
9.1	DELEGATION TO THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO CITIZENS IN LIGHT OF COVID-19
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Collaborator No:

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Good governance and compliance

Meeting Date:

25 March 2020

1. DELEGATION TO THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO CITIZENS IN LIGHT OF COVID-19

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- (a) To obtain approval from Council to confer all Council powers and functions upon the Executive Mayor with the exception of the non-delegated powers as per section 160 (2) of the Constitution; and
- (b) To approve the emergency assistance to citizens in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

3. DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Council

4. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The President of South Africa on 15 March 2020 declared the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic a national disaster in terms of Section 23(1) (b) of the Disaster Management Act 2002. In his address, President Cyril Ramaphosa, in order to enable the development of an integrated and coordinated disaster management mechanism to focus on the prevention and reduction of the COVID-19 outbreak, has put specific measures in place.

Several regulations in this regard have been Gazetted during the past week that need urgent decision-making. It is not practical to call a Council meeting every time a decision must be made in the case of an emergency. Council therefore grants permission to the Executive Mayor to exercise power of the council during the national disaster with the exception of powers in section 160(2) of the Constitution.

Moreover, it is anticipated that the COVID-19 will have adverse effects on the economy and especially on the most vulnerable and the poorest of the poor. It is for this reason that as a responsible and caring government emergency assistance is proposed to alleviate the impact on our communities.

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With reference to recommendation (e), Councillor DA Hendrickse requested that it be minuted that he objects to the Executive Mayor using delegated powers during this period to approve matters not specifically relating to COVID-19.

RESOLVED (majority vote)

- (a) that a payment reprieve be granted to citizens on application and when the criteria as set out in 6.2 are met;

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- (b) that, should this agreement as referred to in 6.2 not be honoured, the full outstanding debt will become payable immediately;
- (c) that the free basic water allocation to registered indigents be increased from 6 kilo litres to 10 kilo litres from 1 April 2020 until 30 June 2020;
- (d) that credit control measures and procedures be suspended until the end of April 2020 or to such time that lockdown might be extended;
- (e) that permission be granted to confer all Council powers and functions upon the Executive Mayor with the exception of the non-delegated powers as per section 160 (2) of the Constitution until the disaster is lifted by the President; and
- (f) that the Municipal Manager be mandated to investigate and approve any further debt relief as needed.

The following Councillors requested that their votes of dissent be minuted:

Cllrs Bangani-Menziwe (Ms); DA Hendrickse; LK Horsband (Ms); C Moses (Ms); N Mananga-Gugushe (Ms); N Sinkinya (Ms); P Sitshoti (Ms) and LL Stander.

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