

12.
SCHULPHOEK HUMAN SETTLEMENT DEVELOPMENT

15/1/3/3/2/3/4

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1. Executive Summary

The purpose of the report is to report the current status of the project to council.

2. Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan - IGNITE

Not applicable

3. Compliance with Strategic Priority

Provision of democratic, accountable and ethical governance

4. Delegated Authority

None

5. Legal Requirements

- Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Constitution)
- Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act 117 of 1998) (Structures Act)
- Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000) (Systems Act)

6. Background/Discussion/Evaluation/Conclusion

An action plan for the Schulphoek development was agreed upon between the Executive Mayor and Minister Simmers on 31 January 2022. These actions included the signing of a Land Availability Agreement (LAA) by 28 February 2022; that a meeting between the Municipality and the Western Cape: Department of Human Settlements (DoHS) be held within a week after the signing of the LAA to discuss and agree upon securing the perimeter of the site, managing further land invasions and the erection of appropriate signage.

A LAA was signed between the municipality and the DoHS on 28 February 2022. The crux of the agreement is that the so-called Schulphoek land is made available to the DoHS for the purposes of developing it for housing purposes. The municipality will only be responsible for the security services, to ensure that no further dwellings are erected and to demolish any unfinished dwellings timeously. Further, should the need arise to apply for the eviction of any further unlawful occupants of the land, it should be noted that eviction

proceedings will be the last resort as, by its nature, remain a very expensive exercise.

The Municipality increased its presence to control access to the Schulphoek area with a manned kiosk at the entrance in Schulphoek Road. The abovementioned meeting with DoHS is still outstanding. A number of requests for it has already been sent to the department.

7. Financial Implications

For the current financial year the security function will be funded from savings.

8. Staff Implications

None at present

9. Comments from other Departments, Divisions and Administrations

None

10. Annexures

None

RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL:

that the status report on the Schulphoek development **be noted**.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL :

D O'NEILL

TARGET DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION :

ONGOING