUCTURE:**

There is a talk to build a development in de Kelders with underground sewerage that is going to end up in the Gansbaai Sewerage Works.

A further expansion of Masakhane across the R43 is also going to divert the sewerage to the Gansbaai Sewerage Works.

Can the existing infrastructure accommodate all the extra sewerage?

Are we going to have the same problem as the City of Cape Town where sewerage ends up in the ocean?

Gansbaai is a fishing community and the spillage of sewerage in the ocean would be detrimental to the fishing community.

- **WATER INFRASTRUCTURE:**

The existing water infrastructure would also have to be upgraded to accommodate the further development of Masakhane.

The water pressure in an area like Franskraal is under tremendous strain especially during peak times of the day and during the holiday seasons.

- **DRAINAGE OF STORMWATER AND WATERTABLE.**

The development of such a large area is going to influence the drainage of storm water.

The water table is very high in the rainfall season and the whole area is a seasonal wetland.

Prohibiting the drainage of storm water is going to cause a greater down flow to areas closer to the ocean like Kleinbaai and van Dyksbaai.

- **COMMUNITIES IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO EACH OTHER.**

Extending Masakhane to the area across Blompark is going to cause extreme friction and problems.

You cannot force different communities to live in such close proximity to each other. The residents of Gansbaai are going to have endless problems.

- **ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IN MASAKHANE.**

The legal residence of Masakhane are living in a shack on their piece of land and renting their subsidized houses out to illegal immigrants for an extra income.

The problem has reached unprecedented levels without any intervention from our law enforcement offices.

The law enforcement offices put the blame on Domestic Affairs. According to the IDP the responsibility is awarded to the Law Enforcement Offices.

If and when the illegal immigrants are removed from Masakhane the further development of Masakhane will not be necessary in the near future.

The illegal immigrants are working in the Gansbaai area and the legal residents of Gansbaai have no work.

- **EXISTING SCHOOL CAPACITY.**

As is, many of the learners of Gansbaai have to be transported to schools outside of Gansbaai area e.g. Hermanus.

An increase in the total number of people is going to put great strain on the existing schools

- **PROTECTION OF THE SENSITIVE FYNBOS OF GANSBAAI.**

Most green areas of Gansbaai are invaded with alien plants. There is no urgent attempt from the municipality to remove these alien plants.

However, there are still a few very sensitive Fynbos areas and one of them is the proposed Erf for the expansion of Masakhane.

The Fynbos is endemic to the area and should be protected at any cost.

- **TOURIST DESTINATION.**

Local businesses of Gansbaai are dependant of the financial injection of tourists that visit the small fishing community.

With crime that is increasing and the complications that the development of the erf on the R43 will bring, we are not going to be able to guarantee the safety and carefree movement of tourists.

In turn it will also lead to less job creation when tourists don't visit our small community.

Suggestions to the Overstrand Municipality:

- ❖ *A house is built from the foundation up to the roof. Planning the extension of Masakhane is the equivalent to starting with roof of a house before a solid and proper foundation exists.*
- ❖ The Overstrand Municipality must look at the bigger picture before they expand and take great time to listen to the communities. Under no circumstances it must just be a box that must be ticked off with the comment, completed.
- ❖ **Buffelsjags Bay** is in dire need of expansion and better facilities for their community.
Why are they not the priority of the Overstrand Municipality?
- ❖ Listen to what the communities have to say and come up with a plan that is feasible to all.
- ❖ The community pays the Overstrand Municipality and their voices must be heard.
- ❖ Keep the community informed about any potential development in the Overstrand Municipality area.

We thank you for giving us the opportunity to raise our concerns and truly hope that you will take our concerns in consideration.

Response:

[Refer to the separate Council item on the Budget for budget responses.](#)

[Only IDP related response to comment 2- Proposed Land Allocation Across the R43, provided here: The proposal contained on page 151 of the draft IDP review was as decided at the public meeting on 16 April 2025 removed from the Final IDP review and amendment for 2025/26.](#)

#24

From: Callie Calitz

Sent: Wednesday, 30 April 2025 16:46

Subject: IDP & BEGROTING KOMMENTAAR.

Wie dit aangaan,

Aangeheg my kommentaar op die aangeleentheid.
Geliewe ontvangs te erken.

Aan: Overstrand Munisipaliteit
Onderwerp: Kwessies Rakende Munisipale Tariewe, IDP 2025 Voorstelle, en
Behuisingsstandaarde

Geagte Meneer/Mevrou,

Hiermee, wil ek graag my groeiende ontevredenheid en uiterse groot besorgdheid uitspreek oor onlangse munisipale besluite, veral die jaar-op-jaar bo-inflasie verhogings in munisipale tariewe en belastings, asook die ontwikkelingsvoorstelle uiteengesit in die Geïntegreerde Ontwikkelingsplan soos uitgesit in die IDP 2025/26.

1. Onvolhoubare Munisipale Tariefverhogings

Die jaarlikse verhogings in tariewe en belastings oorskry verreweg die salarisaanpassings van werkende inwoners en die vaste inkomste van pensioenarisse in ons gemeenskap. Ek as huiseienaar het eiendom in Franskraal gekoop, maar die munisipale uitgawes (eerstens “voorreg” fooi om krag te mag hê – wat NET in Gansbaai plaasvind – nerens anders in groter Weskaap en dan die magtige verhogings, plaas ‘n buitensporige finansiële las op my en ek glo ook ander belastingbetalers wat reeds sukkel met stygende lewenskoste. Ons wil graag hier kom aftree, maar tans is hoog besorg of dit finansiële moontlik sal wees met stygende kostes en boonop dreigement van moontlike misdaadverhogings agv groei van Informele Nedersettings en verdere werkloosheid.

Terwyl huishoudings verplig is om uitgawes te verminder, glo ek dit is die munisipaliteit se verantwoordelikheid om soortgelyke maatreëls te tref voordat hulle die finansiële las op belastingbetalers verhoog. Ons omgewing maak staat op toeriste en vakansie seisoene, maar, ek voel tans werk die munisipaliteit teen ons en nie vir ons nie.

Ek versoek die munisipaliteit om:

- 'n Omvattende oorsig van uitgawes te doen om verkwistende besteding te identifiseer en uit te skakel.
- Besparingmaatreëls binne munisipale bedrywighede in te stel.
- Enige voorgestelde tariefverhogings met tasbare en meetbare voordele vir die gemeenskap te regverdig.

2. Voorgestelde Grondtoewysing Langs die R43

Na aanleiding van die mondelinge ooreenkoms wat bereik is tydens ons gesamentlike vergadering op Woensdag, 16 April 2025, versoek ons skriftelike bevestiging en 'n

opgedateerde GGP-dokument wat weerspieël dat die betwiste eiendom van oorweging verwyder is. Hoewel ons die pogings ondersteun om behuisingstekorte aan te spreek, moet die uitbreiding van laekoste- en RDP-behuising voldoen aan minimum boukodesstandaarde. Die bestaande kwessies rakende onwettig opgerigte strukture en die aanpak van die plakkerskamp moet geprioritiseer word om:

- Die munisipaliteit se mandaat om veilige, voldoende-behuising te voorsien, na te kom.
- Volhoubare gemeenskapsontwikkeling te verseker sonder om ondoeltreffende praktyke te herhaal.

Weereens, as die R43 gaan lyk of jy deur 'n plakkerskamp ry, gaan dit nie net onveilig wees nie, maar onooglik, wat weereens 'n afskrik gaan wees vir toeriste en vakansie gangers. Kom ons bou eerder ons omgewing om die ekonomie 'n inspuiting te gee as dit af te breek. Daar is reeds hoeveel mense in beide Blompark en die informele nedersetting aan Build-it se kant. Ek verstaan daar is 'n tekort van behuising, maar nog meer – DAAR IS REEDS 'N TEKORT AAN WERK – deur nog behuising te voorsien, maak ons die probleem net groter. Mense moet migreer na areas/stede waar wel werks geleentheid is. Anders verhoog ons net die risiko van MISDAAD, geweld, diefstal, dwels, etc. Dink asb baie mooi aan die gevolge wat die vergroting van bogenoemde en soortgelyke uitbreidings.

Vraag: Indien u wel voortgaan met die Grondtoewysing – wat gaan u doen om addisionele werks geleentheid per persoon/huishouding te voorsien? Dit is dan ook die munisipaliteit se verantwoordelikheid vir permanente en addisionele werks geleentheid, maar weereens, doen asb eers 'n inpakstudie en kyk wat huidige werkloosheidsyfer onder hierdie gemeenskap is en sorteer dit eers uit voor daar “addisionele uitbreidings” gemaak word. Bekamping en voorsiening is beter as om oor 5 jaar terug te kyk en dan te sê ons het 'n fout gemaak...

3. Eiendomswaardes en Behuingsstandaarde

Ek wil die belangrikheid beklemtoon van die beskerming van eiendomswaardes in gevestigde voorstede en die handhawing van uniforme behuingsstandaarde.

Informele nedersettings en laekoste-behuingsprojekte moet slegs voortgaan met:

- Lewensvatbare werksgeleentheid vir voornemende inwoners om volhoubare groei te bevorder.
- Beslissende aksie teen onwettige strukture, insluitend hul verwydering, voordat nuwe ontwikkelingspersele toegeken word.
- Konsekwente toepassing van boukodes om regverdigheid en gemeenskapstrust te handhaaf.

Hiermee doen ek 'n beroep op die Overstrand Munisipaliteit om in deursigtige dialoog met inwoners betrokke te raak om hierdie kritieke kwessies aan te spreek. Deursigtige beplanning, fiskale verantwoordelikheid, en nakoming van boueregulasies is noodsaaklik om vertroue en die welstand van ons gemeenskap te handhaaf.

Ek sien uit na u spoedige reaksie en vertrou dat bostaande in diepe erns oorweeg sal word.

Kommetaar:

[Verwys na die aparte Raadsitem oor die Begroting vir begrotingskommentaar.](#)

[Slegs GOP-verwante reaksie op kommentaar 2- Voorgestelde Grondtoewysing oor die R43, word hier verskaf:](#)

[Die voorstel vervat op bladsy 151 van die konsep GOP-hersiening is soos besluit by die openbare vergadering op 16 April 2025 verwyder van die Finale GOP-hersiening en wysiging vir 2025/26.](#)

#25

From: Elma Rivera , Chairperson De Kelders & Perlemoenbaai Ratepayers Association

Sent: Wednesday, 30 April 2025 18:52

Subject: 2025/2026 REVIEW FEEDBACK

To: Municipal Manager and IDP Review Committee
IDP Overstrand Municipality

From: Elma Rivera
Chairperson, De Kelders & Perlemoenbaai Ratepayers Association

Date: 30 April 2025

Subject: Submission of IDP 2025/2026 Review Summary and Community Comments

Dear Municipal Manager and CFO,

On behalf of the De Kelders and Perlemoenbaai Ratepayers Association, I hereby submit our formal feedback and analysis on the Draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP) Review for 2025/2026.

This submission includes recommendations to improve clarity, accessibility, and community relevance. We also raise concerns regarding equity in service delivery, escalating levies without corresponding improvements, and the brevity of the public comment period.

Areas of Concern

1. **No strategic refresh:** The IDP does not reflect current challenges such as economic strain, infrastructure degradation, or service delivery backlogs.
2. **Unequal infrastructure focus:** Rate-paying areas like De Kelders are underrepresented in capital projects, while areas like Masakhane and Blompark continue to receive investments.
3. **Cost increases:** Tariff increases continue without matching improvements in service quality.
4. **Short public participation window:** A two-week period is insufficient for reviewing a document over 300 pages long.

Improving Accessibility

- Replace technical terms (e.g., SDF, KPA, MTREF) with simplified language or provide a glossary.
- Include infographics, section summaries, and visual data to improve comprehension.
- Translate executive summaries into Afrikaans and isiXhosa.

Recommendations for Public Engagement

1. Extend the comment period from two weeks to at least 30 days.
2. Provide simplified summaries of the IDP (5–10 pages).
3. Conduct post-commentary meetings to share feedback results and updates.
4. Offer ward-specific updates to increase local relevance and transparency. Additionally, please find attached a collection of comments and responses from residents for your consideration. These reflect lived experiences and expectations from various parts of our community and highlight the need for stronger inclusion and responsiveness in the IDP process.

We trust this submission will be reviewed with the seriousness and urgency it warrants, and we remain available to engage further to ensure a development plan that reflects the needs of all stakeholders in Overstrand.

Response:

[Refer to the separate Council item on the Budget for budget responses.](#)

Only IDP related comments will be provided here. An overarching response to the IDP-related comments are:

The need for an executive summary of the IDP is noted. Abbreviations are listed and named on page 7 in the document.

Strategic Risks in Chapter 1 reflects the municipality's current risks. Furthermore, the current service delivery challenges are cited in Chapter 3 (section 3.3.2) of the document. "Chapter 2 – Strategic Analysis acknowledge that the growing population will increase the demand for housing, employment, service delivery and related infrastructure developments. The increased population growth will therefore place increased pressure on the municipal resources to develop new as well as maintain existing infrastructure."

The public comment period was from 3 April 2025 to 6 May 2025, indicating that the public had more than 2 weeks to comment on the drafts. The draft documents were available on the municipal website on 1 April 2025 and also in the local libraries from 3 April 2025.

#26

From: Ian Johnson

Sent: Wednesday, 30 April 2025

Subject: 2025/2026 REVIEW FEEDBACK

PDF document

IDP COMMENT: INTERGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2025/6: OVERSTRAND

1. The following is comment that could be considered for the review of the IDP 2025/6 Overstrand.
2. **Vision To be the centre of excellence for the community.** This most certainly for a newly created municipality would work. It does not work for a municipality that has excelled in certain categories. The posture herein should be the best. I would suggest "To be the best Category B municipality in the South Africa". This would be a challenging vision for Overstrand.
3. **Mission. Creation of sustainable communities by delivering optimal services to support economic, social and environmental goals in a politically stable environment as an Overstrand for all.** The present vision is based loosely on the objectives of municipalities and has lost a few cardinal elements. Consider "Overstrand to be democratically accountable government providing sustainable services promoting social and economic development in a safe and healthy environment whilst encouraging the involvement of community and community organisations in matters of government." There is no accountability and involvement in the present mission neither is safety.
4. **Chapter 1: Table 1. Add the following risk** "The increasing incidence of fires and the lack of adequate firebreaks and ground-based firefighting equipment to extinguish fires when air resources not available (high wind and availability) with the risk of having California type fires in Overstrand is real.
5. **No Statement of the Division of Income from Rates and Taxes.** The fact that certain suburbs produce very little income from municipal rates and taxes and expect adequate services. Here we need a statement with not giving the cash cow no or very little return on the rates and taxes paid. We need a statement in the following vain which can be quantified and audited and open to public scrutiny." The division of benefits arising from rates and taxes is 70/30 where taxpaying suburbs subsidise non taxpaying suburbs." This would be necessary as without such a guideline an other governing party would have to visibly attempt to change this ratio.
6. **Chapter 2: Table 3.** For ease of reding add projected population increase in percentage column at the end. Otherwise, the reader must calculated projected growth percentages.
7. **Chapter 2: Table 4.** Add a column with projected households as part of it has been projected later in the document (see Chapter 13, pg 274 last serial basic service delivery).
8. **Chapter2: Figure 5.** Although an official representation one would surmise that immigrants are not counted as they would normally not make themselves available for the count. There must be a concerted effort to count the vast amount of immigrants in the area as to measure is to know.
9. **Chapter 2: Table 6.** This table is rather basic, and you learn very little from it. I do suggest that a table that indicates per grade the learner enrolment vs the classrooms available per year and the learner/ teacher ratio per grade (stating a general average learner teacher ratio is of little value). Thus, the para that follows to say there is a shortage of schools which only causes alarm with the new table parents will be empowered to know where to put pressure on government. Private schools could seize the opportunity. Overstrand could also get involved in support of the public.
10. **Chapter2: Table 8.** The graph if accurate is rather powerful, however no inferences are madeon for example:

- a. **Aids.** Why is AIDS the highest cause of mortality in Overstrand however not listed in Overberg. Why is this?
 - b. **Interpersonal violence.** What circumstances prevail that interpersonal violence is listed 3rd and not in the top 5 of Overberg?
 - c. **Road injuries.** Why is road injuries listed 5th and not listed in Overberg?
 - d. **Is Overstrand so much more dangerous to live in than in the rest of the Overberg district?** If that is so what is the abatement plan?
- 11. Chapter 2: Page 28.** The following paragraph: “**Health facilities:** Overstrand Municipality has a total of 11 primary health care facilities consisting of 4 clinics (fixed), 5 satellite clinics (non-fixed), 1 community day center and 1 district hospital. (Source: Western Cape Provincial Treasury, Overstrand SEP 2023).” Reading this paragraph starts ringing bells and should be supplemented by a map with the health facilities with trauma facilities and the road distance in circles from them to the nearest towns. Here a person would want to deduce when reading the plan he will get to a trauma unit within the “*golden hour*”. Seeing that would lead to corrective action and obviously debate.
- 12. Chapter 2: Figure 8.** This graph is only of value to Overberg district when comparing municipality performance. What we need is the table to be expanded to include AIDS patients per town so that a person can see where the crises areas are and test if there is adequate abatement in place.
- 13. Chapter 2: Page 29.** The following paragraph: **Poverty.** With a per capita GDP of R46 327 in 2023, Overstrand’s per capita GDP was below the Overberg District’s R56 469. (Source, Western Cape Provincial Treasury, Overstrand SEP 2024). Similarly, Overstrand per capita GDP was also the lowest across the district in 2023. One cannot present this vast non-conformance to the average of the district without concluding **for example:**
- a. There is a large amount of state pensioners who retired in Overstrand.
 - b. There is massive unemployment in the area and as a result many people live only on SASSA grants.
 - c. There is a vast unemployment in the area. The flow of unemployed persons seeking job opportunities in Overstrand will have to be checked.
 - d. Comment: With this there is subject for further debate and analysis.
- 14. Chapter 2: Page 49. Strategic Analysis Ward 14.**
- a. “**Serial 17.** Blompark Wheelie bins (100) for new houses in housing development. “ Most certainly this is for residents own cost.
 - b. **Consider the addition of:**
 - i. Improving traffic flow in Gansbaai main street with the addition of dual intersections at all intersections of the main street.
 - ii. Traffic circles at Kapokblom and Main Rd intersection as well as intersection Industry and Main Rd.
 - iii. Subway under main near Main and Industry Rd for school children.
- 15. “2.3.3 Ward specific project allocations discontinued.** From the 2022/23 financial year the annual allocation of R500 000 to each ward for, ward specific projects (WSP’s) were no longer allocated, as this has been replaced with a new global allocation of R1,5m to afford Councilor’s the opportunity to raise requests for public projects (care projects) from the 2022/23 financial year onwards.” It is disappointing to see this decision as we know ward priorities will be

watered down and wards with the strongest councilors and ability to motivate will gain sometimes above the best cause. This decision should be reversed.

- 16. Collaborator Citizen App: Page 57** Add the Collabapp software will still be improved to make it user friendly. (The Collabapp presently does not have a function to refer tasks between different departments and maintain follow-up).
17. The following table gives figures but not related to anything. Is it a percentage or is the non-employment equity groups figures just omitted which are necessary for context.

KPA & Indicators	Municipal Achievement	Municipal Achievement	Municipal Achievement
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
The number of people from employment equity target groups employed in the three highest levels of management in compliance with a municipality's approved employment equity plan	70	69	67
The percentage of a municipality's budget actually spent on implementing its workplace skills plan	98.67%	99.99%	99.99%

able 28: Employment Equity numbers & % budget spent on Workplace skills plan

18. Chapter 3: Planning has been deleted without explanation. Is there no longer a planning function or has it been moved from infrastructure?

Per Post Level		
Post level	Filled	Vacant
Infrastructure and Planning Services	326	53
Planning and Development	50	10
Total	1061	197

Table 31: Overstrand vacancies, end January 2025

19. Employment equity targets and progress: Underperformance stated on black and white and exceeded the target with coloured with no explanation.

Year – EE plan	African		Coloured		Indian		White	
	Target June	Actual June	Target June	Actual June	Target June	Actual June	Target June	Actual June
2021/22	364	327	547	570	3	2	216	187
2022/23	351	327	584	591	1	1	184	179
2023/24	351	315	584	597	1	1	189	175

Table 32: Progress EE targets/ Actual by racial classification (Total Workforce)

20. **Chapter 3: Page 61: Implications of the Local Government Municipal Staff Regulations and Guidelines.** There has been no progress on the Draft: Diversity Policy which is stated as (In Process). No reasons given neither any targets.

21. Chapter 3: page 62: Proportion of households with Service backlogs. The housing percentage below minimum standard indicated a 0% which does not make sense.

Service Backlogs as at 2023/24				
Households (HHs)				
	*Service level above minimum standard		**Service level below minimum standard	
	No. HHs	% HHs	No. HHs	% HHs
Water	36 024	100%	0	0%
Sanitation	33 539	100%	0	0%
Electricity	27 555	100%	0	0%
Waste management	36 662	100%	0	0%
Housing	34 395	91.64%	3 137	0%

*% HHs are the service above/below minimum standard as a proportion of total HHs. 'Housing' refers to * formal and ** informal settlements.*

Table 35: Overstrand service backlogs, 2023/24

22. 3.3.2 Basic service delivery challenges. The table leaves the reader in want. What type of service delivery vehicles have not been replace and why? Was it fire service, traffic sewage or what vehicles. A sewage contractor appointed most probably due to the shortage of vehicles. Is

this permanent? What has happened to the staff of the vehicles not replaced?

Service Area	Challenge	Actions to address	Progress made in 2023/24 to address challenge
Overstrand	Severe Major Storms-Damaged Infrastructure	Repairs done internally	Continuous repairs on infrastructure
Overstrand	Non-replacement of service delivery vehicles	Budget input was provided for the replacement of vehicles	Capital budget provision for 2024/25 for the replacement of vehicles
Stormwater	Limited Capital Budget funding for Stormwater Infrastructure	Budget inputs were provided for the proposed stormwater infrastructure	Some projects were approved for the 2024/25 Capital Budget.
Water & Sewerage	Fleet Problems	Risk was raised on the risk register in order to address old fleet in Overstrand	Council to allocate funding in order to address fleet problems
Sewerage Systems	Blockages and overflows	Contractor was appointed to assist with maintenance of the networks	Less blockages due to the maintenance of networks

23. **Pg 64: The graph shows the different sanitation/ sewerage service delivery levels per total households and the progress per year:** It is not clear to the reader what the difference between toilet provisions above min service level and sanitation / sewerage above min level?

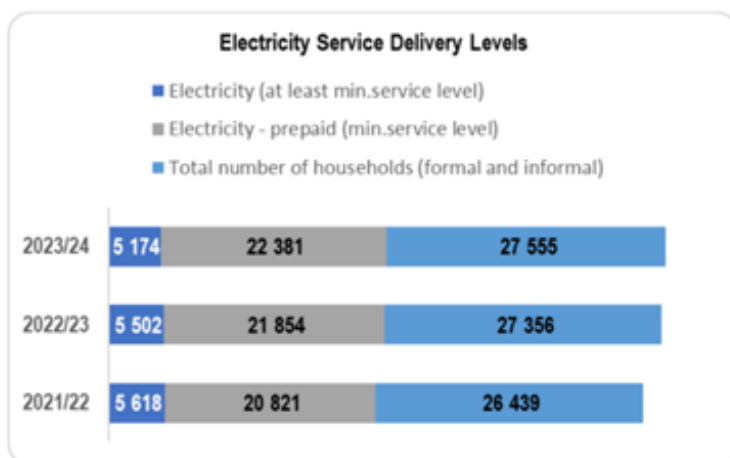
Sanitation Service Delivery Levels

- Total number of households (formal and informal)
- Other toilet provisions (above min. service level)
- Sanitation/sewerage: (above minimum level)

24. The graph on the different electricity service levels of households and the progress per year would be better served contextualizing the shortage indicated in figure 13 where 97% is

indicated. An extra bar with the shortage would be powerful.

The graph shows the different electricity service levels of households and the progress per year:



25. **Page 65: Table 37: Overview of tarred road infrastructure.** This table begs the question how many kilometers of road requires resurfacing?

The table below gives **an overview of tarred road infrastructure** within the municipal area:

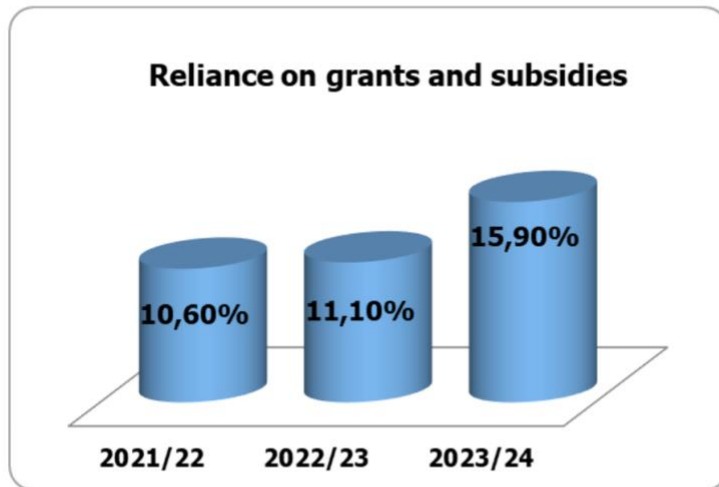
Tarred Road Infrastructure: Kilometres				
Year	Total tarred roads	New tar roads	Existing tar roads resealed	Tar roads maintained
2021/22	622	0	18.9 km resealed and rehabilitated	622
2022/23	622	0.552	15.5 km resealed and rehabilitated	622
2023/24	622	0.322	25.7 km resealed and rehabilitated	622

Table 37: Overstrand tarred road infrastructure, kilometers

26. The Municipality's Reliance on Grants. This graph is not understood. The municipal manager said in the IDP meeting that the National Government takes care of 100% of the indigent grant. However, the table

give another impression or is not clearly articulated what is meant.

Figure below indicates **the municipality's reliance on grants** as a percentage for the past three financial years –



The municipality is reliant on the equitable share grant allocation to finance indigent subsidies to the poor.

27. **Chapter 4: Page 78: Water conservation and demand management plan (WCDM).** The programmed replacement of all water meters with water restrictors should be considered in the more affluent areas. Somewhere water losses must be quantified for public scrutiny. If the municipality writes off a portion of a water account which is public monies and must be reported.
28. **Chapter 4: Page 8: 1.5 Roads.** This chapter's data conflicts with that of chapter 3. The Municipality is responsible for the local municipal roads with a total length of 609km (431km surfaced and 178km gravel).

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2022/23	622	0.552	15.5 km resealed and rehabilitated	622
2023/24	622	0.322	25.7 km resealed and rehabilitated	622

Table 37: Overstrand tarred road infrastructure, kilometers

Gravel roads

Gravel Road Infrastructure: Kilometres				
Year	Total gravel roads	New gravel roads constructed	Gravel roads upgraded to tar	Gravel roads graded/maintained
2021/22	108	0	0.43	108
2022/23	108	0	0	108
2023/24	108	0	0	108

Table 38: Overstrand gravel roads, kilometers

29. Chapter 4: Page 156: OVERSTRAND HOUSING STRATEGY: FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM - 24 MARCH 2025 FINAL. One can only be concerned if there is funding in 2026 for an undefined location as such no buy in by the community. Unless this was the part West of Masekane that has been temporarily stopped. The funding will have to be allocated somewhere else or is the intent to

suicide the community with the extension.

OVERSTRAND HOUSING STRATEGY: FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM - 24 MARCH 2025 FINAL												
Housing Programme	Project No	Project	Units	Serviced Sites	Funding Source	Action/note	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029	2029/2030	Total 5-Year Cost
					Electric (Mun) DoE							R 8 000 000
		Gansbaai Future Extension			Housing Subsidy							
					Indirect Cost			R 1 000 000	R 1 000 000	R 1 000 000	R 5 000 000	R 8 000 000
					Direct Cost (Services)							
					MIG							
					Electric (Mun) DoE							R 8 000 000,00

30. Chapter 5: Page 170-171. Area management has been deleted without explanation.

31. Chapter 6: Page 172. The promise in the paragraph below if reliant on Collabapp is not workable until business process of Collabapp has been changed and the software upgrades been affected. An example is if you complain that there is a fire risk on an vacant erf, The Fire and Safety quickly do the inspection and if they must handover to another department to E.g. write a letter to the owner they finalise the service request as the first department that is involved in the process is finished instead of indicating matter finalised by Fire services and referred to another department so the call must the be transferred until finalised as stated in the business process.

32. Chapter 6 : Page 174: Quality of electricity supply. The promise in the para below has been broken many times as the Mayor says that Eskom is at fault as they are responsible for transmission. This is so on the higher level but Eskom has excluded themselves from maintenance of areas around power line poles with the following document placing the onus on the municipality and no one to inspect the poles on private land. PBA International (SA) Technical Note Fire Management & Power Lines **TECHNICAL NOTE: POWER LINE MAINTENANCE: FIRE & FIRE MANAGEMENT Eskom will not accept responsibility for veld fires passing underneath a line.** Eskom's vegetation management in the servitude does not consider this unless there is specific agreement with the landowner. **Therefore, it is seen to be the landowner's responsibility** to manage a veld fire on his/her farm where there are overhead electricity lines. So, it is clear poles burning down is the landowner's responsibility and as there is no one policing it the landowners don't care, and poles burn down and we have 36-hour outages. Thus, unless the business process is introduced that Eskom servitudes will be inspected by municipal officials and have governance to act it would be best advise to leave the 8 hrs. to 36 hrs. until the municipality has responded.

33.

Response:

Refer to the separate Council item on the Budget for budget responses.

Only IDP related comments will be provided here. An overarching response to the IDP-related comments are:

Thank you, your suggestions for the Vision and Mission can be considered in the next 5-year IDP cycle of 2027.

The Municipality is reliant on Stats SA data and data from other government data sources, therefore your comments on additional detail in the tables and figures mentioned in Chapter 2 are not possible at this stage. In this instance the information was provided by the Western Cape Education Department and Department of Health.

Suggestions for additions to the ward priorities of ward 14 should be addressed via the ward committee and the responsible ward councillor (Ald Riana de Coning, Ward 14 Councillor - office – 028 384 8309) for consideration.

Table 28: presents the municipality's performance in terms our key performance indicators (KPI's) for the 2021-2023 financial years, measured against the National Performance Indicators for Municipal Transformation and Organisational development.

Chapter 3 (3.1.3) mentions the revised organisational structure that was approved in February 2024 and implemented from 1 July 2025. The Directorates naming and functions subsequently changed as stated in Figure 12. Planning & Development is a new directorate; therefore, its reference was deleted from the Infrastructure Directorate.

Your comments on the sanitation and sewerage service levels and the reliance on grants were addressed in the Final IDP review.

#27

From: Leoni Maree

Sent: Wednesday, 30 April 2025

Subject: 2025/2026 REVIEW FEEDBACK

Questions regarding the Financial budget:

1. What is the Overstrand Municipality going to do to grow the economy of the Overstrand.
2. What are the plans are there to address and retain operational efficiencies.

3. What plan is there to address the negative deficit in revenue except for taxing the residence on their properties. (less overtime, more affective workforce, staff)
4. What projects are going to be put on the roll over from the previous financial year and why was it not completed, are the money allocated to that projects also on the rollover and where are that indicated in the budget.
5. If there was a shortfall in the above what would the reason for that be.

OUT OF STRAGEDY:

How are you planning to build the municipality of Gans Baai/De Kelders?

6. How are you going to better revenue collecting resulting in less bad debt writing off.
7. What are the timelines on the remaining open erven in De Kelders/Perlemoen Baai in terms of development and what are the rates for those sites. As that is revenue for the municipality.
8. How can we decrease the overtime paid? Maybe better time management.
9. How did you do get to the amount now raised to specific properties in terms of evaluations, WHO did it and based on what?(how do you accurately apply the rates percentages.)

CAN WE GET A MORE BREAKED DOWN BUDGET:

1. As we need to know what would be under

Inventory consumed, contracted services (and who are those contractors and what do they do), debt written off,

WHAT HOUSING IS INCLUDED IN TABEL 16

WHAT CAPITAL PROJECT WILL BE EAMARKED FOR OUR MUNICIPALITY?

WHAT PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS AND REVUNUE ARE ALLOCATED FOR ALL THE MUNICIPALITIES OF THE OVERBERG?

[Response:](#)

[Refer to the separate Council item on the Budget for budget responses.](#)

#28

From: Alta Els

Sent: Wednesday, 30 April 2025

Subject: 2025/2026 REVIEW FEEDBACK

Dear Council

Thank you for your email Doctor O' Neill for taking the decision to make changes to the proposed IDP during the public meeting.

However I still strongly object to the proposed Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and budget. One reason being that it fails to account for recent parliamentary changes and prioritizes outdated decisions made by the previous administration. I am also of the opinion that the proposed increases disregard the dire financial situation of many Gansbaai taxpayers, who are already overtaxed and struggling .

I for example, am a 72 year old widow that came here in 2018 to retire. During Covid all my savings and nest egg for retirement, was stolen by a builder, here in de Kelders, leaving me stranded with a mere R200 000 to build a tiny house myself. In fact, I am still paying an attorney off for advice he gave me after the Covid period - the criminal also bought building material on behalf of me without my consent and knowledge. I live on half of my deceased husband's pension which disqualifies me for a grant. I am not in good health and have to budget very carefully for all expenses. I have to fend for myself and can not and will not burden others financially. My only daughter and her own family are British Citizens. My only married son left the country for better work and living conditions in Germany. He has his own family to care for. Like a lot of old mothers and some seniors in Gansbaai we haven't even had the privilege yet, nor the financial means to meet our grand children who was born outside the country. Now we face higher rates and taxes? This is no longer acceptable.

With that being said, this is my deeper concern for future expenses on all levels:

The top-down approach, lacking sufficient community input, is unacceptable. I urge the municipality to adopt a zero-based budgeting approach, requiring justification for every budget line item, to ensure efficient and effective allocation of taxpayer funds.

If these concerns are not addressed, taxpayers may be forced to explore other options, including legal action. I request that you consider my objections and respond to the concerns raised. I look forward to discussing this further during a formal public meeting. I am writing to bring to your attention several concerns and potential solutions related to municipal governance and service delivery.

As you are aware, the current situation in South Africa is complex, and municipalities face challenges in establishing stability and effectiveness.

Current Challenges and Potential Solutions

I am of the opinion most municipality faces challenges related to outdated processes and procedures, which may contribute to issues like fraud. To address these challenges, I therefor take the liberty as taxpayer, and propose the following potential solutions:

1. Modernizing Municipal Processes:

Implementing modern, transparent, and accountable processes(it could help reduce the risk of fraud and improve service delivery on all levels of governance).

2. Increased Community Engagement:

Fostering greater community engagement and participation in municipal decision-making could help ensure that decisions reflect the needs and priorities of local residents in South Africa, don't you agree?

3. Strengthening Oversight Mechanisms: Enhancing oversight mechanisms, such as audit committees and public accounts committees, could help detect and prevent fraud.

4. Capacity Building:

Providing training and capacity-building programs for municipal officials could help improve their ability to deliver services effectively.

Concerns with Auditor Reports

As I personally have concerns regarding the trustworthiness of auditor reports, particularly if they are perceived as being done without public involvement or consideration of taxpayers' financial situations. I believe it is essential to involve tax specialists from the community in the audit process to ensure that taxpayer interests are represented and that financial decisions are prudent.

I do hope that you read my letter in the good light I am writing it as despite the challenges, there are opportunities for improvement:

1. Collaborative Governance:

The GNU's composition could facilitate collaborative governance, bringing together diverse perspectives and expertise to address complex challenges.

Municipalities could explore innovative solutions, such as technology-enabled service delivery and participatory budgeting, to improve efficiency and responsiveness.

Prioritizing transparency and accountability in municipal decision-making and operations could help build trust and reduce the risk of corruption.

I believe that community involvement is crucial for accountability and transparency, ensuring that taxpayers have a voice in municipal decision-making processes, including budgeting and auditing, is crucial for accountability and transparency.

Furthermore Community-led oversight mechanisms could help ensure that municipal decisions are aligned with community needs and priorities and thus, by addressing these

challenges and opportunities, municipalities can work towards improving service delivery, reducing fraud, and building trust with local communities.

I look forward to hear your feedback on these matters and trust that you and your teams will be exploring ways to work together to not only improve Gansbaai municipal governance and service delivery in general, but especially in our Overstrand and the rest of our beautiful Western Cape.

Response:

Refer to the separate Council item on the Budget for budget responses.

The municipality is committed to sound financial management and accountable governance. OM have oversight bodies like the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC), Joint Audit and Performance Audit Committee (JAPAC) and the Fraud and Risk Management Committee (FARMCO) that monitors adherence to governance processes in the municipality. The JAPAC and FARMCO are chaired by external experts.

#29

From: Deon de Jager, AfriForum

Sent: Friday, 02 May 2025 15:15

Subject: WRITTEN COMMENTS FOR IDP OF 2025/2026

PDF document

~~Response:~~

02 May 2025

Mr D. O'Neill
Municipal Manager
Overstrand Local Municipality
1 Magnolia Street
HERMANUS
7200

BY EMAIL:**WRITTEN COMMENTS FOR IDP OF 2025/2026**

1. We address this letter to you in our capacity as a registered community organisation, acting as such through our local AfriForum Branch.
2. As community organisation, we feel obliged to assist you in identifying key areas of improvement in order to continually promote the standards of living, as well as the safety of our members and the general community
3. Section 152 of the Constitution stipulates the different objectives of the local government. More specifically, section 152(d) stipulates that a municipality must encourage the involvement of communities and community organisations in the matters of local government. The municipality's IDP is a very important matter for all residence in the Overstrand area because it has a direct effect on their area.
4. As the time for drafting the IDP for 2025/2026 is coming closer, we would like to form part of the public participation process for the drafting of the municipality's IDP. We want to do this by submitting, in writing, a few pressing issues that we, as an organisation, feel needs to be resolved and therefor needs to be included in the IDP. Thus, please find attached a list of all the issues the we've identified.

5. Because involving community in matters of local government is one of your objectives we trust that you will take this submission into consideration when drafting the IDP. For this purpose, your attention is directed to Regulation 15 of the Local Government: Municipal Planning and Performance Management Regulations, 2001 (published under GN R796 in GG 22605 of 24 August 2001) which provides as follows:

15 Community participation in respect of integrated development planning and performance management

(1)(a) In the absence of an appropriate municipal wide structure for community participation, a municipality must establish a forum that will enhance community participation in-

(i) the drafting and implementation of the municipality's integrated development plan; and

(ii) the monitoring, measurement and review of the municipality's performance in relation to the key performance indicators and performance targets set by the municipality.

(b) Before establishing a forum in terms of paragraph (a), a municipality must, through appropriate mechanisms, invite the local community to identify persons to serve on the forum, including representatives from ward committees, if any.

(c) A forum established in terms of paragraph (a) must be representative of the composition of the local community of the municipality concerned.

(2) A municipality must-

(a) convene regular meetings of the forum referred to in subregulation (1) to-

(i) discuss the process to be followed in drafting the integrated development plan;

(ii) consult on the content of the integrated development plan;

(iii) monitor the implementation of the integrated development plan;

(iv) discuss the development, implementation and review of the municipality's performance management system; and

(v) monitor the municipality's performance in relation to the key performance indicators and performance targets set by the municipality; and

(b) allow members of the forum at least 14 days before any meeting of the forum to consult their respective constituencies on the matters that will be discussed at such a meeting.

(3) A municipality must afford the local community at least 21 days to comment on the final draft of its integrated development plan before the plan is submitted to the council for adoption.

6. We would like to thank you in advance for taking our submission into consideration and resolving these issues for the community.

Kind Regards

Deon de Jager
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1. Parks

We have received the following complaints regarding the park in Douglas Street, Onrusrivier that needs urgent attention:

The problems in these parks include the following:

- The walls have graffiti depicting images and words that are not suitable for children or the public.

We request that the municipality use the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) process to do the following:

- Draft a proper schedule for regular cleaning of the parks and its walls
- Put up streetlights near the parks to improve visibility

2. Water

Access to water is a human right and a daily necessity. The municipality must ensure that all necessary measures are in place so they will always be able to provide water to the residents of the Overstrand Municipality.

The following problems occur:

- During September 2023, massive floods occurred, damaging water pipes resulting in several areas' water supply to be cut off;
- Emergency water supply could not be provided immediately to all affected areas.

The standard for basic water supply, as formally published into law in the *South African Government Gazette*:

- (b) a minimum quantity of potable water of 25 litres per person per day or 6 kilolitres per household per month:
 - (i) at a minimum flow rate of not less than 10 litres per minute;
 - (ii) within 200 metres of a household; and
 - (iii) with an effectiveness such that no consumer is without a supply for more than seven full days in any year.
- Government Notice R509 in *Government Gazette* 22355, section 4 (Interruption in provision of water services) states that a water services institution must take steps to ensure that, where the water services usually provided by or on behalf of that water services institution, are interrupted for a period of more than 24 hours for reasons

other than those contemplated in Section 4 of the Act, a consumer has access to alternative water services comprising:

- (a) at least 10 litres of potable water per person per day; and
- (b) sanitation services sufficient to protect health.
- Section 12 of the regulations (Maintenance of boreholes and pumps and repair leaks) states that a water services institution must repair any major, visible or reported leak or broken borehole, or pumps, in its water services system within 48 hours of becoming aware thereof.

Therefore, we request that the municipality use the IDP process to allocate sufficient funds to upgrade the water system and emergency and alternative water supply. Moreover, they must prioritise the costs of the necessary tools and vehicles to transport the workers to the jobs in the budget.

3. High risk areas

The eastern side of Kus road in Sandbaai, has been plagued with robberies and assaults lately. The municipality must ensure that all necessary measures are in place to ensure the safety of its residents and tourists in public spaces.

Therefore, we request that the municipality use the IDP process to allocate sufficient funds to place necessary warning signs at strategic places to inform passersby/hikers of the high-risk area and the possibility of being attacked.

Response :

1. Parks

OM have signed a co-management agreement with the ORHA regarding this park to do cleaning, mowing and other work on the park. The Maintenance of the equipment falls under OM and will schedule a meeting to paint over and clean up the graffiti. Uncertain to the walls statement on Douglas park, as there are not any walls at the park that can be drawn on but will do the assessment on the park.

The electrical department can investigate for additional lights in the park, subject to public participation via the ward committee for guidance on the specific location/s.

2. Water

The Hermanus bulk water supply system was fully repaired following the flood damage of September 2023 and the system was upgraded in the process to mitigate the risk of a re-occurrence of similar damage. The bulk raw water pipelines at the Onrus river crossing now consist of continuously welded HDPE pipelines which have been cast in concrete and tied to the rocky riverbed.

After the floods of September 2023 temporary water supply for essential human needs was arranged in all areas, to compensate for the decreasing reservoir levels before the bulk supply was reinstated.

3. High risk areas

The Municipality appreciates that neighbourhoods and neighbourhood watches are actively involved in ensuring the safety of their communities.

While it is important to inform residents and visitors about potential safety risks - particularly when walking alone - we believe a softer, more practical approach is appropriate: This includes encouraging guesthouses, B&Bs, and self-catering hosts to advise their guests on safer parts of the cliff path, the importance of not walking alone (especially early morning or at night), informing someone of their route and return time, and avoiding carrying valuables.

Signage should be minimal, and informative with emergency contact numbers, rather than highlighting the area as a high-crime zone.

One such board is already in place Corner of Kusweg en Schulphoek Road), keeping a balance between safety awareness and maintaining the area's appeal to tourists.



#30

From: Gabriel da Salva

Sent: Friday, 02 May 2025 13:11

Subject: 20250502 Objections to the OM Integrated Development Plan - Proposed New Low-Cost Housing

PDF

To: Overstrand Municipality

Subject: Concerns Regarding Municipal Rates, IDP Proposals and Security

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to detail my dissatisfaction with recent municipal decisions, particularly the year-on-year above-inflation increases in municipal rates and taxes.

In addition to this objection is the New Housing Development proposed position as outlined in the Integrated Development Plan (IDP).

Municipal rates and Tax Increases

1. The proposed new Municipal Rate Increases are simply unsustainable as the annual increases in rates and taxes exceed the salary adjustments of working residents and the fixed incomes of retirees in our community. This disparity places an undue financial burden on myself and other ratepayers already grappling with rising living costs. While households are required to adapt by reducing expenditures, I believe it is the municipality's responsibility to adopt similar measures before increasing the financial load on taxpayers. I urge the municipality to:
 - a. Conduct a comprehensive review of expenditures to identify and eliminate wasteful spending.
 - b. The municipality should implement new revenue streams such as issuing fines to people and or businesses for various littering offenses would allow a behaviour change and unlock continuous clean-up funding.
 - c. Implement austerity measures within municipal operations.
 - d. Justify any proposed rate increases with tangible and measurable benefits for the community.

The Proposed Future Housing Development Area

2. The Proposed Land Allocation Across the R43 road following the verbal agreement reached during our joint meeting on Wednesday, 16th April 2025, for which a formal confirmation of this is required, that an updated IDP document, reflecting that the property earmarked, has now indeed been removed from consideration.

We however continue to support efforts to address housing shortages, the expansion of low-cost and RDP housing must meet minimum building code standards.

Resolving the existing issues with illegally erected structures and addressing the squatter camp should be prioritized to:

- Uphold the municipality's mandate to provide safe, compliant housing.

- Ensure sustainable community development without repeating
- Safe access road corridors on the R43 East and down Van Dyk Road towards Kleinbaai

When me and my family first moved to Gansbaai, the town had won many awards as the Cleanest Town in the Western Cape but ever since 2015 I have witnessed increased littering as more and more people moved in here from areas like the Eastern Cape.

Even with the excellent efforts executed to provide for new housing around the Masakhane Area, litter and refuse dumping has increased exponentially to now an untenable situation.

As a suggestion, the Municipality should increase Litter Enforcement and make this statistics arrest and or prosecution available. Law enforcement should be visibly introduced with Financial Penalties and or Compulsory Community service. This could then form part of Municipal Cleanup Exercises. More Littering Offense Warning signs should be erected around Gansbaai.

Spot fines would also increasing the Municipal Coffers which could then be used to widen the municipal service coverage.

I personally, I continue to do my civil duty by picking up litter along Smuts drive from Penguin Sanctuary down to the Birkenhead T Junction every morning and evening as litter is consistently being discarded along the road by road users but not a single litter warning sign can be found.

Another key phenomenon which should be investigated is when a Government Home is given to a fortunate occupant that they should not be able to rent out this house out for certain a period. Currently, these houses are rented out and some of these homeowners immediately elect to then rather collect the rent and then go and build a new informal dwelling at the back of Masakhane.

3. Impact on Security, Property Values and Housing Standards

This proposal should be totally rejected as this would create a narrow, vulnerable single access route to the Gansbaai Town should rioting and or public discourse occur. This would then leave thousands of Tax Paying residents isolated from essential services, police and ambulances and or shopping for supplies

I would also like to emphasize the importance of safeguarding the property values of established suburbs and maintaining uniform housing standards. Informal settlements and low-cost housing projects must only proceed with:

- Decisive action against illegal structures, including their removal, before allocating new development sites. Viable employment opportunities for prospective residents to foster sustainable growth. •

- Consistent enforcement of building codes to uphold fairness and community trust.

Conclusion We urge the Overstrand Municipality to engage in transparent dialogue with residents to address these critical issues. Transparent planning, fiscal responsibility, and adherence to building regulations are essential to maintaining trust and the well-being of our community. We look forward to your prompt response and the opportunity to discuss these matters further.

Yours faithfully,



2 MAY 2025

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Gansbaai

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Response:

Refer to the separate Council item on the Budget for budget responses.

Only IDP related response to comment 2- Proposed Land Allocation Across the R43, provided here: The proposal contained on page 151 of the draft IDP review was as decided at the public meeting on 16 April 2025 removed from the Final IDP review and amendment for 2025/26.

OM agree that illegal dumping is a challenge throughout the municipality. The municipality does community awareness through our monthly newsletter, press releases and social media. Law enforcement alone cannot solve the problem. Residents must take responsibility for their actions the whole year round if we are to protect our fragile environment.

#31

From: Pieter Hayes

Sent: Sunday, 04 May 2025 13:29

Subject: Concerns Regarding Municipal Rates, IDP Proposals, and Housing Standards

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to express my growing dissatisfaction with recent municipal decisions, particularly the year-on-year above-inflation increases in municipal rates and taxes, as well as the development proposals outlined in the Integrated Development Plan (IDP).

1. Unsustainable Municipal Rate Increases

The annual increases in rates and taxes far exceed the salary adjustments of working residents and the fixed incomes of retirees in our community. This disparity places an undue financial burden on myself and other ratepayers already grappling with rising living costs.

While households are required to adapt by reducing expenditures, I believe it is the municipality's responsibility to adopt similar measures before increasing the financial load on taxpayers.

I urge the municipality to:

- Conduct a comprehensive review of expenditures to identify and eliminate wasteful spending.
- Implement austerity measures within municipal operations.
- Justify any proposed rate increases with tangible and measurable benefits for the community.

2. Proposed Land Allocation Across the R43

Following the verbal agreement reached during our joint meeting on Wednesday, 16th April 2025, we request written confirmation and an updated IDP document reflecting that the contested property has been removed from consideration.

While we support efforts to address housing shortages, the expansion of low-cost and RDP housing must meet minimum building code standards. Resolving the existing issues with illegally erected structures and addressing the squatter camp should be prioritized to:

- Uphold the municipality's mandate to provide safe, compliant housing.
- Ensure sustainable community development without repeating ineffective practices.

3. Impact on Property Values and Housing Standards

I would like to emphasize the importance of safeguarding the property values of established suburbs and maintaining uniform housing standards. Informal settlements and low-cost housing projects must only proceed with:

- Viable employment opportunities for prospective residents to foster sustainable growth.
- Decisive action against illegal structures, including their removal, before allocating new development sites.
- Consistent enforcement of building codes to uphold fairness and community trust.

Conclusion

We urge the Overstrand Municipality to engage in transparent dialogue with residents to address these critical issues. Transparent planning, fiscal responsibility, and adherence to building regulations are essential to maintaining trust and the well-being of our community.

We look forward to your prompt response and the opportunity to discuss these matters further.

Response:

[Refer to the separate Council item on the Budget for budget responses.](#)

[Only IDP related response to comment 2- Proposed Land Allocation Across the R43, provided here: The proposal contained on page 151 of the draft IDP review was as decided at the public meeting on 16 April 2025 removed from the Final IDP review and amendment for 2025/26.](#)

#32

From: Barrie Steyn**Sent:** Sunday, 04 May 2025 18:06**Subject:** Kwessies Rakende Munisipale Tariewe, IDP 2025 Voorstelle, en Behuisingsstandaarde

Aan: Overstrand Munisipaliteit

Geagte Meneer/Mevrou

Ek wil graag my groeiende ontevredenheid uitspreek en beswaar maak oor die onlangse munisipale besluite, veral die jaar-op-jaar bo-inflasie verhogings in munisipale tariewe en belastings, asook die ontwikkelingsvoorstelle uiteengesit in die Geïntegreerde Ontwikkelingsplan soos uitgesit in die IDP 2025/26.

1. **Onvolhoubare Munisipale Tariefverhogings:**

Die jaarlikse verhogings in tariewe en belastings oorskry verreweg inflasie en die salarisaanpassings van werkende inwoners en die vaste inkomste van pensioenarisse in ons gemeenskap. Hierdie wanbalans plaas 'n buitensporige finansiële las op my en ander belastingbetalers wat reeds sukkel met stygende lewenskoste. Terwyl huishoudings verplig is om uitgawes te verminder, glo ek dit is die munisipaliteit se verantwoordelikheid om soortgelyke maatreëls te tref voordat hulle die finansiële las op belastingbetalers verhoog. Ek versoek die munisipaliteit om:

- 'n Omvattende oorsig van uitgawes te doen om verkwistende besteding te identifiseer en uit te skakel.
- Besparingmaatreëls binne munisipale bedrywighede in te stel.
- Enige voorgestelde tariefverhogings met tasbare en meetbare voordele vir die gemeenskap te regverdig.

2. **Voorgestelde Grondtoewysing Langs die R43:**

Na aanleiding van die mondelinge ooreenkoms wat bereik is tydens ons gesamentlike vergadering op Woensdag, 16 April 2025, versoek ek skriftelike bevestiging en 'n opgedateerde GGP-dokument wat weerspieël dat die betwiste eiendom van oorweging verwyder is. Hoewel ons die pogings ondersteun om behuisingstekorte aan te spreek, moet die uitbreiding van laekoste- en RDP-behuising voldoen aan minimum boukodesstandaarde. Die bestaande kwessies rakende onwettig opgerigte strukture en die aanpak van die plakkerskamp moet geprioritiseer word om:

- Die munisipaliteit se mandaat om veilige, voldoende-behuising te voorsien, na te kom.

- Volhoubare gemeenskapontwikkeling te verseker sonder om ondoeltreffende praktyke te herhaal.

3. Impak op Eiendomswaardes en Behuisingsstandaarde:

Ek wil die belangrikheid beklemtoon van die beskerming van eiendomswaardes in gevestigde voorstede en die handhawing van uniforme behuisingsstandaarde. Informele nedersettings en laekoste-behuisingsprojekte moet slegs voortgaan met:

- Lewensvatbare werkseleenthede vir voornemende inwoners om volhoubare groei te bevorder.
- Beslissende aksie teen onwettige strukture, insluitend hul verwydering, voordat nuwe ontwikkelingspersele toegeken word.
- Konsekwente toepassing van boukodes om regverdigheid en gemeenskapstrust te handhaaf.

Ek doen 'n beroep op die Overstrand Munisipaliteit om in deursigtige dialoog met inwoners betrokke te raak om hierdie kritieke kwessies aan te spreek. Deursigtige beplanning, fiskale verantwoordelikheid, en nakoming van bouregulasies is noodsaaklik om vertroue en die welstand van ons gemeenskap te handhaaf.

Ek sien uit na u spoedige reaksie en die geleentheid om hierdie sake verder te bespreek.

[Kommenaar:](#)

[Verwys na die aparte Raadsitem oor die Begroting vir begrotingskommentaar.](#)

[Slegs GOP-verwante reaksie op kommentaar 2- Voorgestelde Grondtoewysing oor die R43, word hier verskaf:](#)

[Die voorstel vervat op bladsy 151 van die konsep GOP-hersiening is soos besluit by die openbare vergadering op 16 April 2025 verwyder van die Finale GOP-hersiening en wysiging vir 2025/26.](#)

#33

From: Waldy Bartie [REDACTED]
 Sent: Monday, 05 May 2025 07:55
 Subject: IDP and Budget Comments

To: Overstrand Municipality

Subject: Concerns Regarding Municipal Rates, IDP Proposals, and Housing Standards

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to express my growing dissatisfaction with recent municipal decisions, particularly the year-on-year above-inflation increases in municipal rates and taxes, as well as the development proposals outlined in the Integrated Development Plan (IDP).

1. Unsustainable Municipal Rate Increases

The annual increases in rates and taxes far exceed the salary adjustments of working residents and the fixed incomes of retirees in our community. This disparity places an undue financial burden on myself and other ratepayers already grappling with rising living costs.

While households are required to adapt by reducing expenditures, I believe it is the municipality's responsibility to adopt similar measures before increasing the financial load on taxpayers.

I urge the municipality to:

- Conduct a comprehensive review of expenditures to identify and eliminate wasteful spending.
- Implement austerity measures within municipal operations.
- Justify any proposed rate increases with tangible and measurable benefits for the community.

2. Proposed Land Allocation Across the R43

Following the verbal agreement reached during our joint meeting on Wednesday, 16th April 2025, we request written confirmation and an updated IDP document reflecting that the contested property has been removed from consideration.

While we support efforts to address housing shortages, the expansion of low-cost and RDP housing must meet minimum building code standards. Resolving the existing issues with illegally erected structures and addressing the squatter camp should be prioritized to:

- Uphold the municipality's mandate to provide safe, compliant housing.
- Ensure sustainable community development without repeating ineffective practices.

3. Impact on Property Values and Housing Standards

I would like to emphasize the importance of safeguarding the property values of established suburbs and maintaining uniform housing standards. Informal settlements and low-cost housing projects must only proceed with:

- Viable employment opportunities for prospective residents to foster sustainable growth.
- Decisive action against illegal structures, including their removal, before allocating new development sites.
- Consistent enforcement of building codes to uphold fairness and community

trust.

Conclusion

We urge the Overstrand Municipality to engage in transparent dialogue with residents to address these critical issues. Transparent planning, fiscal responsibility, and adherence to building regulations are essential to maintaining trust and the well-being of our community.

We look forward to your prompt response and the opportunity to discuss these matters

[Refer to the separate Council item on the Budget for budget responses.](#)

[Only IDP related response to comment 2- Proposed Land Allocation Across the R43, provided here: The proposal contained on page 151 of the draft IDP review was as decided at the public meeting on 16 April 2025 removed from the Final IDP review and amendment for 2025/26.](#)

#34

From: Hannes Pieterse

Sent: Monday, 05 May 2025 08:29

Subject: COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2025

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COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP) 2025/2026

Overstrand Municipality.

Date: 31 March 2025

Submitted by:

Hannes Pieterse

████████ Kleinbaai

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1. Background – Public Participation Process

The Overstrand Municipality published a notice via Facebook titled “**Have Your Say**”, inviting residents and stakeholders to participate in public meetings held between 7 and 22 April 2025 across all 14 wards. The objective is to review and discuss the Draft IDP and Budget for the 2025/2026 financial year. Written comments are to be submitted by **6 May 2025**.

2. Background – IDP 2025/2026 Overview

The IDP serves as a vital strategic planning instrument, guiding development and land use management within the Overstrand Municipality.

Alignment with the Spatial Development Framework (SDF) and compliance with the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act (SPLUMA) are fundamental.

Strategic planning must promote integration and coordination across sectors, ensuring sustainable, equitable development aligned with national, provincial, and local priorities.

3. Comments – Reference to “Extension of Gansbaai” (Page 151)

The IDP identifies that:

- The Upgrading of Informal Settlements Programme (UISP) project in Masakhane is nearing completion.

- Despite completion, housing demand and backlog persist, necessitating the identification of additional land for development.
 - Ecologically sensitive areas and proximity to a landfill site are cited as constraints for further expansion.
 - A designated area has been identified (marked in red in the IDP) to accommodate future development for Blompark and Masakhane.
 - Two proposed development areas are illustrated via aerial photographs.
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4. Background – Overstrand Human Settlement Strategy

The Overstrand Human Settlement Strategy aims to:

- Deliver a 5-Year Housing Programme,
 - Promote sustainable, low-cost, integrated human settlements,
 - Facilitate various housing options (subsidised, rental, bonded),
 - Ensure access to basic services, efficient resource management, and environmental protection.
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5. Comments – Public Participation and Substantiation

5.1 Public Participation Must Be Meaningful and Evidence-Based

Referring to the Portfolio Committee Agenda (Community Services) – 17 August 2021 and Mayoral Committee Meeting – 24 August 2021:

- The original Masakhane project proposed 900 serviced sites, a reduction from 1,184.
- The project addressed prior relocations and included a list of qualifying applicants.

Currently, the IDP claims that the project is nearing completion. However:

- No updated documentation or needs analysis has been published to substantiate the requirement for further informal settlement expansion.
- The number and qualification of potential new applicants remain unclear.

- No incremental housing planning or needs assessments have been provided, despite references to the Provincial Department of Human Settlements' strategic plans.

5.2 Lack of Environmental Substantiation

- The claim of ecological sensitivity for adjacent land lacks supporting environmental studies or reports.
- No environmental constraints maps, buffer zone assessments, or mitigation proposals have been published.

5.3 Lack of Clear Land Use Planning

- Property descriptions (e.g., erf layout, land size) are absent.
- References to “various land uses” are vague, and no land use conflict assessment has been conducted.
- Alternative sites such as erf 210 and erf 2430 (identified in the Spatial Growth Management Strategy) have not been evaluated or presented.

5.4 Insufficient Strategic Alignment

- The proposed human settlement expansion lacks demonstrated alignment with the SDF and IDP strategic objectives.
- No linkages have been shown between the proposed Masakhane expansion and other developments such as Khoisan Bay Residential Development.
- Gansbaai lacks the planning of small scale - industrial – commercial land-use area. There is no indication of identifying and earmarking of additional land for future development to stimulate economic growth and job creation opportunities. Line / strip or node development along the R43 or at the crossing with Main Road needs to be considered. Its close proximity to workforce and service infrastructure would be beneficiary to the community.
- KPA 5 - SOCIAL UPLIFTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - CHAPTER 9: LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - KPA OS 5 (c.)
 - Page 211 - 2.3.2 Veld fires “**goods** and services” to “**goods** and services.”
 - This chapter provides an overview of the Overberg district and with little emphasis on Gansbaai Municipality itself. The following were reference to:

- 5.1 Proclaimed small fishing harbours – page 220 – indicates a strategy for the development of Gansbaai Harbour fishing and tourism. Gansbaai harbour is earmarked for development to the tune of R500 million as outlined in the Spatial Economic Development Framework (SEDF). A general search on “google” and the Overstrand website did not deliver a result for the SEDF. The nearest information could be detected from the OMSDF limited to budgeting.
- 6. Tourism – page 224 – capitulation on local tourism to be the main focus in IDP for economic growth that needs to be investigated and strategize. It is evident from the annual budget 2025/2026 representation of just 4.27% of the income derives, after considering the operational cost to promotion of tourism and social development a deficit of -230% and significant 16.88% of the total capital expenditure, that there is a far lesser interest, strategic planning and development framework, in the most capital generating sector.
- 10.7.1 OVERSTRAND MUNICIPAL SPATIAL GROWTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (OMSGMS) – page 244 – as a result of the latest strategic plan dated 2010 – limited to no public participation has occurred. An updated and revised OMSGMS is vital input for the IDP as well as the SDF.
- Although Tourism is a major economic driver in Overstrand (especially towns like Hermanus, Gansbaai, Kleinmond, and Stanford). Tourism and the hospitably industry are part of the Tertiary Sector (Services: Retail, Tourism, Finance, Education, Healthcare, Government) that consists of 65% – 75% of the sectorial performance. Limited information on sectorial performance data has been included in the IDP. Therefore, the lack of comparison of information and the interpretation of market shifts and share could not be interpretate or serve as a guide to strategic planning, comment and/or feedback.
- Apart from the harbour project and the statement made about tourism and evidently from the Overbergstrand website little to no effort has been done by the municipal planning and development department responsible for strategic, planning and frameworks since 2015. A current spatial growth management strategy could not be allocated. These strategic planning and setting of frameworks need to be revised and public participation and initiatives needs to take place. This will lead to constructive community contributions to sustain

economic viability, job creation and a valuable contribution in compilation of the IDP. Without it the IDP would be mere a cut and paste exercise every 5 years.

- The statistical data regarding the income bands per person / per household needs to be obtained as there has been an indicated decline of 3.75% (average 2016 -2022) in the pollution age under 15 vs. the increase in demand for education facilities as indicated in the social profile.
- The demographic population over 65 data also indicates an increase of 4.62% for the same period. The projected population distribution per ward, 2025 indicates that all wards had an increase of 64.73% as from 2011 to 2022 thus an average of 5.88% per annum followed by an indicated 1.81% per annum from 2022 to 2025. Subsequently there could have been a reduction in income levels per person / per household resulting in a decline in the spending capability. The rationale to the lower increase in population vs the increase in demand for services and the lack of strategic planning and setting of frameworks documentation, is leading to misdirected development and operational interventions.
- The IDP, Table 90: KPI's and targets for 2025/26, also fall short of a priority methodology and matrix for the identified KPA's, KPI's relating to the budget goal code. Misalignment between KPA's and KPI's / budget could lead to projects be unfunded or overlap with other plans, creating inefficiencies.
- BUDGET 2025/2026
 - The WC032 Overstrand - Table A4 Budgeted Financial Performance (revenue and expenditure), the Full Year Forecast 2024/2025 total expenses add up, but the Budget Year 2025/2026 does not:

WC032 Overstrand - Table A4 Budgeted Financial Performance (revenue and expenditure)						
			Full Year Forecast 2024/25	Budget Year 2025/26	% TOT	% Increase
Employee related costs			592 474	619 194		4,5%
Remuneration of councillors			13 506	14 012		3,7%
Bulk purchases - electricity			499 605	556 160		11,3%
Inventory consumed			64 234	76 168		18,6%
Debt impairment			67 400	70 770		5,0%
Depreciation and amortisation			158 441	167 211		5,5%
Interest			49 814	51 227		2,8%
Contracted services			343 096	354 297		3,3%
Transfers and subsidies			16 717	16 770		0,3%
Irrecoverable debts written off			47 709	20 000		-58,1%
Operational costs			189 738	164 857		-13,1%
			2 042 734	2 110 666		3,3%
Surplus/(Deficit)			-95 831	-675		
Transfers and subsidies - capital (monetary)			88 616	101 549		
Transfers and subsidies - capital (in-kind)			3 658			

WC032 Overstrand - Table A4 Budgeted Financial Performance (revenue and expenditure)

- WC032 Overstrand - Table A4 Budgeted Financial Performance (revenue and expenditure) – indicates an item refer to as “Special rating levies “– this needs to be defined in terms of section 22 of the Municipal Property Rates Act either as an additional rate imposed on a specific geographic area within a municipality to fund extra or improved services in that area. It is not clear from the Tariff Policy what this entail.
- As part of the review and alignment of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP), the existing virement policy must be revised to strengthen governance and accountability. In particular, the powers and procedures currently delegated to the Municipal Manager and the Mayor with regard to budget adjustments and virements must be amended to require prior Council approval. This revision is critical to prevent the potential for unauthorised, irregular, or wasteful expenditure, and to mitigate the risk of fraud or financial misconduct. It also ensures that all financial decisions are made transparently and in the best interest of the public, reinforcing a system of checks and balances and promoting sound financial management in line with the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) and other applicable regulations.
- No item for indigent relief could be found on the WC032 Overstrand - Table A4 Budgeted Financial Performance (revenue and expenditure). Although a policy document is available it is not clear from the budget presented in the IDP the allocation thereto.

- The IDP does not demonstrate the financial impact on property owners and households as from the 2024/2025 financial year to the 2025/2026 financial year.
 - Municipalities must clearly show how the new budget (inclusive of the indigent relief allocation) and tariffs will affect individual property owners and households before the budget is finalized. This means it must provide enough information for residents and property owners to understand how they'll be affected in practical terms.
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6. Conclusion

As affected residents and stakeholders of Gansbaai and the broader Overstrand area, we assert our constitutional and statutory rights to meaningful, inclusive, and transparent public participation, as required by:

- The Constitution of South Africa,
- The Municipal Systems Act,
- Municipal Property Rates Act
- System Act
- The Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act (SPLUMA).

We call on the Overstrand Municipality to:

- Provide adequate, accessible, and substantiated information regarding proposed housing and land use developments;
- Justify planning decisions with clear, evidence-based alternatives;
- Ensure environmental integrity, safety, and long-term sustainability in all proposals.
- Updated and relevant proposed strategic planning and setting of frameworks from the Gansbaai municipality.
- Provide clarity on the budget with the emphasis on the effect it would have on the property owners and households.

Until such time that:

- The housing need is substantiated by updated data;

- Environmental and infrastructure impact assessments are made available;
- Proper public consultation mechanisms are implemented;
- Alternative sites are objectively evaluated and disclosed,

we cannot responsibly support or provide informed comment on the proposed expansion of informal settlements in Masakhane.

Furthermore, all associated activities and infrastructure components (e.g., water, sewerage, stormwater, electricity, and waste management) must be assessed together with the proposed development, as required by integrated environmental management principles under NEMA.

The input on Gansbaai municipal area Economic development, OMSGMS and Gansbaai municipal strategic, planning and frameworks does not exist. In essence, municipal strategy and framework plans are vital tools within the IDP, guiding the development process and ensuring that it is both inclusive and effective in addressing the needs of the community and ensuring that all relevant factors are considered with the community. The defined process, in the IDP, defies the public participation to be meaningful and evidence based.

The Integrated Development Plan IDP (required by the Municipal Systems Act, No. 32 of 2000) and the Spatial Development Framework/Plan SDP (part of land use management under SPLUMA, the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, No. 16 of 2013). Understanding that the SDF then becomes more detailed implementation of the IDP. However, no budget can be adopted if it doesn't reflect the IDP's priorities according to the Municipal Finance Management act.

Failure to do so constitutes piecemeal decision-making, which is administratively unlawful, environmentally unsustainable and economical non-viable.

Flawed public participation can lead to the legal invalidation of budgets and/or the IDP.

Hannes Pieterse

██████████ Kleinbaai

Contact: ██████████

Email: ██████████

Dated: 05/05/2025

Response:

Refer to the separate Council item on the Budget for budget responses.

Only IDP related comments will be provided here. This is not an itemised response to your IDP related comments.

Extension of Gansbaai: The proposal contained on page 151 of the draft IDP review was as decided at the public meeting on 16 April 2025 removed from the Final IDP review and amendment for 2025/26.

5.1 – Proclaimed small fishing harbours: This is not a municipal project but a project of the National Department of Public Works. Hardcopies of the Harbour SEDF is available at the Town Planning Department.

6. Agreed that tourism is a key economic driver in the municipal area. The implementation of municipal capital infrastructure projects stimulates the local economy of which tourism is a key sector.

10.7.1- The OMGMS entailed detailed public participation prior to Council approval in 2010. The strategy will be revised during the new financial year as part of the SDF review and will be subject to public participation during 2026 and was clearly stated as such in the IDP under paragraph 10.7.1.

The objector is also referring to Gansbaai Strategic Documents. The SDF and Overstrand Municipal Growth Management Strategy is Overstrand Wide documents. Where relevant more detail is provided with reference to specific areas applicable to strategic directives. Also, the objector must note the SDF is a sectoral component of the IDP. Thus, where land is identified in the IDP for development, i.e. housing need, the spatial directives will be contained in the SDF and appropriate policy documents and not the IDP.

Table 90: KPI's and targets for 2025/26. The KPI's and targets are aligned with IDP strategic objectives as indicated in the table. Furthermore, the total operating and capital budget is also aligned to the IDP strategic objectives as per tables 91 -93 in the IDP.

#35

From: Johan Van Schalkwyk [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 05 May 2025 08:34
Subject: IDP 25/26 comments for Ward 7, Sandbaai

Good morning,

Thank you for giving the opportunity to reply and suggestions on above-mentioned. I will try to be brief and to the point.

Sandbaai has been the one suburb of Overstrand that has seen some real good growth in property and increase in new owners and families choosing to come and live here, bringing much needed income, positive energy and a feeling of suburban living. This being said, Sandbaai has had by far the lesser investment in beautifying, and upgrading on infrastructure etc of probably all the residential wards which is actually very sad as it poses to become the most beautiful place to live and raise a family.

The beach areas is very popular but has never been upgraded and is thus not keeping up with other Beach parking areas in Hermanus. I suggest in doing some real proper upgrades to Surfers Beach and Bamboo Beach. The following suggestions will make an enormous difference and impact on the look and feel of Sandbaai. Investment will further boost property values in Sandbaai and could be the one most sought after property market in Hermanus. Hopefully the SRA will be established shortly and also creating an extra support on safety and cleaning and maintenance etc.

1. From the corner of main and beach road, towards Bamboo, start by making that it a one way street to the 4 way stop at Bamboo Beach restaurant. This will be similar to what has been done at Onrus at Atlantic drive, thus creating a calming drive and safe for children and elderly to walk and cross the street easily. Also build pavement along that road with beautiful wooded poles (please get rid of the ugly white painted asbestos and old wooden ones asap). See attached photos and examples of Onrus.

Response:

Infrastructure Services will support the suggestion as there is more than enough space to utilize the one lane for bicycles and pedestrians and the other lane for vehicles it works really well in Onrus and it is safer for pedestrians and cyclists and it helps to reduce the speed of the vehicles as well, but suggest that it goes through the ward committee so the process is transparent.

2. Upgrade Bamboo and Surfers Beach parking areas respectively by building a new ablution and shower facility at Bamboo Beach. Also adopt the same as by Milkwood at Onrus. Made of stone and open outside showers. This will prevent vagrants hidden behind enclosed showers to do there washing and whatever other issues. The whole existing building to be demolished and the rubble to be used to fill up the soil to lift the new building to a bit higher than parking to prevent storms and seas damage control as has happened so many times in the past. See also pictures of Onrus and Grotto. There is no need for another toilet or building facility at Surfers Beach, but a nice open shower as per Onrus should be sufficient for Surfers and families to wash down sand before

entering cars. Both parking areas to be paved, see example of cobble stone or either paving. On way in, one way out for calming and control and also middle sections of trees/plants to beautify and prevent cars performing spinning on evenings.

Also beautiful wood pole at parking areas.

Response:

Capital funding needed.

3. NO big and tall ugly flood lights please. This is not a walking beach like Grotto and doesn't need lightning on the beach, only short wood pole lights, to light parking areas at night.

Response:

The existing flood lights have been installed approx. 15 years ago to enlight areas prone to questionable and illegal activities. It could be that we're misunderstanding, but it would not be advisable to remove these flood lights as they are and have been serving a purpose for the past 15 years. Maybe more clarity and details could be provided on what the need is and what is proposed.

4. A wooden walkway could be another option to extend and bring Surfers Beach and Bamboo Beach together in one walkway. Otherwise, pavement and walkway to be extended from Bamboo to Surfers Beach as well alongside Piet Retief and Nico Van Der Merwe Street. At the moment pedestrians are walking in the streets with families, thus making it unsafe sharing with vehicles.

Response:

Environmental busy with a MMP plan (Liezl de Villiers).

I kept the suggestions to the above and really hope the Municipality will give some real extra consideration this time around to the needs for Sandbaai. We can make this little suburb a place to be proud of with little money, but it will make an HUGE difference.

#36

From: Pierre Spence

Sent: Monday, 05 May 2025 11:29

Subject: Kommentaar oor IDP & begroting

Aan: Overstrand Munisipaliteit

Geagte Meneer/Mevrou

Ek wil graag my groeiende ontevredenheid uitspreek en beswaar maak oor die onlangse munisipale besluite, veral die jaar-op-jaar bo-inflasie verhogings in munisipale tariewe en belastinge, asook die ontwikkelingsvoorstelle uiteengesit in die Geïntegreerde Ontwikkelingsplan soos uitgesit in die IDP 2025/26.

1. **Onvolhoubare Munisipale Tariefverhogings:**

Die jaarlikse verhogings in tariewe en belastinge oorskry verreweg inflasie en die salarisaanpassings van werkende inwoners en die vaste inkomste van pensioenarisse in ons gemeenskap. Hierdie wanbalans plaas 'n buitensporige finansiële las op my en ander belastingbetalers wat reeds sukkel met stygende lewenskoste. Terwyl huishoudings verplig is om uitgawes te verminder, glo ek dit is die munisipaliteit se verantwoordelikheid om soortgelyke maatreëls te tref voordat hulle die finansiële las op belastingbetalers verhoog. Ek versoek die munisipaliteit om:

- 'n Omvattende oorsig van uitgawes te doen om verkwistende besteding te identifiseer en uit te skakel.
- Besparingmaatreëls binne munisipale bedrywighede in te stel.
- Enige voorgestelde tariefverhogings met tasbare en meetbare voordele vir die gemeenskap te regverdig.

2. **Voorgestelde Grondtoewysing Langs die R43:**

Na aanleiding van die mondelinge ooreenkoms wat bereik is tydens ons gesamentlike vergadering op Woensdag, 16 April 2025, versoek ek skriftelike bevestiging en 'n opgedateerde GGP-dokument wat weerspieël dat die betwiste eiendom van oorweging verwyder is. Hoewel ons die pogings ondersteun om behuisingstekorte aan te spreek, moet die uitbreiding van laekoste- en RDP-behuising voldoen aan minimum boukodesstandaarde. Die bestaande kwessies rakende onwettig opgerigte strukture en die aanpak van die plakkerskamp moet geprioritiseer word om:

- Die munisipaliteit se mandaat om veilige, voldoende-behuising te voorsien, na te kom.
- Volhoubare gemeenskapsontwikkeling te verseker sonder om ondoeltreffende praktyke te herhaal.

3. **Impak op Eiendomswaardes en Behuisingsstandaarde:**

Ek wil die belangrikheid beklemtoon van die beskerming van eiendomswaardes in gevestigde voorstede en die handhawing van uniforme behuisingsstandaarde. Informele nedersettings en laekoste-behuisingsprojekte moet slegs voortgaan met:

- Lewensvatbare werkseleenthede vir voornemende inwoners om volhoubare groei te bevorder.

- Beslissende aksie teen onwettige strukture, insluitend hul verwydering, voordat nuwe ontwikkelingspersele toegeken word.
- Konsekwente toepassing van boukodes om regverdigheid en gemeenskapstrust te handhaaf.

Ek doen 'n beroep op die Overstrand Munisipaliteit om in deursigtige dialoog met inwoners betrokke te raak om hierdie kritieke kwessies aan te spreek. Deursigtige beplanning, fiskale verantwoordelikheid, en nakoming van bouregulasies is noodsaaklik om vertrouwe en die welstand van ons gemeenskap te handhaaf.

Ek sien uit na u spoedige reaksie en die geleentheid om hierdie sake verder te bespreek.

[Kommetaar:](#)

[Verwys na die aparte Raadsitem oor die Begroting vir begrotingskommentaar.](#)

[Slegs GOP-verwante reaksie op kommentaar 2- Voorgestelde Grondtoewysing oor die R43, word hier verskaf:](#)

[Die voorstel vervat op bladsy 151 van die konsep GOP-hersiening is soos besluit by die openbare vergadering op 16 April 2025 verwyder van die Finale GOP-hersiening en wysiging vir 2025/26.](#)

#37

From: Chris Meyer

Sent: Monday, 05 May 2025 11:22

Subject: KLEINBAAI RATER PAYERS ASSOCIATION. INPUTS ON IDP

More Me Louw

Hiermee die insette van die KBBV.

Ontvangserkening van die e pos sal opreg waardeer word.

In dien daar onduidelikhede is kontak my asb.

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The Municipal Manager
Overstrand Municipality

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INPUTS REGARDING THE IDP 2025-2026: KLEINBAAI RATE PAYERS ASSOCIATION.

Several letters and Public Ward Committee meetings was held during April 2025. To present the IDP document to the community Inputs was requested by the Overstrand Municipality regarding the Draft IDP and the IDP priorities. KBRPA summary comment on the IDP and Draft Budget for 2025/26

The documents together contain approximately 1000 pages.

The public, approximately 33341 formal and 3242 informal and 7918 land invasion households, was asked to comment on the Budget and the IDP. In order to provide proper comment it is, of course, necessary to read through and understand the content.

This work, in preparation for the ward 14 public ward meeting, had to be completed in less than a month.

A high level review of the documents rendered many comments. No doubt an in-depth review will deliver many more comments.

The Draft Budget is not in a fit state for 'read and work through' by the Overstrand public (more than a hundred thousand people). The man-hours for such a task is immense. **Does the municipality not have staff that can prepare a flawless, or close to flawless, document. This will allow the public to focus on the budget and not the inadequate document.**

The IDP is in better overall condition but there are many questions to be resolved.

Herewith the inputs from the Kleinbaai Ratepayers Association(KBRPA). Feedback on these issues will be appreciated before it's being tabled for the council to be approved.

The Independent Development Plan (IDP)

We take cognizance of the OM's statement that:

Readers to note that this IDP review is not intended to redraft the approved amended 5-year IDP'



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Hopefully this statement is not intended to deny the public their opportunity to amend the IDP.

The IDP needs attention because of: .

1. **Concerns about municipal property earmarked for development:**

1a The IDP has residential densification and limitation of urban sprawl as an objective. KBRPA objected to this goal in previous IDP and SDF reviews. It is understood that the OM's objective may lead to efficiencies BUT this is not the Overstrand that many of us bought into. Rather than densification it is the spacious village atmosphere that we desire. It is recommended that OM revisits the topic via thorough public participation.

1b **Chapter 4**

Extension of Gansbaai

Although the item will now be removed from the IDP it is for completeness of this document necessary to reflect the concerns: (**Decision was taken on Public Ward 14 meeting on 2025/04/16**)

A written request for the adjusted IDP was send to the Municipal Manager, he said that there is no need for an adjusted document because a decision was made during the meeting and that it was minuted.

The OMSDF of 2020 states – No new development areas. The IDP is thus in conflict with the OMSDF.

It would also be the future extension area for both Blompark and Masakhane. An application for planning funding will be submitted during the 2025/2026 financial year.

It is ridiculous that this idea can reach the 25/26 IDP without extensive prior consultation with the public.

It is in Chp 4 Para 8 subheading PROGRESS. Not in a place where the issue is in the public eye.

The topic first appeared in the 24/25 IDP. The Ward 14 counsellor informed the KBRPA that no such plans exist in answer to a question about the purpose of the red area as seen in the SDF. This at the AGM of the KBRPA on 10 January 2023. The same counselor has not corrected her



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statement at subsequent ward meetings thereby denying the public to make their views known at an early stage.

We request URGENT public participation on this topic BEFORE approval of the IDP.

A related question is; what other development surprises are in store for the unsuspecting public. There is a story that erf 1070 in De Kelders has been out to tender and development in the Franskraal area and suddenly the Koisan Park at de Kelders also come to light.

Has this seen recent public participation? Do new property buyers know what is in store for their neighborhood?

2. Inadequate public participation

This has been a concern for many ratepayers. OM has consistently denied that there is anything wrong with their view of PP.

However it is now evident in the IDP that OM has identified as a WEAKNESS (Chp 4.1) the following:

- *Gaps in pro-active and timely communication through the relevant mechanisms.*

It is our view that this lack of communication leads directly to the lack of effective Public Participation.

However OM appears to be in the dark regarding public sentiment in this regard. OM views as a STRENGTH the following:

Resilient organization where tried and trusted practices to promote public participation in the affairs of local government and where open-door relationships – built on transparency, trust and mutual respect – have been forged across the board

OM is requested to share proof of the following:

Tried and Trusted practices

transparency, trust and mutual respect

Further to the above we notice the content of chapter 3.1.4



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It leads with the title of Public Accountability, meaning the public is in some manner accountable.

Then it states that ward committees is one structure for public participation. But then it states that ward committees have zero decision making powers – thus no accountability. But then it states that Ward Committees are acknowledged and respected as official public participation structures. We would like to see proof of the respect and effectiveness of public participation via ward committees.

It is also important to note that the majority of the public is NOT represented by ward committee members and thus the OM should not place emphasis on the ward committees as the representatives of the public.

In this regard the IDP states that there are an average of 7 public ward meetings per ward per annum. This is untrue. Further, in Chp 13 of the IDP it is seen that the KPI forward meetings is acceptable at 4 per ward per annum – and these are not all open meetings.

It is noted as plus point that:

*Ward Committees are furthermore involved in a **consultation process** regarding the IDP and Budget.*

This provides the opening for meaningful influence through consultation (and participation) in the ward committees. Please provide detail of the consultation process.

Unfortunately, we are not aware of this happening in the wards. The OM is requested to implement the process immediately.

The OM concludes with: *In conclusion, Ward Committees play a pivotal role in public participation and public accountability.*

This is perhaps the intent or the wish but is far removed from the reality. The OM must restate this as an Objective and provide a time frame.

OM is requested to urgently correct the IDP to reflect the true state of PP and then to update the PP and communication policies with the aid of public participation. We are aware that OM has previously asked for comment on these policies without noticeable improvement despite public comment.



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3. Grave concerns about the ward 14 priorities and the entire priorities system. See Chp 2.3

The IDP read in conjunction with the SDBIP

CHp 2.3 Community needs

The Ward Priorities lists are controversial and need clarification

The Ward 14 list in the IDP is NOT the same as presented to the Ward in November 2024. Nor is it what was agreed to in the Ward meeting.

An answer as to how this transpired is required and the list must be fixed for re-review by the ward before Council approval.

We have been struggling to make sense of the lists as they are now.

We discovered last week a Ward Priorities Methodology from 2021 issued by OM.

It is clear that none of the wards comply with the Methodology.

Guiding principles:

- I. Continuation of the methodology followed since 2017 for the IDP review process.
- II. Ward Committees to review and reprioritise their priorities.
- III. Priority list should not increase. As priorities are addressed during the 5 year IDP cycle, the priority list should decrease.
- IV. In reviewing this current needs list- If need already addressed or is no longer relevant use the strike through function, don't delete from list.

We want to show progress over the 5 year IDP period.

V. Apply principle of substitution. Can substitute an urgent priority with an existing priority on the list. Urgent means – a need that arose to mitigate an existing service delivery challenge.

Underline the need to be replaced and then state the urgent need.



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VI. Be specific in terms of the need and the area/street.

We (KBRPA at least) have never been informed of the Methodolgy by the Ward Councillor.

The Methodology is a step in the right direction if it is still valid. Is it?

Questions remain:

What should be listed as a priority:

If we think a Fire Truck is required, is it sufficient to ask the Fire Dept to place it in a procurement plan. Then remove it from the list when proof of the plan is received?

What if we want to upgrade a sports field? We put it on the list. Will a budget appear? No, because 'No project Plan- No budget'. Who must make the plan?

There are 14 wards, each with a list. Roughly 400 priorities. Whose priority takes precedence? When do we get a chance to influence this?

We see in the SDBIP that there is budget allocated to the priorities of certain wards. How did this happen in preference to other wards?

None of the ward 14 priorities are visible to KBRPA in the budget. But nobody told us that the priorities should or could be in the budget. We were informed that the list is a 'wish list'. Clearly it is not only that.

If it is clear that the criteria to find budget for a 'wish' will not be met, why not inform the ward so that the expectations of success do not linger on fruitlessly.

Below are some examples of inconsistency, unfairness and incorrect use of the lists.

Please resolve this before submitting the IDP to Council for approval.

IDP ward priorities compared to the budget implementation in the SDBIP(Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan)

Ward 1 Stanford Priority List

–Fire truck –since 22/23 at least – no budget line evident



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- Upgrading of public boat launching site - since 22/23 at least – no budget line evident
- Replacement of Sewer Tanker (R1.2 million) – why is this in the list, since 23/24 at least – no budget line evident. How would the community know it needs replacement? Why does Fleet Management not take care of it timeously? Why is there no budget line yet?
- Staffing – Traffic Officers – to address concerns in all wards due to the capacity growth in the communities (Overstrand wide). Why does this appear in Ward 1 priorities if it applies to all wards? Have the positions been created? Is there budget?

VEHICLES

Replacement/Refurbishment of vehicles/plant equipment - Gansbaai- All areas. Why a Ward 2 priority for Masakhane? Does Fleet Management not take care of this?

In the SDBIP we see budget lines for Vehicles for:

Traffic Services

Community Services

Project Management – Road Transport

Electricity Services

Does this sufficiently cover all vehicle related needs across all wards? What about the fire trucks and sewage tankers?

Sportsgrounds

Sportsgrounds have budget for Ward 4, 8 and 9 but NOT ward 14

Ward 4 Upgrading of Mount Pleasant Sportsgrounds. R1,7m from non-tariff and R10,5m from MIG. In their priority list since 2022.

Ward 8 Sport complex, Pavilion at Hawston sports grounds. Since only 2023 R929000 from non-tariff and R9,7m from MIG.



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Ward 9 Upgrade and maintenance of current sports facilities. Since 2022 R1,9 from non-tariff and R6,872m from MIG.

However Ward 14 has had 3 sport ground improvement items since 2023 and no budget line is found. Why is this?

Slipway Facilities

Ward 9 Improvement of slipway facilities at Kleinmond harbour R1m. Since 2022 R1,9 from surplus non-tariff. However Ward 10 has similar since 2022 and no budget line is found.

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Wards 2, 4, 6 and 9 have funding for this. R13,4m from MIG. However Ward 14 has prioritised similar since 2022 and no budget line is found.

From the 2024/25 review comments – unanswered at that time and the questions remain.

What exactly are ward priorities?

How are they funded? The Draft Budget says nothing can be in the budget if there is not a project plan.

How are they scheduled?

How are 'all areas' priorities allocated to certain wards?

Why are Capex projects in the priorities? Surely they must be done simultaneously not per priority listing. A Capex project could be delayed by a wishlist priority that is maybe not funded.

Why are Capex and Municipal Opex projects not listed in another Table. Generally these are things that must happen and are beyond the knowledge of the Ward members to prioritise or even list without priority.

Why, if a project is funded by Province or National is it prioritised by a ward? What influence does the ward have over the project?

In conclusion:

The KBRPA has annotated the 2025/26 IDP with many more comments.



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The KBRPA will not again do the fruitless work of listing the remainder of the comments. They can be found in the comments inserted into the PDF, which will be submitted by email with this letter.

Your response to each comment (comments in this letter plus those annotated in the PDF) rather than blanket responses will be appreciated.

Attached you will find the updated IDP Priority list for Ward 14- KRPA. The other organizations under Ward 14 must add their own input.

For your information does the KBRPA consist of 200 residences in Kleinbaai of which several residence submitted inputs and the KRPA committee incorporated their inputs in one document. There will be several other inputs from residence that is not part of the KRPA who submitted it straight to die e mail addresses submitted. Herewith a few of their inputs.

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Public Participation Process

1. A public notice published on Facebook under the heading “*HAVE YOUR SAY*” invited residents and stakeholders to participate in a series of public meetings from 7 to 22 April 2025, across all 14 wards of the Overstrand Municipality. These meetings aim to review and discuss the Draft IDP and Budget for the 2025/2026 financial year. The deadline for submission of written comments is 6 May 2025.

Background – IDP 2025/2026

2. The IDP is a vital strategic planning tool guiding development and land use management within the Overstrand Municipality. Alignment with the Spatial Development Framework (SDF) and compliance with the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act (SPLUMA) is essential.
3. Strategic planning must promote integration and coordination across sectors to ensure development is sustainable, equitable, and aligned with national, provincial, and local priorities.

Reference: “Extension of Gansbaai” – Page 151 of the IDP

4. The current Upgrading of Informal Settlements Programme (UISP) project in Masakhane is nearing completion, with no additional land currently available for informal settlement expansion.
5. Despite the completion, the demand and housing backlog persist, necessitating the identification of additional land for future development.



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6. The land surrounding Masakhane is reportedly ecologically sensitive and proximal to a landfill site, rendering it unsuitable for expansion.
7. A designated area (highlighted in red in the IDP) has been identified for future development, which must cater to diverse land uses, including housing for both Blompark and Masakhane.
8. The IDP includes aerial photographs indicating two proposed areas for development.
9. The primary objective of this IDP section is to communicate the Overstrand Human Settlement Strategy, which includes:
 - A 5-Year Human Settlement Programme focused on improved housing delivery.
 - The promotion of sustainable and equitable housing solutions.

Background – Overstrand Human Settlement Strategy

10. The Human Settlement Strategy seeks to address housing shortages through sustainable, low-cost, integrated development, aligned with spatial planning principles.

Background – Human Settlement Programme

11. The Human Settlement Programme in South Africa focuses on creating integrated, inclusive urban environments through:
 - Mixed-use development,
 - Various housing options (subsidised, rental, bonded),
 - Access to basic services and infrastructure,
 - Efficient resource management and environmental protection.

COMMENTS – Public Participation Process

1. It is imperative that public participation be conducted in writing, ensuring transparency and formal response from the Municipality.
2. Referring to the “AGENDA of the Portfolio Committee: Community Services – 17 August 2021” and “Mayoral Committee Meeting – 24 August 2021”:
 - The Masakhane project originally proposed 900 serviced sites, down from 1,184 due to prior relocations.
 - The proposal included a list of applicants and outlined qualification criteria, including provisions for illegal immigrants, subject to Department of Home Affairs approvals.



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3. The current IDP states the project is almost complete, yet no recent documentation supports the claim for a continued or expanded need for informal settlement extension, nor the extent or qualification status of any potential new applicants.
4. Page 146 references the Provincial Minister of Human Settlements' Departmental Strategic Plan, which promotes incremental housing for those most in need. However, the IDP lacks published evidence that such incremental planning and assessments have been applied to the Gansbaai housing strategy.
5. Figure 21 on page 147 identifies areas E and F for Masakhane. It is unclear whether these areas are already developed or how they address the existing backlog. No public evidence outlines how infrastructure, layout, or timelines are planned to accommodate informal housing expansion.
6. The assertion that current projects are insufficient and that additional land is needed lacks supportive studies or administrative approvals to validate the claim.
7. The statement that surrounding areas are ecologically sensitive is unsubstantiated, as no environmental reports or studies have been published to support this.
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Conclusion

As affected residents and stakeholders of Gansbaai and the broader Overstrand area, we reiterate our right to a meaningful, inclusive, and transparent public participation process, as enshrined in the Constitution, the Municipal Systems Act, and SPLUMA. It is the responsibility of the Overstrand Municipality to:

- Provide adequate, accessible, and substantiated information regarding housing developments;
- Offer clear justification and alternatives for proposed planning decisions;



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- o Ensure environmental integrity, safety, and sustainability in all planning and development proposals.

Until such time that:

- The extent of housing need is substantiated by current data;
- Environmental and infrastructure studies are made available;
- Proper public consultation and feedback mechanisms are followed;
- Alternative sites are evaluated and disclosed;

The proposed expansion of informal settlements in Masakhane cannot be responsibly supported or commented on in full. We urge the Municipality to revise its documentation and planning approach accordingly, to ensure lawful, transparent, and sustainable development for all Overstrand residents.

The KBRPA would like to use this platform to give recognition to the Overstrand Municipality for all the good work done.

Regards

signed.....

Chris Meyer

Chairperson

Kleinbaai Ratepayers Association

Date: 2025-05-04

Response

#37.1

Duplicate submission. This submission to Ald de Coning (Ward councillor for ward 14) was already addressed in #8. Therefore, please refer to #8 for the municipal response.

Response

#37.2

Only IDP related comments will be provided here. This is not an itemised response to your IDP related comments.

Extension of Gansbaai: The proposal contained on page 151 of the draft IDP review was as decided at the public meeting on 16 April 2025 removed from the Final IDP review and amendment for 2025/26.

Public participation – ward committees

Ward committees are a legislated structure in local government. Ward consultation process on the IDP process. The IDP has a 5-year cycle, and ward committees are annually afforded the opportunity to review their ward priorities (between Aug – Sept) and also to present their reviewed priorities to the public during a public ward meeting (between Oct- November) for the public's input. Furthermore, all members of the public, not only ward committees can annually in April/May comment on the draft IDP review and draft Budget. All Public comments received serve at the Budget Steering Committee and Council before the Final IDP review and Final Budget is approved by Council at the end of May.

The final ward 14 priorities as minuted during the public ward meeting of 25 November 2024 was updated in the Final IDP review document. Thank you for highlighting the discrepancy.

Refer to responses in #7 and #8 on the inclusion of needs in the ward priorities.

Response

#37.3

Thank you, comments inserted in the PDF (soft copy) of the IDP is acknowledged. This is not an itemised response to your IDP related comments.

Tourism is a key economic sector in the Overstrand; therefore, it's listed as a strategic risk in Chapter 1.

The final ward 14 priorities as minuted during the public ward meeting of 25 November 2024 was updated in the Final IDP review document. Thank you for highlighting the discrepancy.

As per its heading Chapter 3 provides the current status per the 5 National KPA's for Local Government being: Good governance and Public participation, Municipal Transformation and Organisational Development, Basic Service Delivery, Local Economic Development and Municipal Financial Viability and Management.

Each of the 5 KPA's comprises subsections, e.g. 3.1 Good governance and public participation is subdivided in 3.1.2 – 3.1.4 etc.

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#38

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Sent: Monday, 05 May 2025 13:40

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#39

From: Hermanus Ratepayers Association [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, 05 May 2025 13:49

Subject: Hermanus Ratepayers comments to IDP and budget 2025/26

To Overstrand Municipal Manager (MM) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Submitted by email to: cfo@overstrand.gov.za & mm@overstrand.gov.za.

Dear Dean and Santie,

Please find attached the Hermanus Ratepayers Associations comments to the OM Budget and IDP, 2025.

We, the Hermanus Ratepayers Association (HRA), believe that the current IDP and Budget processes are not optimal, noting the following points:

- The two documents are extensive and contain huge volumes of data. It is not easy to work through. A concise, well-illustrated summary sheet will be very helpful. The public information meeting was not well presented and was done too late in the process to capture valuable input from the public. The general feeling is that the ratepayers' comments at this late stage have very little impact on the IDP/Budget.
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Response:

Thank you, your suggestions on the IDP can be considered in the compilation of the next 5 -year IDP cycle of 2027.

#40

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#41

From: M L Smit

Sent: Monday, 05 May 2025 17:01

Subject: Kapsie teen IDP en begrotings voorstel

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#42

From: movement championing change NPO , L Matinise Executive Chairman

Sent: Monday, 05 May 2025 20:56

Subject: Budget & IDP comments

Dear MM

Please see comments

*Speed Calming measures ward 12 Ward 12 urgently required.

Response:

Included in the operational budget for the reseal of roads using bitumen to construct the speedbumps. Priorities to be provided using the ward committee system.

*Upgrading of Roads for ward 12 Zwelihle formal streets need upgrading.

Response:

Included in the R6 million MIG grant for the reseal of roads in Zwelihle for 2025/ 2026.

*R500k for all ward Specific projects.

Response:

For Consideration - Budget Steering Committee.

*Youth based programs Zwelihle.

Response:

The Municipality's Socio-Economic Services Department assist organisations and work with organisations in Zwelihle where possible. The youth desk also assist youth from Zwelihle daily at the office and have had some outreaches in Zwelihle. Through the violence prevention programme spearheaded by the Western Cape Government and numerous local stakeholders, more projects focusing on the youth in Zwelihle will be launched this year. We also have two active Thusong Digital Ambassadors in Zwelihle, which also assist the youth with government services.

*Increasing of Care Funds to 100k.

Response:

For Consideration - Budget Steering Committee.

*Zwe Mall one room for youth clubs.

Response:

With the previous IDP Ward needs, there was a request for a disable accessible youth centre in Zwelihle. We have earmarked the top floor for a youth centre, but it is not accessible for people with disabilities. We are also engaging with the Western Cape government e-Centre for the establishment of an e-centre there that would directly

benefit the youth. Property Management administers the lease agreement for the mall. The socio-economic services department is not sure who the current lessee /s are. If there is a need for one room at the mall for a youth club, the organisation needs to approach property management to determine availability and submit a formal application.

#43

From: Andre Mitchell

Sent: Monday, 05 May 2025 21:19

Subject: 2025-05-05 OVERSTRAND DRAFT INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW and DRAFT BUDGET 2025-26 PROPOSALS - COMMENTS BY AR MITCHELL

Importance: High

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5 MAY 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

**OVERSTRAND DRAFT INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW and
DRAFT BUDGET 2025/26 PROPOSALS – COMMENTS BY AR MITCHELL**

It is a great shame that after our Executive Mayor, Dr Annelie Rabie, announced the above in our local newspaper, THE VILLAGE NEWS dated 4 APRIL 2025, she was faced with a motion of no-confidence by her DA Councillor colleagues and demoted elsewhere without any reason(s) given to her constituency.

If this bad experience was not enough for the public, her acting Executive Mayor, with the approval of the MM and Ward Councillors for Wards 11 and 14, present at the first Public Meeting called by Overstrand Municipality, on 14 April 2025, ended up in chaos. The small hall at our Gansbaai Office could not accommodate ALL the people. Then the acting Executive Mayor proposed that the two wards' public members split and meet in separate venues the same evening. This could not be arranged and then he suggested that the public participants of Ward 11 go home, while they continue to engage with only those from Ward 14. This led to a real uproar from ALL the public members. With this chaos and bad organization in mind, members of the public proposed a new date and venue at the NG KERK's Pretorius Saal. This was eventually agreed to. The meeting then took place on 16 April 2025 at 18:00.

COMMENTS:

1. It is abundantly clear that ALL this chaos and bad communication between the PUBLIC FROM GANSBAAI and the OVERSTRAND MUNICIPALITY started at the beginning of 2023 after the

position of AREA MANAGER: GANSBAAI was never filled. Even the local staff's morale is low because of the strain they have to endure between our local public and their "HEAD" office's delay in handling complaints and service delivery.

2. No form of comprehensive needs assessment process allowing the ordinary public input to identify structural and/or other needs in the wards.
3. Irregular additional LEVY charges for water (4), electricity (3) and sewer (4). Usage should be paid for, but it is understandable that levies are to be paid where services are available, but where such resident do not wish to connect thereto, then it should be paid. In instances where such services are not available, residents should be exempted from such additional levies.
4. With regard to the Buffelsjag Abalone Farm falling within the OVERBERG DISTRICT being allowed to draw water from FRANSKRAALSTRAND on a regular basis, there does not appear to be any account statement that their payments are forthcoming and neither to whom and how it is controlled. We have caught them on a couple of occasions with photos and where they leave with water outlets broken and not reported to our Municipality. We, the residents do. This is highly irregular since it is not accounted for in the budget.
5. The additional municipal tariffs Overstrand Municipality raised against the residents in the UILENKRAALSMOND HOLIDAY RESORT is also not reflected.
6. After the MM withdrew the proposed Masekhane housing extension project, someone scraped a road through it and added cement catchments alongside it. Who approved this damage to a protected area? We are also not satisfied with the MM just removing the Masekhane Housing extension item from the draft, since it could be added at a later stage. May we have the details of the processes and procedural actions followed up to this stage to be able to make sure that it never appears again.
7. Since most residents in the Gansbaai area are pensioners, and the fact that the Government Employers Pension Fund only approved a 2.9% increase with effect from 1 April 2025, can our tariffs for refuse removal, sewerage and water not be reduced .5%? The Cape Town Metro is even less. If such proposal is not feasible across the Overstrand Municipality, would you then rather consider applying it to our regions from Stanford to Pearly Beach?
8. Our suburbs of Gansbaai are waiting to have water borne sewerage as a priority.
9. Is it possible that in future consideration be given that the IDP's and Budgets be divided according to town regions?

Thank you for the opportunity to have been able to make my representation and to comment on this year's IDP and 2025/26 BUDGET.

Kind regards

Response:

Refer to the separate Council item on the Budget for budget responses.

Only IDP related comments will be provided here.

Regarding point 2,

Alternative needs assessment methods can be considered in the next 5 -IDP cycle of 2027.

Ward priorities are reviewed annually by ward committees as part of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) review process. Ward committee members are expected to reach consensus on these priorities, guided by the Ward Councillor, who serves as the chairperson. After the public has been given the opportunity to comment on the draft reviewed priorities during a public ward committee meeting (annually between October

– November), the final decision on the ward priorities list is made collectively by the ward committee through consensus. As representatives of their communities, ward committee members should ensure that the preferences and needs of their constituents are considered in the prioritisation process. Ward residents should lobby their ward committee representatives and their ward councillor on the prioritisation of ward priorities.

Regarding point 8, Sewer reticulation (Water borne sewer network for Franskraal) is listed as priority 25 in ward 11's IDP priority list. There are still very large areas in Gansbaai, Pearly Beach, Kleinmond, Bettiesbaai, Pringle Bay, Rooi-Els and a few areas in Hermanus that do not have sewerage networks, which will require hundreds of millions of Rands. Unfortunately, there is currently no room for this in the three-year budget due to the limited budget and other higher priorities that require attention.

#44

From: Steyn, Andre

Sent: Tuesday, 06 May 2025 01:26

Subject: Kwessies Rakende Munisipale Tariewe, IDP 2025 Voorstelle, en Behuisingsstandaarde

Aan: Overstrand Munisipaliteit

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From: Louis De Villiers**Sent:** Tuesday, 06 May 2025 12:11**Subject:** Munisipale Tariewe/ Kwessies Rakende Munisipale Tariewe, IDP 2025 Voorstelle, en Behuisingsstandaarde

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#46

From: Marius Hill

Sent: Tuesday, 06 May 2025 13:26

Subject: KOMMENTAAR....

KOMMENTAAR por die IDP en begrotingsbrief hierby aangeheg.

Aan: Overstrand Munisipaliteit

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#47

From: Johan C De Klerk

Sent: Tuesday, 06 May 2025 13:33

Subject: Objection to the proposed de-densification and expansion of Masakhane and Blompark

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[Response:](#)

[Extension of Gansbaai: The proposal contained on page 151 of the draft IDP review was as decided at the public meeting on 16 April 2025 removed from the Final IDP review and amendment for 2025/26.](#)



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Date: May 6, 2025

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Subject: Objection to Proposed De-Densification and Expansion of Masakhane and Blompark (Gansbaai)

Dear Municipal Manager,

It is my understanding that the south-east Extension of Masakhane and Blompark (Gansbaai) has been placed on hold for five years. Nevertheless, I wish to place my formal objection to the aforementioned on record.

I formally object to the proposed de-densification and expansion of Masakhane and Blompark, as outlined in the Draft 2025/26 Overstrand Municipality Integrated Development Plan (IDP) review (p. 151, area in red) and related housing plans (e.g., Table 72, p. 149; Table 76, p. 197). This proposal, identified as a future extension south-east of Masakhane, is unrealistic and ineffective in an informal settlement context, where de-densification efforts historically fail due to increase in-migration (evidenced by 2018 protests). It is further undermined by minimal if any new employment opportunities in Gansbaai and surrounding areas, exacerbating socio-economic instability. It threatens infrastructure capacity, socio-economic stability, and environmental integrity, and disregards community input, as demonstrated by overwhelming community opposition evidenced by the need to reschedule the initial session for a larger venue, with residents filling the space and expressing strong concerns via active WhatsApp groups. I urge the Municipality to halt the proposal, as it contravenes the IDP, Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act (SPLUMA), Municipal Systems Act (MSA), and National Environmental Management Act (NEMA).

1. Infrastructure Overload

The de-densification and expansion of Masakhane and Blompark will exacerbate Gansbaai's infrastructure constraints. The IDP identifies a R4.043 billion infrastructure funding gap (Table 53, p. 93), with only R34.082 million in Municipal Infrastructure Grant funding (Table 55, p. 93). The MSDF's Capital Expenditure Framework projects a R1.883 billion shortfall (2019-2030, par. 10.5.2.3, p. 241), with 2025/26 costs at R312.65 million against R130.94 million available (Table 84, p. 242). The proposed expansion (p. 151), potentially requiring significant investment included in the R111.538 million (Table 76, p. 197), strains water, sanitation, and roads, already serving 1,246 informal units (Table 70, p. 139). Operating deficits (Table A4, p. 261), declining cost coverage (5.14 months, Table 87, p. 256), and loadshedding costs (R150,000-R250,000/day, p. 255) compound the issue. The risk register flags infrastructure capacity as critical (Risk 4, p. 18), yet no hazard assessment exists (p. 251), violating sustainable service delivery commitments (p. 8) and NDP infrastructure goals (p. 189).

2. Socio-Economic Risks

De-densification and expansion risk worsening poverty and unrest in Masakhane. Gansbaai's housing waiting list of 4,642 (Table 70, p. 139) reflects demand, but de-densification efforts, as attempted in 2018, have proven ineffective, with new sites attracting more residents and fueling overcrowding (demonstrated by protests at Masakhane Taxi Rank, 2018). Uncontrolled in-migration and urbanization exacerbate these pressures, while unregulated spaza shops, likely operating without municipal approval, contribute by converting houses into commercial spaces, reducing available housing and intensifying shortages (p. 211). The aforesaid fuels unemployment and crime (Risk 5, p. 18). The scarcity of employment opportunities in Gansbaai and surrounding areas leaves residents, particularly youth, reliant on informal trade or grants, intensifying poverty and social unrest (Risk 5, p. 18). Social conflict is a top risk (p. 249; Risk 10, p. 18), with law enforcement overstretched (p. 112). Financial pressures from indigent households (p. 258) limit social service funding. The NDP and SDG 11 mandate inclusive settlements (pp. 191-192), but this proposal risks inequality, contradicting the IDP's social development objectives (p. 188). Past temporary sites (e.g., 150 plots in 2018) failed to reduce density, underscoring the impracticality of de-densification in informal settlements.

3. Environmental Concerns

The proposed extension site (p. 151, area in red) is ecologically sensitive, endangering wetlands and fynbos critical to the region's biodiversity (SEMF, p. 205). Gansbaai's MSDF prioritizes sensitive development due to biodiversity (p. 239). The January 2019 wildfire, which allegedly started in Masakhane and spread across the R43 to Franskraal, destroyed several homes, damaged structures and caused widespread smoke and ash damage, narrowly sparing Franskraal due to heroic efforts by citizens and firefighters, with wildfires identified as a top municipal hazard (p. 249). This extension increases the risk of recurrent wildfires, especially given Masakhane's dense settlements and strong winds, potentially overwhelming the Municipality's limited disaster management capacity (p. 251, p. 252). The disaster risk register lists floods as a top hazard (p. 249), with informal settlements like Masakhane vulnerable (p. 251). No hazard assessment has been conducted (p. 251), and the disaster management budget (R7.189 million, p. 252) is inadequate. SDG 15 (p. 193) and the SEMF (p. 205) require ecosystem protection, necessitating an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) per NEMA and IDP environmental goals (Risk 1, p. 16).

4. Inadequate Community Consultation

The IDP commits to robust public participation (p. 15; Table 58, p. 101), and the MSDF's 2020 adoption included a 60-day comment period (p. 232). Yet, no public consultation has occurred for the proposed de-densification and expansion (p. 151), despite overwhelming community opposition evidenced by the need to reschedule the initial session for a larger venue, with residents filling the space and expressing concerns via WhatsApp groups such as "Belastingbetalers Opbetaaldelede", Greater Gansbaai Ratepayers and Residence Community Discussion Forum, and Overstrand Updates. This lack of engagement violates the MSA's participatory governance requirements (s. 34, p. 13) and IDP's communication principles (p. 100, p. 194).

5. MSDF and Legal Misalignment

The de-densification and expansion proposal contradicts the MSDF and SPLUMA. The MSDF explicitly states no new urban development areas for Gansbaai, prioritizing densification to meet housing needs (p. 239). The south-east extension (p. 151) is a new development, not densification, conflicting with the Overstrand Municipal Spatial Growth Management Strategy (OMSGMS, p. 244) and SPLUMA's spatial planning principles (p. 232). The MSDF focuses on Hermanus (p. 247), suggesting Gansbaai's proposal is an afterthought. The IDP aligns with NDP and SDG 11 for sustainable settlements (pp. 191-192), but financial (p. 256), environmental (p. 151), and social risks (p. 18) indicate non-compliance. The Municipality's duty to prioritize basic services (p. 258) and prudent financial management (p. 256) demands reevaluation.

Conclusion

I object to any south-east Extension of Masakhane now or any time in the future and I urge the Municipality to uphold its IDP commitments to sustainability and community well-being (pp. 191-194).

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this objection.

Yours sincerely,



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#48

From: Marianne Koen [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 06 May 2025 13:43
Subject: Kwessies rakende Munisipale tariewe, IDP 2025 Voorstelle, en behuisingstandaarde

Aan: Overstrand Munisipaliteit

Geagte Meneer/Mevrou

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#49

From: Gert Bam

Sent: Tuesday, 06 May 2025 15:55

Subject: PBRA Comments on draft review: 25/26 IDP - PDF document



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SUBJECT: COMMENT ON DRAFT AMENDED 2025/2026 IDP OF OVERSTRAND MUNICIPALITY

The Overstrand Municipality (OM) has initiated a public participation process to consult the community during the process of reviewing the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) as well as the planning of the budget for the 2025/2026 financial year. The Pringle Bay Ratepayers Association (PBRA) has carefully considered the draft budget report and, subsequent to verbal input at the public communication session, submitted a detailed written input on the budget report.

Given that the 2025/2026 financial year is the final year of the current IDP cycle, the PBRA opted not to provide a detailed response to the draft IDP review document. We look forward to the drafting of the new IDP for the next cycle and trust that there will be ample opportunity to add value to the process of drafting the IDP for the next cycle.

However, it is necessary to highlight two matters in the review of the current IDP that require either further detail or correction prior to final adoption by council.

1. Baboon Management

Regarding baboon management and the continuation of the Adaptive Baboon Management Plan, page 125 of the IDP states the following: “ *Whether the assignment will be renewed or whether the function will be returned to the competent authority, which is Provincial and National Government in terms of the Constitution, is still to be decided*”. Furthermore, in a media release dated 29 April 2025, the municipality responded to the widespread questioning during the current budget public consultation sessions of the high increase in rates by referring to what it refers to as a few unfunded mandates for which it does not receive funding from the other spheres of government, one of these being baboon management.

We submit that, regarding baboon management, these statements in the IDP and the media release are misleading. In this regard the following are relevant.

Feedback from then Mayor Rabie on this matter of constitutional mandate

The full executive of the PBRA had a meeting with Mayor Rabie on Tuesday 17 December 2024 to appraise her of our work as a ratepayers association as part of our process of consolidating our relationship with OM.

The Mayor informed us of her interaction with the MEC as part of the response to our submissions in 2024 on baboon management to the two spheres of government. According to the Mayor, in her deliberations with the MEC, she was informed that the State Attorney was consulted about this matter. The Mayor informed us that **the State Attorney indicated that in terms of the constitution, the responsibility for baboon management rests with the local authority.**

It is our contention that, unless the OM has legally contested this position with the Provincial Government, this directive as relayed by the then Mayor should finally settle the matter as far as constitutional mandate is concerned.

More importantly, we are reliably informed that the then Mayor Rabie and the Minister Bredell had an agreement that OM will continue funding the baboon management program at least until the end of 2025.

We therefore respectfully differ with the statement on page 125 of the IDP. It is our contention that the constitutional responsibility for this function is settled. Furthermore the statement in the IDP regarding baboon management does not reflect the fact that OM is budgeting for this service. Accordingly therefore we insist that this needs to be corrected in the IDP prior to council adoption.

2. Public Launching Sites

Pages 97 and 98 of the IDP review gives an update on the matter of Public Launching Sites. This update is contrary to our understanding and contradicts the undertaking given by the Mayor and Municipal Manager in public meetings with regard to specifically the slipway in Hangklip.

This section of the IDP review refers to a report to the OM Council in October 2024 where it was resolved to recommend to the MEC which slipways in the Overstrand should be deregistered and which should be managed during peak periods.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that since that report was tabled there was public consultation on this matter especially between the Om and stakeholder in ward 10 with specific reference to the slipway in Hangklip. At the latest consultation session the then Mayor, Annalie Rabie, together with the Municipal Manager and other councillors including the Ward councillor and the Speaker indicated that the OM decision regarding slipways was based on not having all the facts at the disposal of the politicians. Accordingly the Municipal Manager would have drafted a report to Council recommending that none of the slipways in Overstrand be deregistered. The Om position would be that Public Slipways would remain the property of the Department of Public

Works and that the Om will remain the managing agent. He would recommend to Council the Om only do the operations as it has done since 2015.

Given the above it is important and critical that the correct picture be reflected regarding Public Launching Sites. This section must be corrected prior to the reviewed IDP being adopted by Council.

It would be appreciated if this input can be acknowledged and due consideration be given to it during the process of finalising the review of the current IDP.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Bam', enclosed within a circular scribble.

G. Bam

Chairperson: On behalf of PBRA

Response:

Regarding baboon management. OM do not necessarily agree with the legal opinion from the state advocate, and it remains an opinion until tested in the relevant court. What we have agreed to is that additional discussions need to be had on this but in that in the meantime we will work on the revision of the management plan. Minister Bredell extended the validity of the plan until January 2026 in order to allow time for the revision process. We have made provision in the budget for the implementation of the plan in managing the baboons.

Regarding the PLS it is now fact that council resolved that none of the sites, as was advertised in 2015, should be closed. The provincial department has been informed accordingly, and the Minister will publish all sites in the Provincial Gazette.

#50

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Sent: Tuesday, 06 May 2025 16:15

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#51

From: Joanne Roodt

Sent: Tuesday, 06 May 2025 18:12

Subject: Municipal Rates, IDP Proposals, and Housing Standards

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to express my growing dissatisfaction with recent municipal decisions, particularly the year-on-year above-inflation increases in municipal rates and taxes, as well as the development proposals outlined in the Integrated Development Plan (IDP).

1. Unsustainable Municipal Rate Increases

The annual increases in rates and taxes far exceed the salary adjustments of working residents and the fixed incomes of retirees in our community. This disparity places an undue financial burden on myself and other ratepayers already grappling with rising living costs. While households are required to adapt by reducing expenditures, I believe it is the municipality's responsibility to adopt similar measures before increasing the financial load on taxpayers.

I urge the municipality to:

- Conduct a comprehensive review of expenditures to identify and eliminate wasteful spending.
- Implement austerity measures within municipal operations.
- Justify any proposed rate increases with tangible and measurable benefits for the community.

2. Proposed Land Allocation Across the R43

Following the verbal agreement reached during our joint meeting on Wednesday, 16th April 2025, we request written confirmation and an updated IDP document reflecting that the contested property has been removed from consideration. While we support efforts to address housing shortages, the expansion of low-cost and RDP housing must meet minimum building code standards. Resolving the existing issues with illegally erected structures and addressing the squatter camp should be prioritized to:

- Uphold the municipality's mandate to provide safe, compliant housing.
- Ensure sustainable community development without repeating ineffective practices.

3. Impact on Property Values and Housing Standards

I would like to emphasize the importance of safeguarding the property values of established suburbs and maintaining uniform housing standards. Informal settlements and low-cost housing projects must only proceed with:

- Viable employment opportunities for prospective residents to foster sustainable growth.
- Decisive action against illegal structures, including their removal, before allocating new development sites.
- Consistent enforcement of building codes to uphold fairness and community trust.

We urge the Overstrand Municipality to engage in transparent dialogue with residents to address these critical issues. Transparent planning, fiscal responsibility, and adherence to building regulations are essential to maintaining trust and the well-being of our community. We look forward to your prompt response and the opportunity to discuss these matters further.

[Refer to the separate Council item on the Budget for budget responses.](#)

[Only IDP related response to comment 2- Proposed Land Allocation Across the R43, provided here: The proposal contained on page 151 of the draft IDP review was as decided at the public meeting on 16 April 2025 removed from the Final IDP review and amendment for 2025/26.](#)

#52

From: Jan Briers

Sent: Tuesday, 06 May 2025 15:57

Subject: INPUT IN OVERSTRAND DRAFT MUNICIPAL BUDGET: 2025/26 by JH Briers

INPUT IN OVERSTRAND DRAFT MUNICIPAL BUDGET: 2025/26

BY Mr J H BRIERS

With reference to the draft 2025/26 budget as presented the invitation to respond thereto I wish to comment on the Draft 2025/26 Overstrand Municipality Budget and IDP priorities and hope that the input would be considered and responded to.

A. BACKGROUND

The budget must take cognisance of the ongoing negative economic climate in SA and resultant effective **reductions in the real income of your ratepayers over the past more**

than 8 years. Furthermore the **predicted GDP growth rate will be about 0,6% for the 2025/26 period.** This 0,6% is much lower than the CPI index or predicted inflation of below 4.5%. Budget increase and Salary increases should be linked to Economic Growth rather than the CPI or Inflation as **Growth is reality outside the Municipality that takes pensioners, the poor, jobless and homeless into account.** GDP growth that remains at around 1% from before 2019, should be regarded as having a devastating effect on your Ratepayers.

The Budget provides context stating the “Tariff increases for the respective basic municipal services ranged from **6.5% to 7.5, for the 2023/24** financial year, with an Electricity increase of 15,1. **The 2024/25 tariffs** as approved by Council is as follows – **Property Rates: 8%** (applied as a percentage increase in the cent in the Rand based on the property valuation – and we all know that the **actual/real Property Rates increase by about 20%**)- **Water: 6% - Sewerage: 8,9% - Refuse Removal: 11%.....”**

Before-mentioned context that provides the basis for the compilation of the **final budget for 2025/26, and recommended draft tariffs tariff increases for 2025/26** are thus as follows:

- **Property Rates** (% increase on the cent in the Rand at **9.7%** (this on top of my last year’s actual rates increase of about 20%),
- **Refuse at 6.00%,**
- **Sewer at 6.00%,**
- **Water at 6.20%,** and
- **Electricity at 9.96%**

Budget “context” of 9 pages culminating in “ **The main challenges experienced during the compilation of the 2025/26 MTREF” budget** are **ALL these challenges and more, are also challenges of your ratepayers. This is demonstrated/proven by lower 1-2 % than predicted GDP growth over the past more than 8 years.**

Yet ALL the increases by the Overstrand Municipality were way above (up to more than a 1000% the reality of a GDP growth of much less than 2% and higher than the Inflation rate for any of the past 5 years. In the OM budget it is stated that “Growth for **2024** as a whole was **0.6%**, marginally below our expectations, and similar to that of **in 2023.** We have now revised down our 2025 growth forecast slightly, to 1.7% (the economist Dawie Roodt predicts the **Growth** of about **0,6%**)

and

The OM budget then states that “We continue to see low **inflation** for goods and services below the **4.5%**” **YET the OM want a Property rates increase of 9.7% and want salary increases of 7,5% and other services increased by 6% to 9.96%.**

Council must endeavour to keep the rate increases to the absolute minimum required to (i) maintain service delivery levels at an acceptable standard as well as to (ii) ensure continued maintenance and (iii) **drastically improve their efficiency.** Upgrading of infrastructure should be limited to upgrading **that prevents loss** if not upgraded (i.e. the water pipe replacement and graveling the roads in the Hangklip area). The so- called “stormwater

infrastructure” is contrary to the principles of the approved plan and in effect destructing existing environmental infrastructure and adds to storm-water risk and must not be implemented. I can go on.

Municipalities are responsible for principally (i) basic service rendering related to supply water and sanitation, electricity, energy and solid waste management services and roads. The strategic objectives and the Mayor’s 3 C priorities of Communication, Crime Prevention & Law Enforcement and Cost and Ease of doing business with Overstrand should consider these main responsibilities.

Communication is good only if it allows input and if input is considered and implemented if sound.

Crime Prevention & Law Enforcement emotive in SA, but not a core Municipal function.

Cost and Ease of doing business should be offset by the cost of mistakes.

I would prefer the Municipality to rather have **Efficiency of providing services** as a strategic objective.

The **review of IDP delivery priorities** where funds were transferred from low- to high-priority programmes to maintain sound financial stewardship. In **the case where the review re-priorities Pipe replacement to Stormwater** it was **irrational and shall be wasteful**. The absence of a sound Stormwater management plan and activities that contradicts the principles and aims of the approved Stormwater plan (it in fact drains wetlands and adds to or causes the increase of stormwater) supports this statement.

I urge the OM to acknowledge that the (i) **approved BB Stormwater Management Plan dated 2002 states that it must be updated in order to apply to specific sites** (this has not been done) and (ii) **the work recently done by the OM contradict the principles of this approved plan.**

Please note the under point 1.5 of the **Municipalities Operating Expenditure Framework** for the 2025/26 budget and MTREF is informed by the following:

“ • Strict adherences to the principle of *no project plan no budget*. If there is no business plan no funding allocation will be made;- “

In the Annexure to MFMA Circular No 99 of the National Treasury in paragraph 8.2 of the Annexure it is stated: “ The Budget Review highlighted the proposed wage bill reduction for the public service. Similar to national and provincial government, municipalities must ensure that compensation demands are balanced with the broader needs of society. **In this context, municipalities should start taking decisive action to address (i) bloated organisational structures and (ii) above inflation increases. Wage bill increases are crowding out spending on capital projects for future economic growth and impacts on service delivery.”**

B. QUERIES, OBSERVATIONS, COMMENTS AND NOTES REGARDING THE BUDGET

1. The proposed **salary** notch increases plus other allowances amount to an **increase of more than 7 %**. This is **more than 1000% above** the predicted SA GDP growth of 0.6% (GDP growth is the real increase of your ratepayers/ your tax base). This increase is on top of the more than 6% increase of the previous more than 3 years and much higher than Inflation for at least the past 6 years let alone the GDP growth. The result of such increases is **that the unemployed will never get employed and** the higher weight of salaries in the budget **reduces the funds available to maintain infrastructure or do critical capital projects**. Such **salary increases shall therefore impair service delivery and Capital Projects (like Pipe replacement)**. It is a downward spiral that will not be escaped from.

The Overstrand Municipality is therefore urged to:

- (i) Put the process in motion to **stop previously negotiated salary increases** as it was negotiated in self interest and did not take into account the reality **of the disaster of lack of growth and high of unemployed or the majority of ratepayer that have to do without a fixed or increasing income** in the area and is SA.
- (ii) **Decrease posts that are not contributing to your ratepayers or the core function of a Municipality and ensure efficient use of staff and equipment**. By- Reduce overtime, reduce 3 people connecting a sewage pipe to 2 or even 1, reduce traffic- and law enforcement officers and direct them to be of service.

2. Contracted services have been identified in the budget “ as an area for the municipality to implement efficiencies. As part of the compilation of the 2024/25 MTREF, this group of expenditure was critically evaluated and operational efficiencies are being enforced, a process that will be continued forthwith. In the 2025/26 financial year the expenditure on **Contracted services** totals R354 m, which is **nearly 60% of the Employee cost of R 619 m**.

The contracted services are very labor intensive services and should partly be regarded as Personnel and accounted under staff. This may push the % Staff component of the budget over the 40% limit set by the Treasury. **Wage bill increases drive out spending on capital projects for future economic growth and shall impact on future service delivery** as can be seen in the 13% lower Operational cost from R 189 m to R 164 m. It also causes Municipalities to charge fees for more and more “services” they provide.

3. Operational revenue (Table 1) indicates an **increase in revenue is 3.52%** more for the 2025/26 financial year when compared to the 2024/25 Adjustments Budget but **tariff increases of 6% up to 9.7% and 9.9%** are demand. This seems to imply that less people are paying more and more. Such a tendency cannot be sustainable.

4. The proposed **increase of Property Rates of 9.7%** is **on top of my last 2023/24 actual rates increase of about 30%** is excessive. Ratepayers did complain about the increase of property rates by about 20% in the absence of any alterations on the house.

5. The **pipe bursts** in Kleinmond-Hangklip were increasing (to **174/annum in 2017/18**) **and becoming a crisis** causing a waste of water, labour, equipment and funds and thus other services. In 2022 the Mayor made a presentation to ratepayers stating that in 2020 pipe bursts in the Kleinmond area increased to **703 pipe bursts** and the cost to repair this was **R23 million plus the cost of water loss**. The current budget does not seem to reflect the number of burst pipes or the cost of fixing burst pipes.

The 2023/2024 budget) the Municipality budgeted **only R 11 million for pipe replacement** for the whole of Overstrand, this is **reduced to capital projects of R 9.5m in 2025/26**. Lowering this figure makes no economic sense. **The wasteful loss at a cost of R23 million** may possibly be much higher if the loss of water accounted for this cost (I could not find the calculation).

I noticed that the water loss in the budget is accounted for at about R2.50 /kl. This R2.50 rand is much less than the cost of the cheapest water price of R8.82/kl. The actual wastage must be accounted for at R8.82/kl and is therefore much higher if the R2.50 is not correct.

6. The **Basic fixed cost or Monthly charge per Electricity meter** cannot be linked to the Eskom price **increase of 9.9%** as this is a municipal function (not Eskom's) and may seem to be dishonest. These meters and transformers were installed years ago and paid off a long time ago. The explanation for this charge namely "*maintenance and operational requirements*" is not reflected in the budget at all. Therefore the **fixed Basic cost seems to be simply an additional tax**.

Another additional fixed cost now has been added for domestic homes namely the **Capacity charges** before the consumer can pay the **energy charge**.

The **total fixed cost** that is charged before a ratepayer uses any power and what seems to be without any cost to or work by the Municipality, is now **R 854.12/month** and explained below. This total fixed cost has been **increased by 20,7%** in the 2025/26 budget.

Table 8 Comparison between current electricity charges and increases (Domestic)

	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>2025/26</u>	<u>%</u>
<u>Increase</u>			
Basic charge for meter	R 536.02	R476.07	
Capacity charge	R	171.81	R
<u>378.12</u>	<u>120.1%</u>		
Total monthly Fixed Cost	R 707.83	R 854.12	20.7%

The **total fixed monthly charge of R 854 per month** is much more than the cost of a person pay for Electricity cost per month. **Thus; Poor people cannot, through his/her own savings, balance his/her own budget.** Rather **increase the unit cost of electricity**. The poor, pensioners, people without a fixed income or those that do not want to beg for discounts and that have been paying their rates and taxes faithfully, can save on

consumption and still make ends meet by using less electricity only if this Fixed cost is much lower.

Note: I noticed that ratepayers are charged for all possible “services” they need regarding electricity and water and sanitation and building ect. in any case. These charges should be subtracted when determining these fixed costs and these calculations made available in the budget.

7. The **increases of Basic charge or fixed costs** or the service charges or tariffs for **water and sewage** are again the same as that of the price per unit used. It is principally wrong if the proportion of the **cost of water and sewage used is only 40%** of the cost, while the **fixed cost is 60% of the cost**. **Increase by 6.2% to R214.56/m without using any water. This high fixed cost amounts to an effective very high unit cost for the Poor using less water.**

This is NOT a pro-poor budget. The poor people taken into account in the budget, are only those that apply for free water. This is fundamentally wrong as: (i) it makes it impossible for poor ratepayers to reduce cost by saving measures and (ii) it is a disincentive to save resources and thus in conflict with sustainable development principals committed to in the IDP and SDF. **The %-contribution of Basic charges of Fixed Costs should be reduced** by remaining unchanged to decrease the pressure on natural resources and the environment to discourage wastage and incentivise efficiency.

8. The **increased amount budgeted to Water Supply infrastructure** from R 17 m to R 43 m cannot be justified if **R23m per annum is “wasted” on fixing burst water pipes** and such a lot of water is wasted in the process.

9. Activities/Functions such as stormwater management, park management, road verges, alien Invasive tree control, block burning, road surfacing and maintenance and possibly a number of other activities are done without specific management plans. Only with proper **Management Plans can staff KPI’s be defined so that efficiency can be measured and improved** on as well as staff and contractors be effectively managed and held accountable.

10. The increase of **free water** to the poor to 10kl does not send a message that water is an invaluable resource. A small house can easily be managed with 5kl of water per month.

11. **Rebate Cost** charged for water lost as a result of a Pipe Burst at your house (granted by Municipality after an application) for the water above the average consumption - **R23.22/kl is (i) arbitrary and irrational as the actual cost of water for the Municipality is R2.50/kl** (the Municipality account for lost water at (R2.50/kl) and **(ii) it amounts to a fine or penalty rather than a rebate** as the average water use of normal household be less than 10kl/m at a price of R8.82/kl.

C. BUDGET PROPOSALS AS MOTIVATED ABOVE:

Against this background it would be reasonable of the Municipality to critically review the draft budget with the view of cutting costs and focus on the municipal functions in order to prevent or curtail rates and tariff increases which will burden the already suffering ratepayers.

- (1) That the lower income due to the proposals below mentioned be off-set by:
 - Making a salary adjustments for 2025/26 of not more than **4%** (higher as the 400% the predicted GDP growth);
 - Freezing all vacant positions in principle and only filling those positions that would ensure basic service delivery;
 - Ensuring that all staff performances are carefully aligned to ensure maximum efficiency and value for money efficacy (see point 11 below and point 9 above);
 - Conducting an in-depth zero-based budgeting exercise and then implementing the findings – no matter how harsh these might appear to be;
 - Affecting other drastic cost saving measures examples of which I deems to be too presumptuous for me to suggest.
- (2) That the increase in **property rates** should not be increased by more than **2%** as the **base rate has increased more than 18% last year as a result of new evaluations** in 2024.
- (3) The Overstrand Municipality is therefore urged to put the process in motion not to **implement the negotiated salary increases** as it was negotiated in self interest and did **not take into account the reality** of (i) **the lack of growth** and (ii) **height of unemployed** or (iii) **people with a fixed income** such as pensioners and self employed in the area.
- (4) Approve a lower salary increase for staff and councillors for 2025/2026 of **3%**. Salary increases should be linked to economic growth of 0.6% rather as well as inflation of 4.5%.
- (5) That **Basic monthly charges or fixed costs (R476 plus R 378 = R 854)** has, against previous pleas/recommendations substantially increased, should be **reduced to not more than R300**. The expenditure on maintenance of electricity meters and transformers is not reflected under the expenditure in the budget and this *cost* should be used as fixed cost of electricity. The **increased unit cost** must offset this lower income.
- (6) That **Basic charges or fixed cost** water and sanitation tariffs should be reduced by 20% per annum for the next few years; **rather increase the unit cost of water used by 8% to offset the income reduction**.
- (7) The **unite cost price of water for 0-6 kl used, should be reduced to R 5/kl** to help the poor that does faithfully pay their rates, in order for this budget to be called **a pro-poor budget**. The OM should assume all poor people do not pay rates and taxes.

- (8) **Free water should not be more than 5kl** (it devalues a valuable resource and is so doing encourages wastage and does not make sense). Reduce free water to indigents from 10kl/m to 5kl/m, as 5kl/m should be more than sufficient for a small house without a garden.
- (9) The **cost difference of water use above 10kl should be indicated as a tax** and not a service as it is way above the cost to supply 1kl of water of about R2.50/kl. This will save your ratepayers to pay sales tax on monies they pay to subsidise others.
- (10) That the loss of income due to the abovementioned proposals be off-set by:
- **Freezing all vacant positions** in principle and only filling those positions that would ensure basic service delivery;
 - Ensuring that all staff **performances are carefully aligned to ensure maximum efficiency** and value for money efficacy (supervision of work is vital). See point 11 below; and
 - All work should be done in accordance with **clear Management Plans in order to** achieve above mentioned efficiency and
 - Reduce water losses and cost as a result of **fixing burst pipes by prioritising it to the no. 1 priority** (see point 12 below).
- (11) Budget and place as priority on IDP, the compilation of **Management plans** for- Road surfacing, Water management, Storm-water management, Parks management, Road verges management, Alien Invasive trees control, Block burning, ect..... A good Management Plan allows for monitoring and focusing on priorities and achieving **efficient spending of funds**. Such plans will protect, train and motivate Municipal staff, and not be bullied by difficult/complaining ratepayers.
- (12) Replacing water pipes (not Stormwater) in the Hangklip area should be an absolute obvious priority. So much so that the Municipality could borrow money and fix **all the areas where pipe bursts are prevalent immediately**. The probable R23 million that Municipality must spend on fixing the pipes in the Kleinmond area is wasted money and may probably pay the interest on such loan.
- (13) Reduce **Rebate Cost** charged for water lost as a result of a Pipe Burst at homes from the arbitrary charge of R R23.22 to the cost the Municipality used for accounting lost water nl., **R2.50/kl**.

Jan H Briers

Ratepayer in Betty's bay

Response:

[Refer to the separate Council item on the Budget for budget responses.](#)

#53

From: Marmara De Klerk [REDACTED]
 Sent: Tuesday, 06 May 2025 17:30
 Subject: Beswaar teen beplande uitbreiding van Mashakane oor die R43

Goeie middag

Hiermee my sterkste beswaar teen die beplande (in die toekoms) uitbreiding van Mashakane oor die R43, om die volgende redes:

1. Uitbreiding beteken meer mense -

Die huidige aantal mense in Gansbaai is te veel vir die dienste onder andere skole, klinieke en polisiëring.

2. Hier is minimale nuwe werks geleentheid - waar gaan die mense werk?

3. Die begroting in die IDP toon 'n verlies in die begroting - waar gaan geld vandaan kom vir addisionele dienste

4. Die ligging van die voorgestelde uitbreiding veroorsaak dat daar geen roetes na Franskraal is wat nie naby informele huisvesting verby gaan. Met die geskiedenis van onrus in die land is die 'n groot probleem.

5. In Blompark is daar twee van die nuwe huise wat wanaangewend word (dit is waarvan ek kennis dra)

Die een huis is verhuur - die huurder het uitgetrek en die huis is gestroop van alle vensters, deure en alles binne. Net die buitemure en dak staan.

Die ander huis is omskep in 'n spaza winkel.

As die nuwe huise nie reg 'bestuur' kan word nie hoekom nog nuwe huise bou?

6. Die dwelm en perlemoen probleem is gevolge van minimale werks geleentheid en polisieering wat nie voldoende is om dit te beheer nie.

Kommentaar:

Neem asb kennis dat die item rakende die ontwikkelingsmoontlikhede op die gemelde terrein verwyder gaan word uit die Finale GOP dokument, soos ooreengekom in die publieke vergadering in Gansbaai.

#54

From: Henk van der Westhuizen
 Sent: Tuesday, 06 May 2025 20:14
 Subject: Henk van der Westhuizen has shared a file with you

Subject: Concerns Regarding Municipal Rates, IDP Proposals, and Housing Standards

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to express my growing dissatisfaction with recent municipal decisions, particularly the year-on-year above-inflation increases in municipal rates and taxes, as well as the development proposals outlined in the Integrated Development Plan (IDP).

1. Unsustainable Municipal Rate Increases

The annual increases in rates and taxes far exceed the salary adjustments of working residents and the fixed incomes of retirees in our community. This disparity places an undue financial burden on myself and other ratepayers already grappling with rising living costs. While households are required to adapt by reducing expenditures, I believe it is the municipality's responsibility to adopt similar measures before increasing the financial load on taxpayers.

I urge the municipality to:

- Conduct a comprehensive review of expenditures to identify and eliminate wasteful spending.
- Implement austerity measures within municipal operations.
- Justify any proposed rate increases with tangible and measurable benefits for the community.

2. Proposed Land Allocation Across the R43

Following the verbal agreement reached during our joint meeting on Wednesday, 16th April 2025, we request written confirmation and an updated IDP document reflecting that the contested property has been removed from consideration. While we support efforts to address housing shortages, the expansion of low-cost and RDP housing must meet minimum building code standards. Resolving the existing issues with illegally erected structures and addressing the squatter camp should be prioritized to:

- Uphold the municipality's mandate to provide safe, compliant housing.
- Ensure sustainable community development without repeating ineffective practices.

3. Impact on Property Values and Housing Standards

I would like to emphasize the importance of safeguarding the property values of established suburbs and maintaining uniform housing standards. Informal settlements and low-cost housing projects must only proceed with:

- Viable employment opportunities for prospective residents to foster sustainable growth.
- Decisive action against illegal structures, including their removal, before allocating new development sites.
- Consistent enforcement of building codes to uphold fairness and community trust.

Conclusion

We urge the Overstrand Municipality to engage in transparent dialogue with residents to address these critical issues. Transparent planning, fiscal responsibility, and adherence to building regulations are essential to maintaining trust and the well-being of our community.

We look forward to your prompt response and the opportunity to discuss these matters further.

[Refer to the separate Council item on the Budget for budget responses.](#)

[Only IDP related response to comment 2- Proposed Land Allocation Across the R43, provided here: The proposal contained on page 151 of the draft IDP review was as decided at the public meeting on 16 April 2025 removed from the Final IDP review and amendment for 2025/26.](#)

#55

From: Jenine Coetzer, Hermanus Baboon Action Group

Sent: Tuesday, 06 May 2025 22:31

Subject: COMMENTS ON THE 2025 IDP AND BUDGET

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6 May 2025

Overstrand Municipality
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Dear Dr Dean O'Neill

RE: IDP comment from the Hermanus Baboon Action Group (HBAG)

Last year's budget made no provision for Baboon Management. We believe OM received in excess of 100 letters requesting the continuation of the Baboon Management Program (BMP) for Hermanus East. We note and appreciate OM's efforts to extend the services of HWS and then to develop an in-house service. There is still a level of uncertainty as to BMP in the future and in this light HBAG would like to record its position that it is essential for BMP to continue indefinitely as part of the regular service that OM delivers to its ratepayers.

Item 3 on the IDP priority list for Ward 3 states: "Baboon Management Programme Continuation thereof". This will remain a top priority on the IDP which we believe is supported by our September 2024 survey conducted in the Hermanus East baboon affected area. Of the 643 respondents **95% of residents Agree or Strongly Agree that BMP should continue = 610 residents.**

A BMP should:

1. Be practical to implement,
2. Be cost effective,
3. Be effective at deterring for as prolonged a period as possible,
4. Have minimal negative impact on environment,
5. Be target specific,
6. Be socially acceptable.

With that as background HBAG hereby lodges its request that the Budget for BMP must be sufficient for staffing, tools, technology, transport and equipment required to deliver a level of service that we know is achievable.



The process and level of service should include:

1. FINAL decision on who's mandate and responsibility BMP is. FNR belongs to OM and therefore so do the baboons. Unlike the City of Cape Town with SanParks. Once this decision is made it should enable stability and a greater level of certainty for residents and to enable better forward planning by OM.
2. BLG meetings to continue quarterly.
3. Waste management:
 - a. Strict enforcement of compliance
 - b. Collection service to improve to eliminate dumped heaps of refuse
4. Cruelty to Baboons
 - a. Strict adherence to the letter and spirit of the SOPs governing use of paintball markers, and other methods used by the OM staff.
 - b. Report all and any animal abuse by residents to the relevant authorities and follow through with the case.
5. Education and awareness drive especially on social media and via rates bills. This communication is to affirm the role that residents need to play in successful BMP and their responsibility in this regard; and to raise the levels of tolerance within the community.
6. Reporting. Monthly reports detailing time spent in the urban area, movement of the various troops, incident reports etc. Annual troop counts to form part of these reports.
7. Ongoing daily communication on troop presence in or near the urban edge. (we have experienced a marked improvement with the in-house service which we believe serves the public well).
8. Staff training and HR.
 - a. regular training on baboon dynamics, environmental awareness, visitor interaction and safety.
 - b. Contracts to provide ongoing employment and not roll over temporary contracts. We recognise that this may not be possible but there should be a focus on continuity in the service which would then ensure the retention of good staff.
 - c. Rangers to be visible recognisable assets to the community and the reserve.

Finally, and upon further consultation with residents in the baboon affected area we would like to emphasise certain issues:

1. Residents are unclear what caused HWS to quit their contract when there was an expectation that it would continue. The management of this process and the subsequent lapse in baboon management appeared to be poor and lacking in transparency.
2. The subsequent chaos that ensued eroded ratepayer confidence. This period included the shooting in public, by a resident, of a female baboon with a baby. We have not had



feedback on this incident. HBAG firmly rejects this level of violence towards wildlife, and firmly rejects the illegal discharge of weapons in the suburbs and believe that SAPS should be pressured to investigate and the perpetrator be brought to book.

3. The current system for waste collection whereby recycling is piled up and collected later is not working as evidenced by these images below taken 5 May 2025 in Voelklip.
4. There is serious concern regarding the ability of OM to deliver the level of service that residents know is possible. Communication from the team on the ground to the community has been a positive improvement but we hear reports suggesting that the team is well out of its depth. We believe that sufficient properly qualified **management and supervisor staff** is essential for the staff to be able to learn on the job and grow into a team that can deliver the previous high standards that were delivered by HWS. We'd like to see budget and commitment to return the BMP to that level of excellence by a service provider, or management team who has the knowledge, wherewithal and understanding of and empathy for baboons that the task requires.
5. And lastly, the residents recognise that OM is doing the best they can to rectify the situation and as such there is a level of patience and grace, but if OM do not take the BMP firmly in hand there will be high levels of dissatisfaction with the performance of the Overstrand Municipality.

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HERMANUS BABOON ACTION GROUP



Response:

There is currently a baboon management plan that Minister Bredell extended until January 2026. During this time, the OM will review the current management plan for implementation after January 2026. The review will entail a public participation process. Council budgeted for the implementation of the baboon management plan.

#56**From:** Rae Loving hermanus, Hermanus Business Chamber**Sent:** Monday, 05 May 2025 22:05**Subject:** HBC Submission - Overstrand IDP 2025/26

Dear Dr. Dean O'Neill,

Please find attached submission from the Hermanus Business Chamber in response to the Overstrand Municipality's Draft Budget for 2025/2026.

The submission reflects the collective input of the HBC Executive Committee, member businesses, and our structured engagements through ward clusters. It highlights both shared priorities and specific recommendations aimed at strengthening Overstrand's infrastructure, economic resilience, and financial sustainability.

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this important process and trust that our submission will support constructive dialogue and informed decision-making.

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5 May 2025

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Dear Dr. Dean O' Neill

RE: HERMANUS BUSINESS CHAMBER SUBMISSION ON THE OVERSTRAND MUNICIPALITY DRAFT BUDGET 2025/2026

1. Introduction

The Hermanus Business Chamber (HBC) appreciates the opportunity to engage once again with the Overstrand Municipality's Draft Budget process. We welcome the progress reflected in the 2025/2026 Draft Budget – particularly the increased capital investment to R245.8 million and the reduced accounting deficit of R94.5 million. These are encouraging developments and show responsiveness to public input.

As many of the core priorities identified in our April 2024 submission remain relevant, we are resubmitting that feedback with key updates to reflect recent progress and our current focus areas.

2. Capital Investment - Positive Alignment

The increase in the capital budget from R152 million to R245.8 million is welcomed and aligns with the 15-18% benchmark previously recommended by HBC and Treasury. This is critical to addressing our ageing infrastructure and supporting sustainable growth. We encourage continued transparency in how this capital is allocated.

3. Budget Deficit and Fiscal Sustainability

The Hermanus Business Chamber welcomes the reduction in the accounting deficit and acknowledges this as a step in the right direction. However, sustained financial stability requires more than short-term improvements. We urge the Municipality to continue reducing reliance on reserves and to ensure that capital investment is safeguarded over the medium term. This includes careful expenditure management, realistic revenue projections, and improved financial planning to protect the delivery of essential services.

A disciplined approach to budgeting will help build long-term resilience and maintain public trust in the Municipality's ability to manage its resources effectively.

4. Sanitation Infrastructure

We reiterate the urgent need for an emergency sewage holding facility (estimated at R10 million), and the relocation of pump stations from ecologically sensitive areas. This is vital for protecting Hermanus's reputation as an eco-tourism destination.

5. Climate Resilience and Environmental Risk

Given the increasing frequency and intensity of storms, funding for climate adaptation remains essential. This includes fortifying infrastructure and protecting ecologically sensitive areas like the peat fields.

6. Power and Water Security

Power and water availability remain vital to economic stability. We again call for a long-term, fully funded strategy to ensure supply, address capacity concerns, and support future growth.

7. Mobility and Access

Traffic congestion – particularly around Onrus and local schools – remains a pressing issue. We encourage the Municipality to escalate discussions with the provincial government to fast-track the Onrus bridge and road access projects.

8. Tourism Development

Tourism is the backbone of Hermanus's economy. A dedicated strategy with sufficient budget, should be developed to grow this sector. We also continue to support the long-term vision of a regional conference centre and improved tourist infrastructure, including public toilets and bus parking.

9. Safety, Community and Social Cohesion

We urge the Municipality to invest further in safety infrastructure, particularly in high-crime areas like Zwelihle, and support sports, recreation, and youth development. A dedicated social worker is still needed to coordinate responses to homelessness and vagrancy in the CBD and surrounds.

10. Industrial Cluster

We are pleased to report that the Hermanus Industrial Cluster has been formally launched. This structure now provides an organised platform for dialogue between local businesses and the municipality, particularly relating to the Ward 4 industrial area. We look forward to meaningful collaboration on infrastructure and economic development in this critical zone.

11. Environmental Stewardship

The economic value of the Overstrand's natural assets is immeasurable. We strongly support continued and increased investment in environmental protection, ecosystem management, and biodiversity conservation.

12. Small Business, Red Tape and Skills

We continue to advocate for simpler, faster processes for business applications and permits. We propose hosting a one-day local economic development conference, specifically aimed at supporting micro and small businesses.

13. Rates, Tariffs and Affordability

The Chamber recognises the Municipality's fiscal challenges, including rising operational costs driven by inflation, energy volatility, and infrastructure demands. However, we remain concerned about the proposed above-CPI increases in property rates and service tariffs. These increases place mounting pressure on households and small businesses already navigating a constrained economic environment.

We believe future budgets should adopt a more disciplined, zero-based budgeting approach – one that builds expenditure from the ground up, prioritising what is essential and affordable. Annual adjustments should, wherever possible, be contained within inflationary limits. We also urge the Municipality to explore cost-saving efficiencies, reassess non-essential expenditures, and consider refined rebate structures to cushion the most financially vulnerable ratepayers – including pensioners and middle-income families.

14. Fiscal Risk and Public Engagement

The HBC acknowledges that municipalities – including Overstrand – are operating under mounting fiscal pressure. These challenges include reduced national transfers, the growing cost burden of service provision, and structural reliance on Eskom and other SOEs whose financial instability is well known. As the country approaches sovereign debt levels nearing 100% of GDP, local governments must manage both upward and downward fiscal risks.

We caution that unless existing funds are managed with maximum efficiency, transparency and purpose-driven outcomes, we risk long-term fiscal instability that could undermine both Overstrand's reputation and service delivery capacity. HBC therefore supports the proposal for a strategic risk dialogue – a meeting to assess systemic risks and identify mitigations early. This would ideally include the business sector, ratepayer groups, and municipal leadership. Such an initiative would affirm Overstrand's reputation as a proactive municipality and strengthen public confidence in its ability to weather national fiscal headwinds.

15. Ward-Specific Priorities

As the voice of the Hermanus business community, the Chamber represents and supports interests across all wards in our region. We therefore highlight the following ward-specific considerations which we believe require further attention in the 2025/2026 Budget:

Ward 1 (Voëlklip, Fernkloof): Maintenance and upgrades of recreational and natural areas, with attention to water and sewage infrastructure resilience.

Ward 2 (Eastcliff, Kwaiwater): Improved traffic management, including pedestrian crossings and signage upgrades, to support tourism and residential safety. We note that many of these concerns are also relevant to Ward 3, as this urban corridor stretches continuously from Voëlklip through the Eastcliff area and into the CBD.

Ward 3 (CBD, Westcliff): Continued implementation of the CBD revitalisation plan. We note the successful completion of the Festive Lights project and the Swallow Park upliftment proposal tabled at the CBD Cluster on 15 April 2025. Fundraising for Swallow Park is a key priority. We urge upgrades to CBD entrance, taxi rank and surroundings, along with managed parking solution.

Ward 4 (Industrial Area): The Industrial Cluster initiated by the Chamber is now active. We urge the Municipality to collaborate with this structure on urgent infrastructure needs, waste management, and access improvements.

Ward 5 (Zwelihle): Dedicated investment in safety, skills development, and entrepreneurship programs. Focus should also be placed on public spaces, sports infrastructure, and sanitation upgrades.

Ward 6 (Mount Pleasant): Support for youth and social development projects through recreational facilities and community partnerships.

16. Conclusion

The Hermanus Business Chamber appreciates the responsiveness shown in this year's budget draft and welcomes the increased capital allocation. We are also proud to note the momentum being built through cluster structures, collaborative projects, and joint planning initiatives. We remain fully committed to support the Overstrand Municipality in building an inclusive, resilient and economically vibrant organisation.

Response:

Refer to the separate Council item on the Budget for budget responses.

Only IDP related responses are provided as follows:

4. Sanitation Infrastructure

Sewerage pump station infrastructure is a continuous high priority on the 5-year budget. The highest priorities include a new pump station with adequate capacity at Zwinger's Corner and a new Onrus River Main Pump Station with adequate emergency storage capacity. There is R26m budgeted for this in the next three years.

5. Climate Resilience

All infrastructure is designed taking the changing climate into account.

6. Power and Water Security

The electricity industry in South Africa is currently being restructured and all aspects of the industry will be affected. The municipality is taking part in the process and follow all the new developments closely.

Planning for the water function is adequately addressed by the Water Services Development Plan and the Water Master Plan.

7. Mobility and Access

The doubling of the provincial main road between Sandbaai and Vermont, including the additional bridge over the Onrus River, is due to start in January 2026.

8. Tourism Development – OM concur with your statement.

15. Ward specific priorities

Your specified ward priorities are aligned to those identified by the respective ward committees. Budget availability, affordability, cost effectiveness and municipal mandates are key considerations in determining funding allocations during the budgeting process.

#57

From: Elma Rivera (REDACTED)

Sent: Tuesday, 06 May 2025 04:15

Subject: IDP PROPOSAL

Date: 06 May 2025

To: The Municipal Manager, Overstrand Mayor
Overstrand Municipality
Subject: Support for the Overberg Reconnect Proposal
Dear Sirs,

On behalf of the De Kelders Ratepayers Association, we write to express our strong support for the proposal submitted by the Overberg Reconnect Initiative, dated 5 May 2025, and addressed to the Council of the Overberg District Municipality.

This thoughtful and well-researched proposal offers a compelling, community-driven development model that aligns directly with existing municipal strategies, including the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Spatial Development Framework (SDF). It addresses some of our region's most pressing challenges — including limited service delivery, unemployment, and environmental strain — while unlocking meaningful opportunities through inclusive planning and capacity building.

We are particularly encouraged by the proposal's commitment to structured community participation, its emphasis on pilot projects to test scalable solutions, and its transparent governance framework.

We respectfully urge the Council to give this initiative its full consideration and to enter into the proposed collaborative partnership. The De Kelders/Perlemoenbaai Ratepayers Association stands ready to participate constructively in this process and offers its full cooperation in support of the proposal's implementation.

Kindly note that Annexure A: Key Sources and Reference Materials is attached to this submission for your further reference.

PDF documents

From: Pierre Lourens [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Proposal to ODM Council
Date: 05 May 2025 at 11:42:02 SAST
To: Pierre Lourens <[REDACTED]>

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From: Pierre Lourens [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 05 May 2025 11:27 am
To: Pierre Lourens [REDACTED]
Subject: Proposal to ODM Council

To: The Council of the Overberg District Municipality
From: Overberg Reconnect Initiative
Date: 5 May 2025
Subject: Submission of the Overberg Reconnect Proposal – A Collaborative Development Partnership

1. Introduction

On 5 May 2025, Overberg Reconnect respectfully submits this proposal to the Council of the Overberg District Municipality (ODM), inviting the Municipality to enter into a collaborative partnership between local government and its communities.

This submission outlines a practical and community-driven framework aimed at strengthening citizen participation in the region's development journey. It is designed to complement and support existing municipal strategies and the overarching vision of sustainable, inclusive development across the Overberg District.

2. Vision and Strategic Alignment

Overberg Reconnect seeks to:

- Strengthen citizen participation in Integrated Development Planning (IDP)
- Align community initiatives with the Spatial Development Framework (SDF)
- Support infrastructure development and implementation
- Promote dialogue and capacity-building across all levels of society

This proposal is directly aligned with the mandate of ODM and reinforces the goals and principles of the District Development Model and the Municipal Systems Act.

3. Context and Challenges

ODM is tasked with coordinating development across Theewaterskloof, Overstrand, Cape Agulhas, and Swellendam. The proposal recognises the District's current challenges, including:

- Inequitable access to basic services
- High levels of unemployment
- Limited mechanisms for community engagement • Environmental degradation driven by urbanisation and climate change

4. Leveraging Strengths and Unlocking Opportunities

The Overberg region is strategically positioned for inclusive economic growth, boasting:

- A dual-ocean coastline
- Rich biodiversity and agricultural land
- An established tourism economy
- A committed leadership base

Opportunities that the initiative aims to promote include:

- Investment in renewable energy and infrastructure
- Expansion of agri-tourism and eco-tourism
- Public-private partnerships for economic growth
- Skills development and local capacity enhancement

5. Proposed Implementation Structures

To strengthen collaboration with ODM, Overberg Reconnect proposes the following operational structures:

5.1 Expert Panels

To advise on project design, policy, and monitoring across key sectors (economics, social development, environment).

5.2 Integrated Development Units

To ensure synergy with the IDP, SDF, and to monitor impact and delivery.

5.3 Community Forums

To facilitate structured dialogue between citizens and municipal representatives, ensuring local input in planning.

5.4 Capacity Building Units

To empower communities through civic education, leadership development, and technical upskilling.

6. Operationalisation and Governance Framework

6.1 Collaborative Funding Model

We propose a co-funding agreement in which ODM allocates R1 million annually over five years (R5 million total). This funding will support pilot projects, training programs,

and community engagement aligned with the IDP and SDF.

6.2 Establishment of a Joint Steering Committee

To oversee implementation, we recommend a Steering Committee composed of representatives from both ODM and Overberg Reconnect. Responsibilities include:

- Reviewing project proposals and disbursing funds
- Monitoring implementation and outcomes
- Facilitating communication across stakeholders

6.3 Financial Accountability and Transparency

All funding will be subject to:

- Quarterly financial reporting and independent audits
- Public disclosure of spending and outcomes
- Compliance with the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA)

6.4 Community-Driven Business Planning

A development business plan will be drafted by regional experts and community leaders, ensuring alignment with local priorities and practical delivery frameworks.

6.5 Pilot Projects and Adaptive Implementation

Pilot initiatives will serve as test beds for scalability. Learnings will be incorporated through adaptive management, in line with the District Development Model's principles.

7. Supporting Research and Reference Material

This proposal is informed by extensive review and alignment with national, provincial, district, and local policy documents, academic analysis, and sectoral expertise. A full list of the primary sources and reference materials used in preparing the Overberg Reconnect Proposal is attached as Annexure A.

This annexure is intended to support transparency and ensure alignment with legislative and strategic planning requirements. Conclusion

8 Conclusion

The Overberg Reconnect proposal provides a structured, inclusive, and scalable approach to integrated development in the Overberg District. It reflects our shared commitment to ethical governance, citizen empowerment, and long-term sustainability.

9. Next Steps

We respectfully request that Council:

- Formally consider this submission
- Indicate readiness to engage in partnership negotiations
- Identify a delegated

representative for follow-up engagement

We remain fully committed to working with ODM in co-creating a stronger, more connected Overberg.

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From: Pierre Lourens [REDACTED]
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ANNEXURE A: Key Sources and Reference Materials

Primary Government Frameworks & Guidelines

1. Overberg District Municipality Integrated Development Plan (IDP) 2024–2025
2. Overberg District Spatial Development Framework (SDF)
3. Local Municipal IDPs from:
 - Theewaterskloof
 - Overstrand
 - Cape Agulhas
 - Swellendam
4. Municipal Systems Act (Act 32 of 2000) – IDP and public participation requirements
5. Municipal Planning and Performance Management Regulations

Provincial and National Policy Documents

6. Western Cape Provincial Spatial Development Framework (PSDF)
7. National Development Plan 2030 (Presidency, RSA)
8. District Development Model (COGTA)
9. Integrated Urban Development Framework – Department of Cooperative Governance (COGTA)

Independent Reports and Analysis

10. Statistics South Africa (StatsSA): Overberg demographic and service delivery data
11. SALGA: Community participation and governance best practices
12. GreenCape Market Intelligence Reports (e.g., Renewable Energy, Agri-Processing)
13. Western Cape Climate Change Response Strategy
14. Western Cape Provincial Treasury: Economic and Social Review Reports

Academic and Sector Expertise

15. Consultations with sector professionals in:

- Environmental and spatial planning
- Municipal finance and legal compliance
- Rural and coastal/ocean economy development

16. Regional case studies, including the Eden/George District IDP realignment process

Response:

OM notes the proposal submitted to the Overberg District Municipality.