



# INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP) 2022 - 2027



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# List of Acronyms

Acronyms	Description	Acronyms	Description
<b>AQMP</b>	Air Quality Management Plan	<b>MDG</b>	Millennium Development Goal
<b>BESP</b>	Built Environment Support Programme	<b>MI</b>	Municipal Infrastructure
<b>CBD</b>	Central Business District	<b>MIG</b>	Municipal Infrastructure Grant
<b>CBA</b>	Critical Biodiversity Areas	<b>NDP</b>	National Development Plan
<b>CMP</b>	Coastal Management Programme	<b>NSDF</b>	National Spatial Development Framework
<b>CSIR</b>	Council for Scientific and Industrial Research	<b>MIP</b>	Municipal Infrastructure Plan
<b>DCAS</b>	Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport	<b>MMP</b>	Maintenance Management Plan
<b>DEA&amp;DP</b>	Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	<b>MSA</b>	Municipal Systems Act
<b>DHS/DOHS</b>	Department of Human Settlements	<b>MSCOA</b>	Municipal Standard Chart of Accounts
<b>DM</b>	District Municipality	<b>MSDF</b>	Municipal Spatial Development Framework
<b>DLG</b>	Department of Local Government	<b>MVA</b>	Megavolt Amperes (1-million-volt amperes)
<b>DWA</b>	Department of Water Affairs	<b>MWh</b>	Megawatt hour (1-million-watt hours)
<b>EPWP</b>	Expanded Public Works Programme	<b>NRW</b>	Non-revenue Water
<b>FBE</b>	Free Basic Electricity	<b>NSDP</b>	National Spatial Development Perspective
<b>GRDM</b>	Garden Route District Municipality	<b>NDHS</b>	National Department of Human Settlements
<b>GM</b>	George Municipality	<b>O&amp;M</b>	Operations and Maintenance
<b>HSP</b>	Human Settlement Plan	<b>PMS</b>	Performance Management Systems
<b>IDP</b>	Integrated Development Plan	<b>RMP</b>	Road Management Plan
<b>IGP</b>	Infrastructure Growth Plan	<b>SDBIP</b>	Service Delivery Budget Implementation Plan
<b>IIAMP</b>	Integrated Infrastructure Asset Management Plan	<b>SDF</b>	Spatial Development Framework
<b>IIF</b>	Infrastructure Investment Framework	<b>SOP</b>	Standard Operating Procedure
<b>ITP</b>	Integrated Transport Plan	<b>SWMP</b>	Stormwater Management Plan
<b>ISDF</b>	Integrated Strategic Development Framework	<b>WDM</b>	Water Demand Management
<b>IYM</b>	In-year Monitoring	<b>WSDP</b>	Water Service Development Plan
<b>IWMP</b>	Integrated Waste Management Plan	<b>WTW</b>	Water Treatment Works
<b>JOC</b>	Joint Operations Centre	<b>WWTW</b>	Wastewater Treatment Works
<b>kl</b>	kilolitre		
<b>KPA</b>	Key Performance Area		
<b>KPI</b>	Key Performance Indicator		
<b>kWh</b>	kilowatt hour (1000-watt hours)		
<b>LED</b>	Local Economic Development		
<b>LUPA</b>	Land Use Planning Act		
<b>MBRR</b>	Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations		

# Integrated Development Plan for 2023 – 2027

Compiled in terms of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No. 32 of 2000)

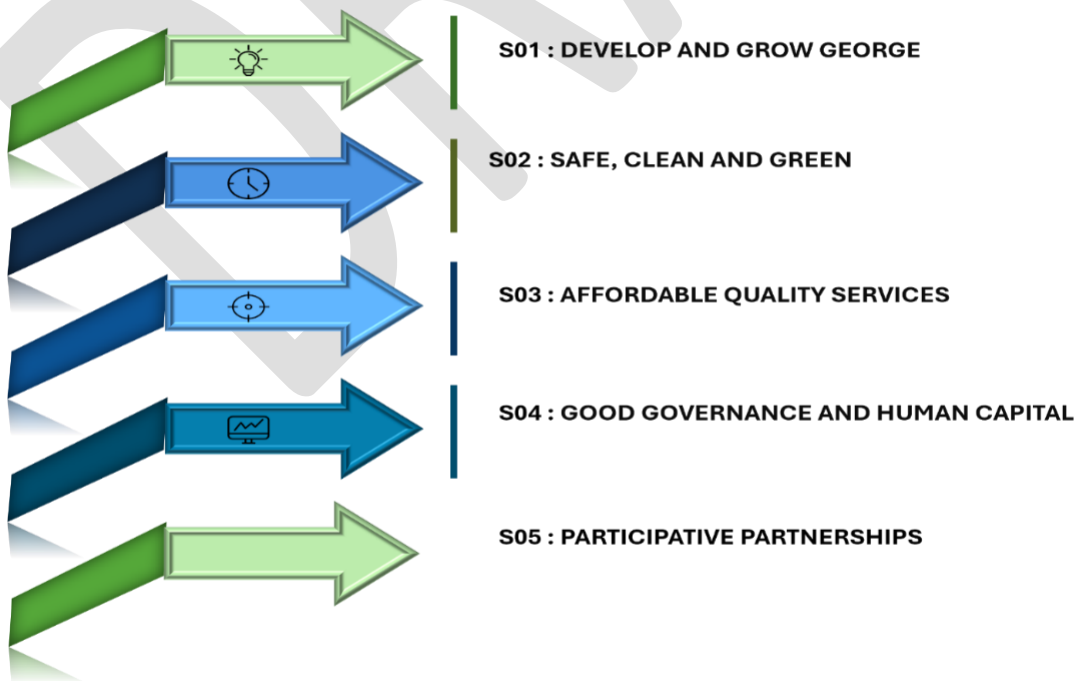
The Integrated Development Plan is the municipality's principal five-year strategic plan that deals with the most critical development needs of the municipal area (external focus) as well as the most critical governance needs of the organisation (internal focus).

The Integrated Development Plan –

- is approved by the council within a year of a municipal election and is in effect for the duration of the five- year term of the council that elected it;
- is drafted and reviewed annually with participation from the local community, interested state organs, and other stakeholders.
- directs and informs all development and planning, as well as all decisions related to management and development;
- acts as the basis and framework for the municipality's annual budgets, performance management system, and medium-term expenditure framework;
- seeks to promote integration by achieving a balance between the social, economic, and environmental pillars of sustainable development without compromising the institutional capacity required for implementation, and by facilitating

## Strategic Overview

### GEORGE MUNICIPALITY STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



# Foreword by the Executive Mayor

It is with a profound sense of purpose and responsibility that I present this review of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) for the 2024-2025 period for George Municipality. As we embark on this journey, we are reminded of the importance of integrated planning in shaping our vibrant community and addressing the complex challenges that lie ahead.

Over the years, our municipality has achieved significant milestones, often surpassing our goals and targets. However, we recognize that new and existing challenges require us to do even more. We must serve our community with greater dedication and excellence, and this process begins with the review of this living document, which reflects the aspirations, priorities, and concerns of our residents, businesses, civil society, and government agencies.

Our goal as a municipality is straightforward: to implement solution-driven initiatives and innovations that focus on socio-economic development, ensuring that our excellent standard of service delivery, good governance, and financial management is maintained. We strive to create a municipality that is clean, green, safe, and responsive to the needs of our residents. Furthermore, we are committed to positioning our municipal area as an attractive destination for all reasons.

This IDP is the result of extensive collaboration and consultation with our stakeholders, including residents, businesses, civil society, and government agencies. It provides a comprehensive framework for addressing the challenges we face, while capitalising on emerging opportunities to enhance the well-being of all our citizens.

Our key focus areas include improving infrastructure, promoting economic growth, addressing poverty, and enhancing public safety. By prioritizing these areas, Council is laying the groundwork for a more prosperous and sustainable future for the whole of George.

The IDP underscores our unwavering commitment to good governance, transparency, accountability, and financial stability. It sets out clear goals, objectives, and performance indicators, enabling us to monitor progress, adapt to changing circumstances, and ensure that our actions are guided by the principles of integrity, ethical leadership, and community needs.

As a municipality, our focus will remain on maintaining these principles and upholding the trust placed in us by our residents. I wish to extend my sincerest gratitude to all those who have contributed to the development of this IDP, including municipal staff, community leaders, and residents. Your input will ensure that we realize a George that we can all be proud of.

Let us work together to build a better future for our expanding George, where everyone can live, work, and play with dignity. I am confident that, through our collective efforts, we can create a municipality that is truly a place of opportunity, growth, and prosperity for all.

Executive Mayor: J von BrandiS





# Message by the Municipal Manager

It is with great pride that I present the Revised Integrated Development Plan (IDP) for the upcoming financial year. This document is a strategic guide that charts the path forward for our community, encapsulating our vision for a prosperous, sustainable future. As one of the leading municipalities in the Western Cape, and the second largest in the region, George is committed to providing high-quality services to all its residents.

This IDP has been shaped by comprehensive consultations with our residents, stakeholders, and various municipal departments. It captures the collective needs, aspirations, and priorities of our community, offering a clear roadmap for the year ahead.

Within this plan, you will find our focus on:

- Upgrading essential infrastructure, including roads, water systems, and sanitation.
- Fostering economic growth through support for small businesses and tourism development.
- Enhancing service delivery across all sectors.
- Ensuring the safety and well-being of our community.
- Promoting sustainability through green initiatives and climate change mitigation.

In line with these priorities, we are actively implementing several key projects, which we aim to complete during the current term of Council.

Our goal is to create a municipality where every resident enjoys an improved quality of life. I urge all residents to join hands with the municipality in working toward a brighter future for our community. Together, we can turn this vision into reality.

Municipal Manager: Godfrey Louw



# Executive Summary

This document denotes the amendments made by George Municipality to the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) for the present planning and implementing period, considering the budget cycle. The document should be read in conjunction with the supporting documentation such as the municipal budget and associated sector plans.

The aim is to fully acknowledge the amendments and ensure that all resources are allocated to provide the best service to the community at large and provide access to the required basic services. It further aims to provide clarity on all the planned programmes, projects and initiatives that will serve the community.

The document comprises of the following Chapters:

**Chapter 1: Governance:** The chapter has been condensed to just cover the most crucial legal framework, national and local policy imperatives, and the high level IDP process.

**Chapter 2: State of Greater George:** This chapter provides a situational analysis of the existing trends and conditions in the Municipality, in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Systems Act for developing an IDP, as well as the geographic location.

**Chapter 3: Strategic Policy Context:** The IDP requires alignment with other spheres of government at different stages during the process. The alignment is the instrument to synchronize and integrate the IDP process between different spheres of government. The alignment process must reveal how National and Provincial Government, and the District Municipality could tangibly assist this Municipality in achieving its developmental objectives.

**Chapter 4: Sector Plan Implementation:** The Municipality has a number of medium- and long-term sector plans that direct the implementation of the different functional areas. These plans form an integral part of the IDP. Although the time-periods for sector plans and the IDP differ (e.g., the mSDF has a 20-year horizon, IDP has a 5- year horizon and sector plan can be revised annually), the IDP and sector plans inform each other mutually. Like the IDP, sector plans are subject to periodic review. Alignment between sector plans and the IDP allows for more effective budgeting integration.

**Chapter 5: Spatial Development Framework (SDF):** The contribution of the SDF to the IDP Strategy is to address the spatial requirements of issues identified through the IDP process. The SDF is the spatial component of the IDP as required in terms of the Municipal Systems Act.

**Chapter 6: Public Interest and expression of needs:** The needs and priorities are then documented and considered as part of operational output, i.e. service delivery, to improve the quality of life of residents within the municipal area. This chapter focuses on the input received from the stakeholders during these engagements. The input, i.e., issues raised, were refined and prioritised as informants of the budget and development priorities of the Municipality.

**Chapter 7: Financial Plan:** The Municipality's financial plan integrates the financial relationships of various revenue and expenditure streams to give effect to the IDP. It provides guidance for the development of current budgets and assesses financial impacts on outer years' budgets by incorporating capital expenditure outcomes, operating expenditure trends, optimal asset management plans and the consequential impact on rates, tariffs, and other service charges.

**Chapter 8: Organisational Scorecard (Performance Management):** Regulation 7(1) of the Local Government: Municipal

Planning and Performance Management Regulations, 2001 states that “A Municipality’s Performance Management System (PMS) entails a framework that describes and represents how the municipality’s cycle and processes of performance planning, monitoring, measurement, review, reporting and improvement will be conducted, organized and managed, including determining the roles of the different role players.” This framework, inter alia, reflects the linkage between the IDP, Budget, Service Delivery Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) and individual and service provider performance.

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# CHAPTER 1: Governance

## 1.1 Integrated Development Planning

The South African municipalities are required under the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No. 32 of 2000) (MSA) to develop a five-year Integrated Development Plan (IDP) to inform the municipal budget and guide all development within the municipal area. The IDP is regarded as the municipality's primary strategic plan and addresses both the organisation's urgent concerns for administration and the municipal area's most pressing needs for growth.

The planning process must offer a platform for identifying, analysing, and resolving the real issues that the citizens of George Municipality face since it serves as the principal planning tool that directs and informs the municipal budget. By identifying these problems in collaboration with communities, the municipality can offer practical and realistic solutions that can be budgeted for, implemented and monitored in a controlled environment. These issues may span across the whole municipality or may only affect specific communities. Therefore, it is essential that the IDP is created after the conclusion of a public participation process in which all relevant community stakeholders were consulted extensively. The plan is also developed in collaboration with the provincial and national governments, as well as the district municipality.

The improvement of basic municipal services and the expansion of job prospects for residents of the George Municipality are at the centre of the IDP. The IDP also emphasises strengthening and modernising municipal resources, business growth, and, most importantly, exploring innovative approaches to co-existing. This is particularly important in a constantly shifting environment.

## 1.2 Compilation and Legal Status of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) 2024 – 2027

### **SECTION 35(1) OF THE MSA**

An IDP is adopted by the council of a municipality:

- (a) is the principal strategic planning instrument which guides and informs all planning and development, and all decisions regarding planning, management and development, in the municipality;
- (b) binds the municipality in the exercise of its executive authority, except to the extent of any inconsistency between a municipality's integrated development plan and national or provincial legislation, in which case such legislation prevails; and
- (c) binds all other persons to the extent that those parts of the integrated development plan that impose duties or affect the rights of those persons have been passed as a by-law.

## **CHAPTER 5 AND SECTION 26 OF THE MSA**

Core components of IDPs: An integrated development plan must reflect-

- (a) The municipal council's vision for the long-term development of the municipality with special emphasis on the
- (b) municipality's most critical development and internal transformation needs;
- (c) An assessment of the existing level of development in the municipality, which must include an identification of communities which do not have access to basic municipal services;
- (d) The council's development priorities and objectives for its elected term, including its local economic development
- (e) aims and its internal transformation needs;
- (f) The council's development strategies which must be aligned with any national and provincial sectoral plans and
- (g) planning requirements binding on the municipality in terms of legislation;
- (h) A spatial development framework which must include the provision of basic guidelines for a land-use management system for the municipality;
- (i) The council's operational strategies;
- (j) Applicable disaster management plans;
- (k) A financial plan, which must include a budget projection for at least the next three years; and
- (l) The key performance indicators and performance targets determined in terms of section 41.

### **1.3 Legislative and Guiding Framework**

Municipalities function within an extensive legislative and policy framework that provides prescripts and guidelines for municipal actions per constitutional obligations. Furthermore, local government must be cognisant of and partake in a system of intergovernmental service delivery. In this regard, the George Municipality recognizes that to advance the local agenda, it's crucial for the municipal budget, programs, and projects to conform with overarching regulatory, developmental, and institutional policy directives.

### **1.4 Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, No. 16 of 2013 (SPLUMA)**

This Act was promulgated on 5 August 2013 and has replaced several other Acts whereas it was deemed that various laws governing land use give rise to uncertainty about the status of municipal spatial planning and land use management systems and procedures and frustrates the achievement of cooperative governance and the promotion of public interest. It was resolved that informal and traditional land use development processes are poorly integrated into formal systems of spatial planning and land use management and that spatial planning is insufficiently underpinned and supported by infrastructural investment.

The objects of the Act as defined in Section 3 are to:

- provide for a uniform, effective and comprehensive system of spatial planning and land use management for the Republic;

- ensure that the system of spatial planning and land use management promotes social and economic inclusion;
- provide for development principles and norms and standards;
- provide for the sustainable and efficient use of land;
- provide for cooperative government and intergovernmental relations amongst the national, provincial and local spheres of government; and
- redress the imbalances of the past and to ensure that there is equity in the application of spatial development planning and land use management systems.

SPLUMA requires that planning be done in accordance with 5 overarching development principles as outlined in Section 7 of the Act. The IDP process is regarded as the main organising tool, encouraging municipalities to identify key delivery targets, such as land development objectives in identifying key service targets, taking development, policy and transformation objectives and imperatives into account. Municipalities are required to collaborate with other spheres of government, ensure transversal partnering between its internal departments and creating an opportunity for local communities to participate.

### 1.5 Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996

The Constitution is a crucial component of the legal system of South Africa and of the legal-institutional framework within which development must take place. The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Section 152) puts in place a vision for Developmental Local Government (DLG) and contains the following objectives:

- To provide democratic and accountable government for local communities.
- To ensure the provision of services to communities in a sustainable manner.
- To promote social and economic development.
- To promote a safe and healthy environment.
- To encourage the participation of communities and community organisations in the affairs of local government.

Section 153 (a) of Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 further instils the culture of ‘people and development centred’ municipalities by stipulating that – “A municipality must structure and manage its administration and budgeting and planning processes to give priority to the basic needs of the community, and to promote the social and economic development of the community.” Municipalities are mandated to ensure all citizens receive the services they need to satisfy their basic needs. Municipalities must also promote the Bill of Rights, which reflects the nation’s values regarding human dignity, equality and freedom, and uphold the principles enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996.

Chapter 10 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 encourages the creation of opportunities for public participation in public administration by identifying the basic values and principles governing public administration as follows:

“195. (1) Public administration must be governed by the democratic values and principles enshrined in the Constitution, including the following principles:

- (a) A high standard of professional ethics must be promoted and maintained.
- (b) Efficient, economic and effective use of resources must be promoted.
- (c) Public administration must be development oriented.
- (d) Services must be provided impartially, fairly, equitably and without bias.

- (e) People's need must be responded to, and the public must be encouraged to participate in policymaking.
- (f) Public administration must be accountable.
- (g) Transparency must be fostered by providing the public with timely, accessible and accurate information.
- (h) Good human-resource management and career-development practices, to maximise human potential, must be cultivated.
- (i) Public administration must be broadly representative of the South African people, with employment and personnel management practices based on ability, objectivity, fairness, and the need to redress the imbalances of the past to achieve broad representation.

(2) The above principles apply to –

- (a) Administration in every sphere of government;
- (b) Organs of state; and
- (c) Public enterprises”.

The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa Act, 1996 provides a fundamental foundation for local government to create opportunities for local communities to participate meaningfully in matters affecting their lives. Therefore, municipalities can adopt policies that are in line with the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996.

### **1.6 White Paper on Transforming Public Service Delivery, 1997**

As the sphere of government closest to the people, municipalities are the focal point of public service delivery. The White Paper on Transforming Public Service Delivery, 1997 (better known as the Batho Pele White Paper) promotes mechanisms to enable the state machinery to optimise the provision of services to all citizens. The Batho Pele White Paper spells out eight principles for transforming public service delivery and is explained in detail below.

- Consultation – citizens should be consulted about the level and quality of the public services they receive and, wherever possible, should be given a choice about the services that are offered.
- Service standards – citizens should be told what level and quality of public services they will receive so that they are aware of what to expect.
- Access – all citizens should have equal access to the services to which they are entitled.
- Courtesy – citizens should be treated with courtesy and consideration.
- Information – citizens should be given full, accurate information about the public services they are entitled to receive.
- Openness and transparency – citizens should be told how national and provincial departments are run, how much they cost, and who is in charge.
- Redress – if the promised standard of service is not delivered, citizens should be offered an apology, a full explanation and a speedy and effective remedy; and when complaints are made, citizens should receive a sympathetic, positive response.
- Value for money – public services should be provided economically and efficiently to give citizens the best possible value for money.

## 1.7 Local Government: White Paper on Local Government, 1998

The basis for DLG in South Africa is founded on provisions set out in the Local Government: White Paper on Local Government, 1998. According to the Local Government: White Paper on Local Government, 1998, developmental local governance should ultimately result in the following outcomes:

- The provision of household infrastructure and services
- The creation of liveable, integrated cities, towns and rural areas.
- The local economic development.
- Community empowerment and redistribution.

To achieve these outcomes, the Local Government: White Paper on Local Government, 1998 puts forward three interrelated approaches that can assist municipalities to fulfil their developmental mandate:

- Integrated development planning.
- Performance management.
- Working together with local citizens and partners.

Regarding public participation, the Local Government: White Paper on Local Government, 1998 stipulates that municipalities should encourage civil society participation through:

- Forums initiated within or outside municipalities to allow organised formations to initiate policies and/or influence policy formulation, as well as participate in monitoring and evaluation activities.
- Structured stakeholder participation in certain council committees.
- Participatory budgeting initiatives aimed at linking community priorities to capital investment programmes.
- Focus-group participatory action research to generate detailed information about a wide range of specific needs and values.
- Support for the organisational development of associations, in poor, marginalised areas where the skills and resources for participation may be less developed.

Integrated development planning is therefore central to realising the developmental local government vision. It is viewed as a mechanism to enable prioritisation and integration in municipal planning processes and to strengthen the links between the developmental (external) and institutional (internal) planning processes.

According to the Local Government: White Paper on Local Government, 1998, municipalities require active participation by citizens at four levels:

- As voters – to ensure maximum democratic accountability of the elected political leadership for the policies they are empowered to promote.
- As citizens who express, via different stakeholder associations, their views before, during and after the policy development process to ensure that policies reflect community preferences as far as possible.
- As consumers and end-users, who expect value-for-money, affordable services and courteous and responsive service.
- As organised partners involved in the mobilisation of resources for development via for-profit businesses, non- governmental organisations and community-based institutions.



### **1.8 Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, No. 117 of 1998**

This Act gives district municipalities the responsibility for integrated development planning for the entire district municipality, including framework for IDPs for all local municipalities within areas. They therefore have a responsibility for inter-local co-ordination and for links with provincial and national departments. While each local municipality and the district municipality produce their own IDP and conduct their own participatory processes, the role of the district municipality is to ensure that there is a joint district strategy, and that the IDPs within the district are aligned with another and the district IDP.

The Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, No. 117 of 1998 is designed to regulate the internal systems, structures and office bearers of municipalities, and to provide for appropriate electoral systems. Chapter 4, Part 4 of the Act deals with the establishment, functions and powers of ward committees. The ward participatory system of municipal government allows for the establishment of ward committees to facilitate public participation in the matters of local government. Ward committees can also improve communication between the municipal council and local communities and play a role in identifying community needs and fine-tuning municipal programmes to accommodate local circumstances.

### **1.9 Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, No. 32 of 2000**

The Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, No. 32 of 2000 was published to establish a framework for planning, performance management systems, effective use of resources and organisational change. It provides for the core principles, mechanisms and processes that are necessary to work in partnership with the community.

Chapter 4 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, No. 32 of 2000 deals with the development of a culture of community (public) participation, mechanisms, processes and procedures for community participation, communication of information concerning community participation, public notice of council meetings, and communication between council and the local community. These mechanisms for public participation must also be appropriate for the preparation, implementation and review of the IDP.

Section 25 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, No. 32 of 2000 stipulates the need for each municipal council to adopt an IDP within a prescribed period after the start of its elected term. Furthermore, Section 26(e) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, No. 32 of 2000 identifies the municipal spatial development framework as a core component of the municipal IDP along with the council's development strategies and sector plans. The municipal spatial development framework therefore forms part of the Municipality's duly adopted IDP and should be incorporated in the process plan.

### **1.10 Local Government: Municipal Planning and Performance Management Regulations, 2001**

The Local Government: Municipal Planning and Performance Management Regulations, 2001 seeks to enhance the implementation of performance management obligations imposed by legislation and cultivate uniformity in the application of performance management within the local sphere of government. The Regulations outline the details to be contained in the municipalities' IDPs, as well as the process of amendment. They also provide the nature of performance management systems, their adoption, processes for the setting of performance targets, monitoring, measurement, review and the internal auditing of performance measurements. The Regulations conclude with a section on community participation in respect of integrated development planning and performance management.

### **1.11 Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, No. 56 of 2003**

This Act aims to modernise budget and financial management practices by placing local government finances on a sustainable

footing. It serves to maximise the capacity of municipalities to deliver services to all their residents, customers, users and investors. One of the most significant reforms is the new budget process and its link to the IDP.

Section 21 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003 emphasises the importance of a platform for public participation in the IDP and budget process. This process must be carried out as a single and integrated process, as opposed to a separate IDP process followed by a budget process.

Furthermore, Section 130 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, No. 56 of 2003 stipulates *inter alia*; that the meetings of a municipal council at which a report is to be discussed or at which decisions concerning an annual report are to be taken, must be open to the public.

### **1.12 Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, No. 6 of 2004**

The Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, No. 6 of 2004 seeks to regulate the powers of municipalities to levy rates on property. Rates represent a critical source of own revenue for municipalities to achieve their constitutional development objectives.

### **1.13 Intergovernmental Relations Framework Act, No. 13 of 2005 (IRFA)**

The Intergovernmental Relations Framework Act regulates and facilitates the coordination and implementation of policy and legislation between the organs of state within the three spheres of government in South Africa. It promotes coordination and collaboration amongst the three spheres of government in planning and implementation.

The needs of community members and public, private, and community organisations, in addition to a leadership agenda as outlined in national and provincial policy documents, are taken into consideration while developing the IDP. It guides and informs various facets of the municipality's work, such as the political and administrative structure of the municipality, the municipal budget, the sector plans and service delivery and budget implementation plan of various municipal services, and the management of performance of the municipality.

#### **The IDP 2022 – 2027 outlines the following chapters:**

- Chapter 1: Governance and Institutional Arrangements
- Chapter 2: Situational Analysis of the State of Greater George.
- Chapter 3: The Strategic Policy Context.
- Chapter 4: Sector Plan Implementation.
- Chapter 5: Spatial Development Framework.
- Chapter 6: Ward Priorities (Public Interest).
- Chapter 7: Financial Plan
- Chapter 8: Organisational Scorecard

### **1.14 Relationship between the IDP, Budget, Performance management and Risk Management**

The IDP Process, together with the performance management process, should be seamlessly integrated, where the IDP ensures that the planning stage for performance management occurs, and performance management fulfils the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the IDP process. This is prescribed according to the Performance Management Guide for Municipalities, DPLG, 2001.

The Budget's purpose is to allocate funds to the objectives in the IDP, and it is monitored by the Service Delivery Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP). Therefore, the municipality's strategic direction is provided by the IDP, and its implementation should be supported by the budget.

According to section 62 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act No. 56 of 2003) (MFMA), risk management is one of management's primary duties and is an essential component of a municipality's internal operations. It is a systematic method to detect, assess, and deal with risks continually before they have a detrimental influence on the George Municipality's ability to provide services. The institution may reasonably be certain that it will be successful in reaching its aims and objectives due to risk management.

### **1.15 Relationship between the IDP and One Plan**

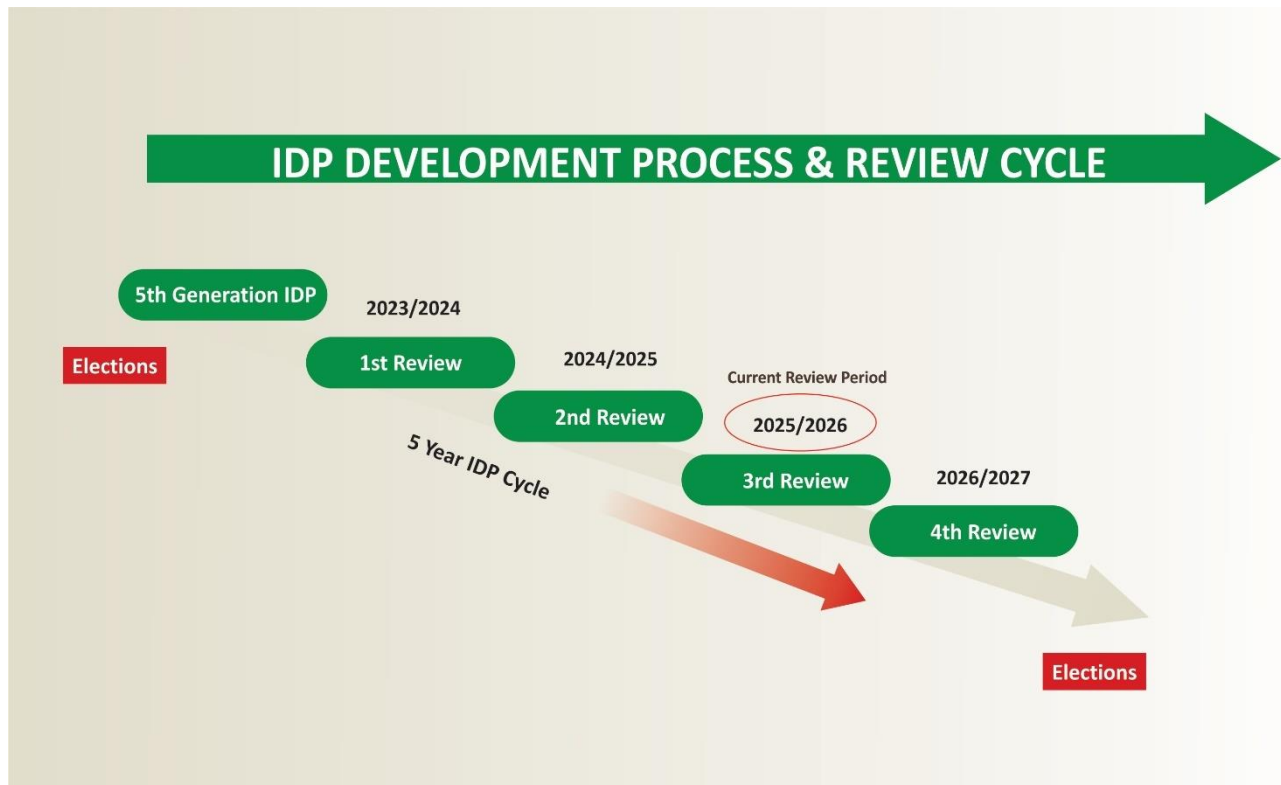
The One Plan does not replace the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) of the municipality as the “single, inclusive and strategic plan for the development of the municipality”. It is envisaged that the One Plan will strengthen and enhance the IDP and other plans of the municipalities. It is foreseen to provide greater certainty and direction for the IDP. During the development of the One Plan, the IDP informed the One Plan. However, after approval of the One Plan, the IDP will be directed by the strategies and priorities outlined in the One Plan. In this regard, the IDP will be the vehicle through which implementation of the One Plan will happen at the local government level.

### **1.16 The IDP Planning Process (five-year cycle)**

According to the MSA, every new council that comes into office after the local government elections must prepare its IDP that will guide them for the five years that they are in office. The IDP is, therefore, linked to the five-year term of office of Councillors. This does, however, not restrict all proposals in the IDP to five years. The strategic goals that are part of the municipality's strategy all have a longer than five-year horizon, similar to the Spatial Development Framework (SDF) of the municipality.

A clear distinction must also be made between the main IDP which is compiled every five years (or if a new council comes into power within the five-year period and does not accept the previous council's IDP) and the annual review of the IDP. The annual review is not a replacement for the five-year IDP, and its purpose is not to interfere with the long-term strategic orientation of the municipality. The annual review reflects and reports on progress made concerning the five-year strategy (and strategic goals) and proposes adjustments to the strategy, if necessary, because of changing internal and external circumstances that impact the appropriateness of the IDP.

Figure 1: Five- Year IDP Development and review cycle



### 1.17 Political and Administrative Collaboration

Municipal leadership and management collaborate closely for sustainable municipal management. Policy direction ultimately rests with democratically elected political leadership. The administration makes recommendations and implements policies into place.

Best practise demonstrates that establishing meaningful partnerships with local communities, where local communities assume full responsibility for the development of their neighbourhoods, is the only method to carry out sustainable urban management. George Municipality is dedicated to ensuring that our poorest neighbourhoods experience true social and economic development via appropriate community engagement and responsibility. The legal affiliation of communities with the municipality is not well understood. Local communities, however, cannot only act as critics or disinterested observers given that this is the situation, communities must actively participate in the development and execution of initiatives and programmes in their neighbourhoods.

Traditional strategic planning procedures meant to direct development and management decisions require a great deal of time. These procedures, sadly, do not take into account the "now" or the requirement to inform choices made right now. The "now" has grown to be crucial for towns. It matters every month. We think that because of how big our problems are, we risk losing a lot of what makes a place unique and being ill-equipped to handle issues in the future if we don't quickly come up with an integrated solution that everyone can agree on. We frequently observe that delay or even bad decision-making is justified by the statement that a plan is "under preparation." The strategy also seems to disregard local knowledge base, or what individuals learn by dealing with service-related problems on a daily basis. In order to debate strategic concerns and the best ways to address them, we have established frequent, informal but organised engagements between the MayCo and Director's Forum.

These planning techniques fill the gap between the technical needs of developing a strategy and the demand for strategic frameworks to be readily available to cope with quick decision-making. Through intensive, organised information-sharing and

planning workshops, this procedure aims to establish a starting position on how to guide the growth and administration of the municipality. A first plan is drafted, and provisions are created for influencing today's decisions and the character of future work in a way that supports the strategy. The plan is expanded upon in further technical work to serve as the broad strategic framework.

Key tools to assist with are legislation, regulation, policy, institutional and fiscal measures, management information and asset management.

### 1.18 Municipal policies and service-delivery improvement plans

The municipality has the following policies, service-delivery improvement plans and systems to support the workforce in delivering on the strategic objectives:

Name of Policy	Rating
Acting Policy	😊
Appointment Policy	😊
Blanco LSDF	😊
Bursary Policy	😊
Covid -19 Policy	😊
Credit Control	😊
Customer Care	😊
Debt Collection	😊
Delegation of Power	😊
Development Charges	😊
Experiential Policy	😊
Fleet Management Policy	😊
George CBD Local Structure Plan (LSDF)	😊
George CBD Pedestrian Walkway (LSDF)	😊
George South-East LSDF	😊
GM: Town Planning	😊
George Municipal Spatial Development Framework	😊
GM: Town Planning Policy on House Taverns, Places of Leisure and Places of Entertainment in Single Residential Areas, 2022	😊
GM: Town Planning Policy on House Shops and Other Residential Based Retail Concerns, 2022	😊
Gwayang Local Spatial Development Framework (LSDF)	😊
Herolds Bay LSDF	😊
ICT Data Backup and Recovery Policy	😊
ICT Operating System Security Controls Policy	😊
ICT Policy	😊
ICT Security Controls Policy	😊
ICT Service Level Agreement Management Policy - External Service Provider	😊
ICT Service Level Agreement Management Policy - ICT and Municipality	😊
ICT User Access Management Policy	😊
Incentives Policy for Rental and Freehold Affordable Housing Developments	😊

Name of Policy	Rating
Indigent	😊
Municipal Corporate Governance of ICT Governance Policy	😊
Overtime Policy	😊
Pacaltsdorp/Hans Moes Kraal LSDF	😊
Personal Protective Equipment Policy	😊
Placement Policy	😊
Policy of Place Naming, Street Naming and Numbering	😊
Policy on Base Telecommunication Infrastructure, 2023	😊
Property Rates	😊
Scarce Skills and Staff Retention Policy	😊
Street Naming Policy 2022	😊
Student Accommodation Policy	😊
Succession and Career Path Policy	😊
Tariff	😊
TASK & Job Evaluation Policy	😊
Thembaletu Urban Restructuring LSDF	😊
Training and Development Policy	😊
Virement	😊
Wards 24 and 25 LSDF	😊
Wilderness/Lakes/Hoekwil LSDF	😊
Working from Home Policy	😊

NAME OF BYLAW	RATING
Building Control By-Law	😊
Integrated Zoning Scheme By-Law	😊
Land Use Planning By-Law for George Municipality	😊
Outdoor Advertising By-Law	😊
Problem Premises By-Law	😊
Unlawful Land Occupation By-Law	😊
Special Ratings Area By-Law	😊
Water and Sanitation By-Law	😊

It is the Council's intention to develop a schedule of all policies and by-laws that will indicate a rotation plan for reviewing all policies and by-laws. This process will assist the municipality to be compliant, developmental, and innovative in conducting its business. The systems are continuously updated to ensure that they support the administration as well as the delivery of services to the public.

### 1.19 Municipal Council

The Council performs both legislative and executive functions. It focuses on legislative, oversight and participatory roles, and has delegated its executive function to the Executive Mayor and the Mayoral Committee. Its primary role is to debate issues publicly as

well as facilitate political debates and discussions. Apart from their functions as policymakers, Councillors are also actively involved with community work and in the various social programmes in the municipal area.

George Municipality is represented by 55 councillors of whom 28 were elected directly as ward councillors. The rest of the councillors were elected based on the proportion of votes cast for the different political parties. The political composition of the Council is as follows:

**Table 1: Council Political Representation**

Political Party	Number of Councillors
Democratic Alliance (DA)	27
African National Congress (ANC)	10
GOOD	3
Plaaslike Bersorgde Inwoners (PBI)	5
Freedom Front Plus (VF+)	4
Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF)	2
African Christian Democratic Party (ACDP)	1
Patriotic Alliance (PA)	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>

Below is a table that categorises the Councillors within their respective political parties and wards.

**Table 2: Ward Councillor and Proportional Councillors**

No.	Name of Councillor	Capacity	Political Party	Ward Councillor and Proportional (PR)
1.	Jean Safers	Ward Councillor	DA	
2.	Daniel Cronje	Ward Councillor	DA	
3.	Erika Louise Brown	Ward Councillor	DA	
4.	Marlene Barnardt	Ward Councillor	DA	
5.	Monique Simmers	Ward Councillor	DA	
6.	Jayze Hambley Jantjies	Ward Councillor	DA	
7.	Vulindlela Solomon Mruqhli	Ward Councillor	ANC	
8.	Samuel Voster	Ward Councillor	PA	
9.	Thembinkosi Ernest Lento	Ward Councillor	ANC	Party Whip
10.	Zukile Brightness Gom	Ward Councillor	ANC	
11.	Sifiso Zakaria Ntondini	Ward Councillor	ANC	
12.	Eric Thabisile Mdaka	Ward Councillor	ANC	
13.	Simphiwe Mohammed Toto	Ward Councillor	ANC	
14.	Melvin Roelfse	Ward Councillor	DA	
15.	Bonisile Hani	Ward Councillor	ANC	
16.	Theresa Jeyi	Ward Councillor	DA	Chief Whip
17.	Brendon Adams	Ward Councillor	DA	
18.	Donovan Gultig	Ward Councillor	DA	

No.	Name of Councillor	Capacity	Political Party	Ward Councillor and Proportional (PR)
19.	Iona Kritzinger	Ward Councillor	DA	
20.	Rita Gregory	Ward Councillor	PA	
21.	Siphelo Manxele	Ward Councillor	ANC	
22.	Marais Kruger	Ward Councillor	DA	
23.	Browen Johnson	Ward Councillor	DA	Deputy Mayor
24.	Justin Fry	Ward Councillor	DA	
25.	Jacques Esau	Ward Councillor	ANC	
26.	Jacqueline von Brandis	Ward Councillor	DA	Executive Mayor
27.	Marchell Kleynhans	Ward Councillor	DA	
28.	Sean Snyman	Ward Councillor	DA	Speaker
<b>Proportional Councillors</b>				
29.	Marlena Gultig	PR Councillor	DA	
30.	Raybin-Gibb Figland	PR Councillor	DA	
31.	Nosicelo Mbete	PR Councillor	DA	
32.	Regina Windwaai	PR Councillor	DA	
33.	Thandiswa Monica Qatana	PR Councillor	DA	
34.	Charlotte Clarke	PR Councillor	DA	
35.	Given Masese	PR Councillor	DA	
36.	Ebrahim Clive America	PR Councillor	DA	
37.	Khayaletu Sabelo Lose	PR Councillor	DA	
38.	Johan Stander	PR Councillor	DA	
39.	Faith Mdaka	PR Councillor	ANC	
40.	Johan du Toit	PR Councillor	ACDP	Party Whip
41.	Sedric James Smart	PR Councillor	PA	Party Whip
42.	Pheliswa Qampi	PR Councillor	EFF	Party Whip
43.	Deon Leminie	PR Councillor	EFF	
44.	Darryl Coeries	PR Councillor	PBI	
45.	Morton Gericke	PR Councillor	PBI	Party Whip
46.	Maria Greeff	PR Councillor	PBI	
47.	Vivian Desmond Carolus	PR Councillor	PBI	
48.	Edmund Bussack	PR Councillor	PBI	
49.	Rosa Maria Imelda Louw	PR Councillor	GOOD	Party Whip
50.	Chantell Kyd	PR Councillor	GOOD	
51.	Roxaan Ethal Voster	PR Councillor	GOOD	
52.	Gert van Niekerk	PR Councillor	VFP	
53.	Enrico Denver Figland	PR Councillor	VFP	
54.	Christiaan Neethling	PR Councillor	VFP	Party Whip
55.	Gert Cornelius Niehaus	PR Councillor	VFP	



Figure 2: Ward Councillors

# WARD COUNCILLORS



Cllr Jean Sifers  
WARD 1 (DA)



Cllr Daniel Cronje  
WARD 2 (DA)



Cllr Erika Brown  
WARD 3 (DA)



Cllr Marlene Barnardt  
WARD 4 (DA)



Cllr Monique Simmers  
WARD 5 (DA)



Cllr Jayze Janjies  
WARD 6 (DA)



Cllr Vulindlela Mnuqhi  
WARD 7 (ANC)



Cllr Samuel Vorster  
WARD 8 (PA)



Cllr Thembinkosi Lento  
WARD 9 (ANC)



Cllr Zukile Goniwe  
WARD 10 (ANC)



Cllr Sifiso Ntshini  
WARD 11 (ANC)



Cllr Eric Madala  
WARD 12 (ANC)



Cllr Siphiso Tolo  
WARD 13 (ANC)



Cllr Makini Boelise  
WARD 14 (DA)



Cllr Bonisiwe Hani  
WARD 15 (ANC)



Cllr Theresa Jeyl  
WARD 16 (DA)



Cllr Brendon Adams  
WARD 17 (DA)



Cllr Donovan Gullig  
WARD 18



Ald Iona Krizinger  
WARD 19 (DA)



Cllr Rita Gregory  
WARD 20 (PA)



Cllr Siphelo Mansele  
WARD 21 (ANC)



Cllr Marais Kruger  
WARD 22 (DA)



Cllr Browen Johnson  
WARD 23 (DA)



Cllr Justin Fry  
WARD 24 (DA)



Cllr Jacques Esau  
WARD 25 (ANC)



Cllr Jacquiquie Von Brandis  
WARD 26 (DA)



Marchell Kleynhans  
WARD 27



Cllr Sean Snyman  
WARD 28 (DA)

Figure 3: PR Councillor

PR COUNCILLORS



**1.19.1 Executive Mayor and Mayoral Committee (MayCo)**

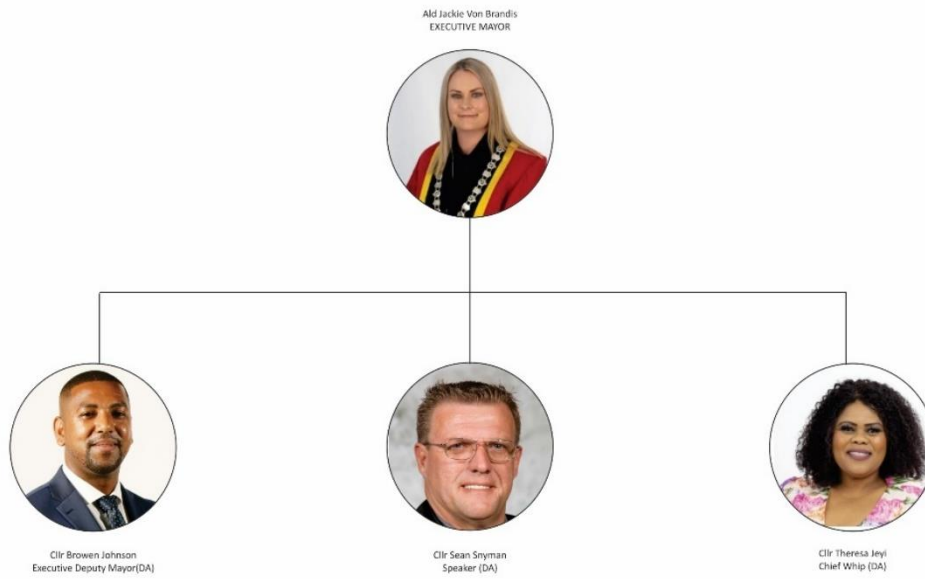
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The Executive Mayor of the Municipality, Alderman L Van Wyk, assisted by the Executive Mayoral Committee, heads the executive arm of the Municipality. The Executive Mayor is at the centre of the system of governance since executive powers are vested in him to manage the day-to-day affairs. This means that he has an overarching strategic and political responsibility. The key element of the executive model is that executive power is vested in the Executive Mayor, delegated by the Council, and as well as the powers assigned by legislation. Although accountable for the strategic direction and performance of the Municipality, the Executive Mayor operates in concert with the Mayoral Committee.


**Table 3: Political Leadership**

Name of member	Portfolio
J von Brandis	Executive Mayor
B Johnson	Executive Deputy Mayor
S Snyman	Speaker of Council
T Jeyi	Chief Whip
Brendon Adams	MMC Community Safety and Mobility
Vacant	MMC Planning and Development
Monique Simmers	MMC Community Services
Iona Kritzinger	MMC Financial and Strategic Services
Johan Du Toit	MMC Corporate Services
Donovan Gultig	MMC Electro-technical Services
Marchell Kleynhans	MMC Civil Engineering
Nosicelo Mbetse	MMC Human Resources
Melvin Roelfse	MMC Social Development
Jean Safers	MMC Human Settlement

Figure 4: Political Leadership



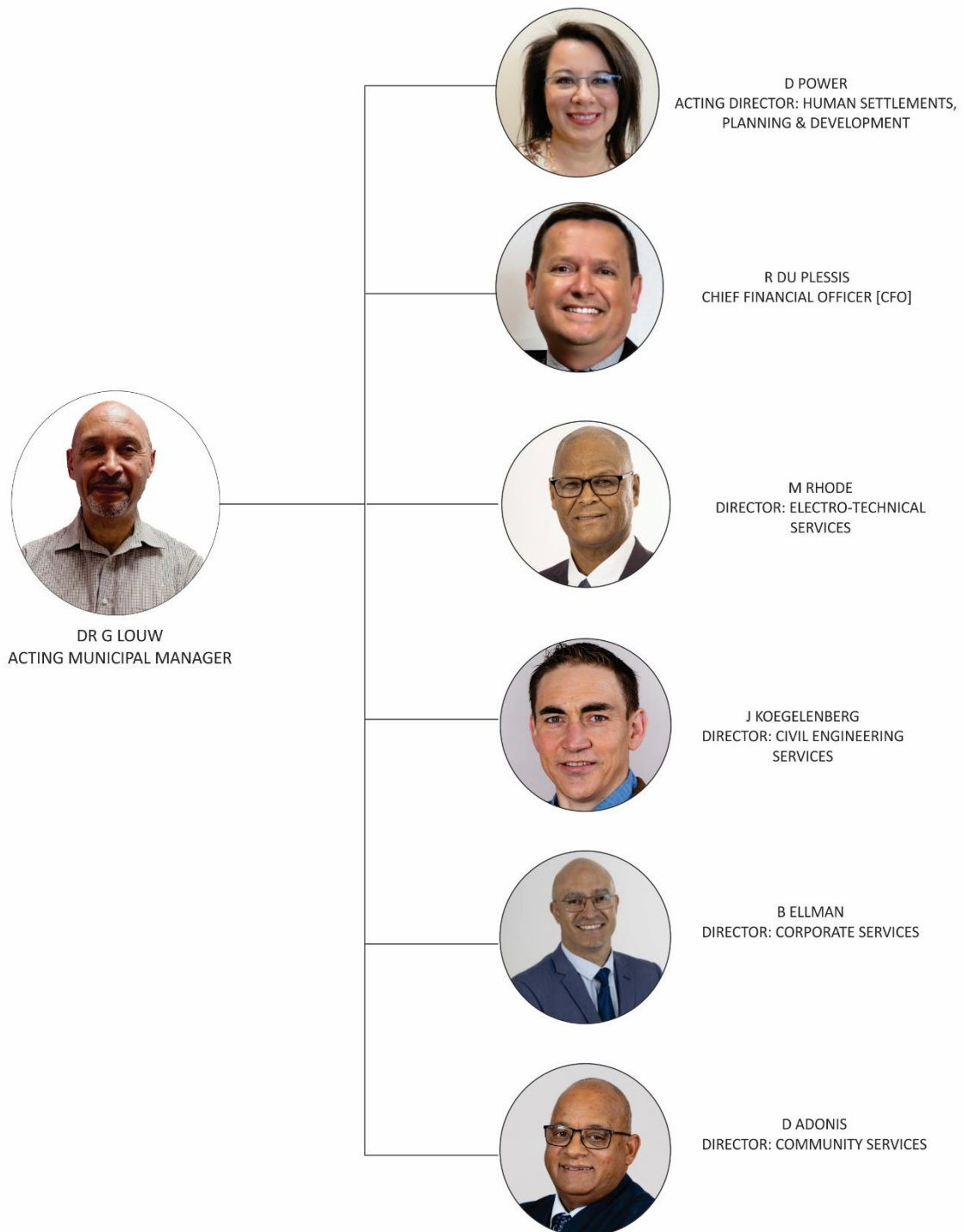
## PORTFOLIO COUNCILLORS

 Vacant MMC Planning & Development (Planning, Building Control, Property & Agriculture)	 Clr Jean Safest MMC Human Settlements	 Clr Monique Simmers MMC Community Services (Refuse, Environment & Parks)	 Clr Marchell Klaynhans MMC Civil Engineering Services	 Clr Donovan Gullig MMC Electro-Technical Services
 Clr Noscelo Mbete MMC Human Resources	 Clr Iona Kritzinger MMC Financial Services & Strategic Services (IDP, Performance Management, Economic Development & Tourism)	 Clr Melvin Roelfse MMC Social Development (Libraries, Sport & Customer Care)	 Clr Johan Du Toit MMC Corporate Service	 Clr Brendon Adams MMC Community Safety & Mobility

### 1.19.2 The Administration

The Municipal Manager is the Chief Accounting Officer of the Municipality. The Municipal Manager is the head of the administration and primarily must serve as the chief custodian of service delivery. The Municipal Manager is assisted by the Management Team that reports directly to the Municipal Manager. The structure of the Management Team is outlined in the diagram below:

**Figure 5: Municipal Management Team**



The George Municipality currently employs 1261 (excluding non-permanent positions and directors) officials, who individually and collectively contribute to the achievement of the Municipality’s objectives. The primary objective of Human Resources Management is to render an innovative Human Resources Service that enhances both skills development and administrative function. The approved staff establishment/ organogram for the Municipality has 1492 current budgeted positions for the 2023/2024 financial year. The actual positions filled are indicated in the tables below by post level. Currently, 224 positions are vacant.

The Municipality is committed to developing the skills of the human resource capacity and therefore prepares a Workplace Skills Plan annually. The Municipality is actively performing skills audits and completing individual personal development plans for all directorates. Training and skills development gaps are identified, and the training plans will focus on the needs identified. The Municipality has implemented a performance management system for all staff and the performance plans is aligned with the strategic objectives and the TASK job functions.

**Table 4: Preparation for the 3rd Year Implementation of the IDP**

Date	Action(s)
July / August 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of the m SDF / IDP / Budget Process Plan / Time Schedule.</li> <li>District Municipality hosted a discussion session on the Section 27 Framework.</li> </ul>
September 2024 – November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>08 October held a JDMA interface meeting in collaboration Garden Route District Municipality</li> <li>The IDP public participation OPEN DAY period started on 05 November-12 November 2024</li> <li>Advertisements and announcements were published in local newspapers, the George Municipal website, and various social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter, and the Municipal App. Emails and WhatsApp messages were also sent to ward committee members and other community.</li> </ul>
December 2024 - February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District and Provincial IDP Managers forums conducted with WCDLG for further IDP guidance.</li> <li>LGMTEC 2- Municipality receive inputs from National and Provincial Government and other institutions (Grant Allocations)</li> <li>Table Draft 5-year IDP and Draft Capital Budget to Executive Management.</li> </ul>
March 2025 – April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Process Plan for 2022 – 2027 to guide the planning, drafting, adoption and review of the 5<sup>th</sup> Generation IDP 2022 – 2027 was approved by the Council on 29 August 2024, for public comment for 21 days.</li> <li>The draft 5<sup>th</sup> Generation IDP 2022 – 2027 and draft MTREF 2025/26 – 2026/27 for George Municipality was submitted to the Council on 27 March 2025 for consideration and approval to be released for public comments.</li> <li>The IDP and Budget public participation process within the Municipal area will be commenced <b>on 7-15 April 2025.</b></li> <li>Inputs and comments on the draft 5<sup>th</sup> Generation IDP 2022 – 2027 and draft MTREF 2025/26 – 2026/27 will be compiled and distributed to the directorates for consideration in finalizing the IDP and Budget.</li> </ul>
May – June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoption of the final IDP and Budget, Tariffs and Budget related policies.</li> <li>Submit adopted IDP to Garden Route District Municipality, Provincial Government and National Treasury.</li> <li>Approval of SDBIP by the Executive Mayor within 28 days after adoption of the IDP and Budget.</li> </ul>

## 1.20 Corporate Governance

Corporate Governance is the set of processes, practices, policies, laws, and stakeholders affecting the way an institution is directed, administered, and controlled. Corporate governance also encompasses the relationships among the many stakeholders involved

and the goals for which the institution is governed.

## 1.21 Risk Management

Section 62 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act No. 56 of 2003) (MFMA), states that the Accounting Officer should take all reasonable steps to ensure that the municipality has and maintains effective, efficient, and transparent systems of financial and risk management and internal control, as well as the effective, efficient and economical use of the resources of the municipality.

The Local Government: Municipal Systems Act (Act 32 of 2000) (Systems Act) enables local government to establish a simple framework for core processes of planning, performance management, resource mobilisation and organisational change which underpin the notion of developmental local government and provides for legal matters pertaining to local government.

Other legislation such as the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act (Act 117 of 1998) (Structures Act) and the Municipal Finance Management Act (Act 56 of 2003) (MFMA) establish frameworks and legislation to regulate the internal systems and structures as well as to secure sound and sustainable management of the financial affairs of municipalities.

Section 154 of the Constitution obliges national and provincial government to partake in co-operative government and to support and strengthen the capacities of municipalities to manage their own affairs, exercise their powers and perform their functions.

This principle is further outlined in the Systems Act in Section 3 (2), which states: National and provincial spheres of government must within the constitutional system of cooperative government envisaged in Section 41 of the Constitution, exercise their executive and legislative authority in a manner that does not compromise or impede a municipality's ability or right to exercise its executive and legislative authority.

The above-mentioned legislation clearly places the onus of service delivery on municipalities, which, through their leadership, are responsible for the promotion of the social and economic development of the community.

The role of local government leadership and the responsibility placed upon these leaders necessitates ethical values of responsibility, accountability, fairness and transparency as underpinning governance principles.

George Municipality strives to embed the principles embodied by the King IV Report on Corporate Governance for South Africa, 2016 (herein referred to as “King IV Report”), into its day-to-day functioning. King IV sets out the philosophy, principles, practices and outcomes which serve as the benchmark for corporate governance in South Africa.

### 1.21.1 Assessment of Risks

While conducting our day-to-day business operations, we are exposed to a variety of risks. These risks include operational and other risks that are material and require comprehensive controls and ongoing oversight.

To ensure business success we have adopted an enterprise-wide integrated approach to the management of risks. By embedding the risk management process into key business processes such as planning, operations and new projects, we are better equipped to identify events affecting our objectives and to manage risks in ways that are consistent with the approved risk appetite. To further implement the enterprise-wide approach, we have taken several steps to reinforce a culture of disciplined risk-taking.

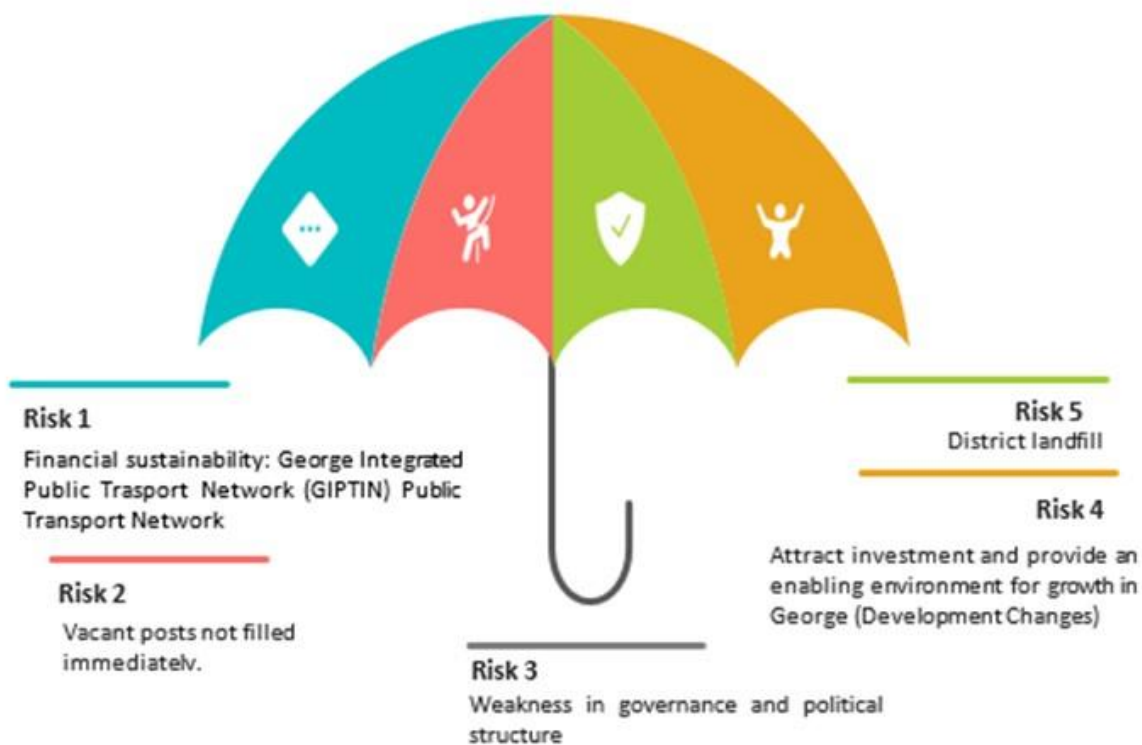
The risks were assessed to ensure that the municipality can appropriately respond to their impact on municipal service delivery and achievement of municipal strategic and operational objectives, taking into account the changing internal and external factors.

The following rating table categorises the various levels of inherent risk.

**Table 5: Impact and Likelihood Rating Scale**

Impact and Likelihood Rating		
Likelihood Grading		
1	Rare	The risk is conceivable but is only likely to occur in extreme circumstances.
2	Unlikely	The risk occurs infrequently and is unlikely to occur within the next 3 years.
3	Moderate / Possible	There is an above average chance that the risk will occur at least once in the next 3 years.
4	Likely	The risk could easily occur and is likely to occur at least once within the next 12 months.
5	Common / Certain	The risk is already occurring or is likely to occur more than once within the next 12 months.
Impact Grading		
1	Insignificant / Negligible	Negative outcomes or missed opportunities that are likely to have a negligible impact on the ability to meet objectives.
2	Minor	Negative outcomes or missed opportunities that are likely to have a relatively low impact on the ability to meet objectives.
3	Moderate	Negative outcomes or missed opportunities that are likely to have a relatively moderate impact on the ability to meet objectives.
4	Major	Negative outcomes or missed opportunities that are likely to have a relatively substantial impact on the ability to meet objectives.
5	Critical / Extreme	Negative outcomes or missed opportunities that are of critical importance to the achievement of the objectives.

The **top strategic** risks identified include:



The municipal risks have been linked to the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) through linkages to the Strategic Objectives Areas. The table below depicts the summary output of the top risk analysis in terms of which directorate risks included in the risk register were associated to broader risk themes. Top risks and risk treatment plans are assessed and updated regularly.



**Table 6: Table 1: Risk and IDP Alignment**

Strategic Risk Themes						
Risk Item	Risk Theme	Risk Background	Strategic Focus Areas	Inherent Likelihood Ratings	Inherent Impact Ratings	Directorate
1	Financial sustainability: George Integrated Public Transport Network (GIPTN) - Integrated Public Transport Network	Successful rollout of GIPTN to meet stakeholder needs across the entire municipal area and to fully establish, adequately fund and to effectively, efficiently and economically operate the service in accordance with contractual agreements and applicable laws and regulations	Develop and Grow George	5	5	Civil Engineering Services
2	Human capital (vacant posts not filled timely)	Challenges to fill vacant posts timely due to <i>inter alia</i> challenges to attract suitably qualified and experienced applicants	Good Governance and Human Capital	5	5	All Directorates
3	Weaknesses in governance and political instability	Governance structures and processes are designed to ensure accountability, transparency, responsiveness, rule of law, stability, equity, inclusiveness and empowerment	Good Governance and Human Capital	5	4	All Directorates
4	Attract investment and provide an enabling environment for growth in George (Development Charges)	To provide an enabling environment for growth in George requires <i>inter alia</i> affordable and sustainable tariffs for businesses and communities which will attract investment in George.	Develop and Grow George	5	4	Civil Engineering Services Electro-technical Services Community Services Human Settlements, Planning and Development Financial Services
5	District Landfill development	The Garden Route District Municipality is co-ordinating the development of the new District Landfill Site. Refuse is currently disposed of at the PetroSA Landfill Site, which is a temporary solution until the completion of the District Landfill Site.	Safe, Clean and Green	5	4	Community Services
6	Climate change resilience and adaptation	Resilience and adaptation measures are necessary to reduce the contributing factors to climate change, and to reduce the impact of climate change within George. Impacts of climate change include <i>inter alia</i> severe weather conditions such as flash flooding, drought and fires	Safe, Clean and Green	4	5	All Directorates
7	Maintenance and upgrade of infrastructure	The pro-active planned maintenance of infrastructure and infrastructure upgrades reduces the negative impact on service delivery resulting from breakages	Develop and Grow George	5	4	All Directorates
8	Load-shedding resilience and mitigation	Loadshedding negatively impacts service delivery and increases the risk of <i>inter alia</i> , damage to municipal infrastructure as well as negatively impacts the operational effectiveness of water and wastewater treatment.	Affordable Quality Services	5	4	Electro-technical Services and Civil Engineering Services
9	Records and information	George Municipality keeps information resources to support its operations, as	Good Governance and Human Capital	5	4	All Directorates

Strategic Risk Themes						
Risk Item	Risk Theme	Risk Background	Strategic Focus Areas	Inherent Likelihood Ratings	Inherent Impact Ratings	Directorate
	management	well as to fulfil legal and other obligations. To support continuing service delivery and provide the necessary accountability, information and records must be maintained, authentic, reliable and usable. Sound records and information management is fundamental for good governance and effective and efficient administration. It forms a basis for formulating Municipal policy, managing resources and delivering services to the public. Sound records management also provides a basis for accountability and protecting the rights of individuals				
10	Water security and water management	Water is a valuable resource which is impacted by increased water demand tied to population growth and climate change. Water security is critical to achieve sustainable growth	Affordable Quality Services	4	5	Civil Engineering Services
11	Electricity, energy resilience and mitigation	There is an increasing trend of consumers defecting from the electricity supply grid by installing alternative energy sources (such as solar panels), mainly attributed to loadshedding and unsustainable electricity price hikes by Eskom. The continued trend of customers defaulting from the electricity grid will negatively impact the financial sustainability in the provision of electricity to remaining consumers on the municipal electricity grid.	Affordable Quality Services	4	4	Electro-technical Services and Civil Engineering Services
12	Information and communication technology (ICT)	George Municipality has embarked on developing a "Smart City" and continues to invest in ICT to improve operational efficiency and effectiveness. The reliance on ICT has increased together with the importance of ICT measures and safeguards to protect the integrity of data processed and stored by information systems	Good Governance and Human Capital	4	4	All Directorates

## 1.22 Anti – Corruption and Anti – Fraud

### SECTION 83(C) OF THE MSA

Refers to the implementation of effective bidding structures to minimise the possibility of fraud and corruption.

### SECTION 115(1) OF THE MFMA

States that the accounting officer must take reasonable steps to ensure that mechanisms and separation of duties in a supply chain management system are in place to minimise the likelihood of corruption and fraud

### SECTION 62(1) OF THE MFMA

States the following “the accounting officer of a municipality is responsible for managing the financial administration of the municipality, and must for this purpose take all reasonable steps to ensure: –

- (a) That the resources of the municipality are used affectively, efficiently and economically;
- (b) That the full and proper records of the financial affairs are kept in accordance with any prescribed norms and standards;
- (c) That the municipality has and maintains effective, efficient and transparent systems –
  - (i) Of financial and risk management and internal control;
  - (ii) Of internal audit operating in accordance with any prescribed norms and standards;
- (d) That unauthorised, irregular of fruitless and wasteful expenditure and other losses are prevented; and
- (e) That disciplinary or, when appropriate, criminal proceedings are instituted against any official of the municipality who has allegedly committed an act of financial or an offence in terms of Chapter 15.”

Management and Council have taken ownership of combatting fraud and corruption throughout the Municipality. Council supports and fosters a zero-tolerance approach for the commission or concealment of fraudulent or illegal acts. Council adopted the Anti-fraud and Anti-corruption Framework, which includes an Anti-fraud and Anti-corruption Policy, Strategy and Implementation Plan. The Framework is reviewed annually, and any recommended amendments are workshopped with Council and employees and approved by Council.

The objectives of the Anti-fraud and Anti-corruption Policy is to develop and foster a climate within the George Municipality where all staff strives for the ultimate eradication of fraud, corruption, theft and maladministration by application of the full spectrum of both proactive and reactive measures at their disposal, and to gain the support of the public in this endeavor.

The Policy communicates George Municipality’s commitment to eliminate fraud and corruption and depict the stance of the Municipality to fraud, as well as reinforcing existing regulations aimed at preventing, reacting to, and reducing the impact of fraud, corruption, theft and maladministration where these dishonest acts subsist. Allegations of such acts are investigated and pursued to their logical conclusion, including legal action, criminal prosecution, and disciplinary action where warranted. The George Municipality takes appropriate legal recourse to recover losses or damages arising from fraud, corruption, theft or maladministration.

The structural strategies according to the Anti-fraud and Anti-corruption Strategy and Implementation Plan include the establishment of an Anti-fraud and Anti-corruption Committee to oversee the approach of the Municipality to fraud prevention, fraud detection strategies and response to fraud and corruption incidents reported by employees or other external parties. The

Audit Committee and Section 80 Finance Committee fulfil the role of the Anti-fraud and Anti-corruption Committee. The Municipality performs fraud risk identifications and assessments to manage and reduce the susceptibility of the Municipality to fraud risk. Furthermore, ongoing fraud and corruption prevention activities are performed, and appropriate preventative, detective and corrective controls are applied. These include the existing controls and checking mechanisms as prescribed in existing policies, procedures and other relevant prescripts to the activities of the Municipality, and systems of internal control.

Processes put in place as a deterrent to mitigate key fraud risk areas includes, but are not limited to, division of duties, internal audit review of processes and adherence thereto, an Audit Committee that excludes politicians and officials as voting members, condemnation by the Mayor and Municipal Manager of corrupt practices, and involvement of police as soon as grounds for suspicion become evident.

The Municipality continues to roll-out awareness campaigns and to raise the level of fraud awareness among employees and other stakeholders. Workshops are held annually with Council and employees to inform them of the Policy and to enhance awareness within the Municipality.

Fraud and corruption prevention media campaigns were rolled-out during the year to increase fraud awareness of Council, employees, the public and other stakeholders. Council adopted the Whistleblowing Policy in 2015. The Policy is reviewed annually and any recommended amendments are workshopped with Council and employees and approved by Council. The Whistle-blower Policy is aligned to relevant legislation, regulations and leading practices.

The fraud hotline or tip-off line is also fully functional and managed by an independent service provider. A toll-free number and e-mail service are available to members of the public to report any suspected fraudulent or corrupt activities.

The Protected Disclosures Act came into effect on 16 February 2001. To remain in compliance with the Act, George Municipality strives to create a culture which will facilitate the disclosure of information by staff relating to criminal and other irregular conduct in the workplace in a responsible manner by providing clear guidelines for the disclosure of such information and protection against reprisals because of such disclosure. The Municipality also promotes the eradication of criminal and other irregular conduct within.

The Whistleblowing Policy is intended to encourage and enable staff to raise concerns rather than overlooking a problem or blowing the whistle to inappropriate channels. The Policy aims to:

1. provide avenues for staff to raise concerns and receive feedback on any action taken;
2. inform staff on how to take the matter further if they are dissatisfied with the response; and
3. reassure staff that they will be protected from reprisals or victimisation for whistleblowing in good faith.

The Fraud Hotline was effective throughout the year. Disclosures can be made via several methods such as phone (0860 044 044) and e-mail (fraud@george.gov.za). Whistle blowers can also report to the Municipal Manager, Internal Audit section, Internal Investigator, or the Chief Risk Officer.

### **1.23 Audit Committee (AC)**

The Municipal Audit and Performance Audit Committee (APAC) (refer to Table below for members of the Audit Committee), appointed in terms of section 166 of the MFMA, has also been appointed as the Performance Audit Committee. Section 166(2) of the MFMA states that an audit committee is an independent advisory body that must:

- (a) advise the municipal council, the political office-bearers, the accounting officer, and the management staff of the municipality, on matters relating to: –

- internal financial control and internal audit;
- risk management;
- accounting policies;
- the adequacy, reliability and accuracy of financial reporting information;
- performance management;
- effective governance;
- compliance with this Act, the annual Division of Revenue Act, 2013 (Act No. 2 of 2013) and any other applicable legislation;
- performance evaluation; and
- any other issues referred to it by the municipality.

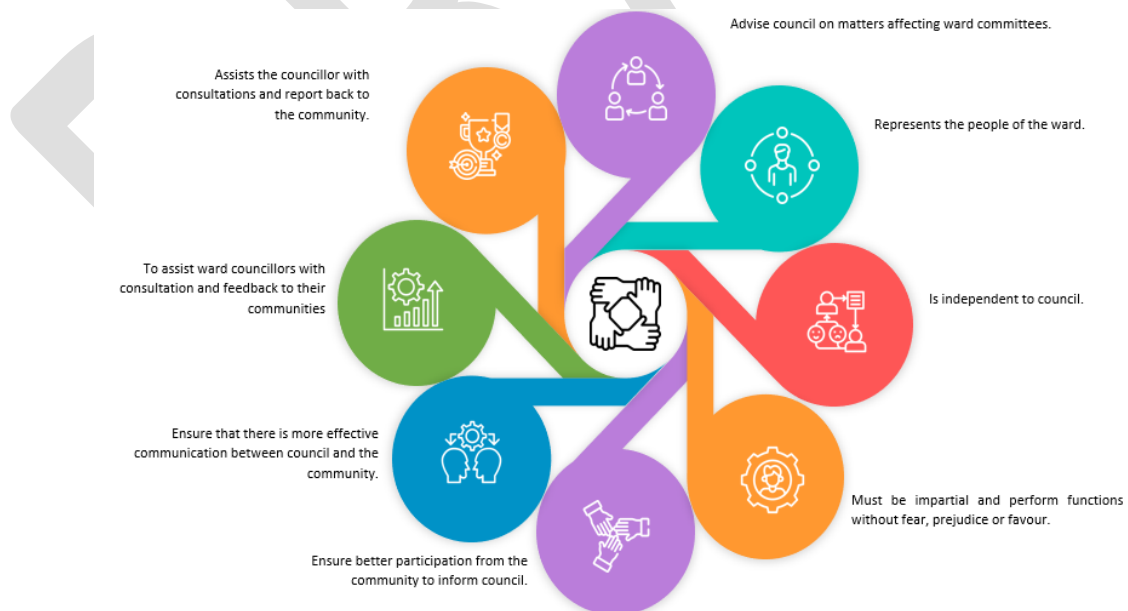
**Table 7: Members of the Audit Committee**

Name of representative	Capacity
Mr Ewayne Le Roux	Chairperson
Mr George Mellett	Member
Mr Kurwin Olivier	Member
Ms Busiswe Gulwa	Member

### 1.24 Ward Committees

George Municipality has a Ward Committee system in place, which plays a crucial role in achieving the aims of local governance and democracy, as mentioned in the Constitution of 1996. A Ward Committee is independent of the council and not politically aligned. The figure below depicts the main duties of the Ward Committees .

**Figure 6: Figure 1: Main duties of ward committees**



### 1.25 Intergovernmental Relations

The municipality fosters relations with other spheres of government and participates in various intergovernmental activities to promote a closer working relationship between the various spheres of government. These relationships assist in enhancing Government’s services to the communities of George and promotes a more efficient use of resources and sharing of knowledge.

The municipality faces severe constraints especially in terms of funding and capacity and therefore effective service delivery is promoted through resources and capacity leveraged from partners.

#### **1.25.1 Transversal Partnering**

These partnerships exist between line function departments within the Municipality. The prevailing partnerships include:

- a. IDP and Budget Steering Committee.
- b. Project Committees in respect of drafting and amendment of the municipal SDF; restructuring and urban upgrade projects; and GIPTN.

#### **1.25.2 Intergovernmental Partnering**

The municipality partners with other spheres of government in an ongoing effort to leverage financing, mandates and facilitate decision making. The existing partnerships include:

- a. Housing Department – partnerships with the Western Cape Provincial Government and National Housing authorities to collaborate on delivery and funding for subsidised housing projects and development of restructuring zones aimed at spearheading spatial transformation.
- b. Civil Engineering Services has ongoing partnerships with state and provincial authorities in efforts to leverage funding for upgrade of infrastructure to sustain economic growth.
- c. Protection Services: The development and roll-out of the George Integrated Public Transport Network is a result of a continuing partnership with the Western Cape Provincial Government, with significant funding from national government.
- d. Local Economic Development actively participates in collaboration with the National Department of Rural Development in an initiative to establish Farmer Production Support Units within the municipal area, which projects are funded by the National Department.
- e. Information, Communication & Technology partners with the Garden Route District Municipality & Western Cape Provincial Government in collaborating on implementing good governance in as well as knowledge sharing.
- f. Planning and Development actively partners with the DEA&DP in the process of development of the Municipal Spatial Development Framework and Capital Expenditure Framework saves cost and contributes to the credibility of these frameworks.

**Table 8: Intergovernmental Partnering**

Forum	Rating
Disaster Management Forum	😊
District Coordinating Forum	😊
Environmental Health Forum	😊
Garden Route District ICT Managers Forum	😊
Garden Route District Municipality Infrastructure Forum	😊
Human Resources Forum	😊
Legal Advisors Forum	😊
Local Economic Development Forum	😊
Municipal Managers Forum	😊
Premiers Coordinating Forum	😊
Provincial and District Managers IDP Forums	😊
Provincial Community Development Worker Program	😊
Provincial Thusong Forum	😊
SALGA Working Group	😊
Southern Cape Planners Forum	😊
Western Cape ICT Managers Strategic Forum	😊

### 1.25.3 Cross-Boundary Partnering

Partnerships with other municipalities in the Garden Route District facilitates decision making and serves as a valuable exchange of knowledge and learning best practices. Prevailing partnerships include:

- Participation in IDP processes of neighbouring municipalities.
- Active participation in Intergovernmental Steering Committees formed in lieu of drafting MSDFs for neighbouring municipalities.
- Memorandum of agreement with four other municipalities whereby a Joint Municipal Tribunal has been established to leverage decision making capacity and support compliance with SPLUMA and the Land Use Planning By-law. This enables the municipality to leverage from the knowledge and experience of a pool of skilled planners across parts of the district while saving costs that would otherwise have been spent on external parties.

The demonstration of the importance of partnerships for the Municipality is illustrated in the table below.

**Table 9: Key Stakeholders**

Name of Partner	Purpose of MOU / MOA
Garden Route Skills Mecca	<p>Continue and accelerate collaboration and cooperation among all district skills development role players. Ensure that skills development leverages digital infrastructure as far as possible to ensure learning and processes methods are and remain cutting edge.</p> <p>As far as possible link skills development to investment and economic development opportunities to the advancement for all.</p> <p>Ensure that all skills development processes in the Garden Route always proactively considers renewable energy. Engage with all willing partners, in particular the SETAs and the National Skills Fund, to explore the development and implementation of projects across the district.</p>
Joint Municipal Planning Tribunal for the Eden Region, known as the Eden Joint Municipal Planning Tribunal	<p>It includes an agreement between the Municipalities of George, Hessequa, Mossel Bay, Oudtshoorn and Kannaland as provided for in terms of section 34 (1) of SPLUMA to establish a Tribunal that will jointly consider and decide the land development and land use applications, submitted to the respective Municipalities. The purpose of the Eden JMPT is to provide a pool of suitably qualified planners to serve as a credible independent and professional authority to</p>

Name of Partner	Purpose of MOU / MOA
	consider and decide the land development and land use applications. The term for this Tribunal is 5 years and is reviewed annually.
Informal Settlement Support Program	<p>There is no MOU/MOA for this forum. The forum is a collaborative platform established where all municipalities and various other departments share information and best practices with regards to the upgrading of informal settlements.</p> <p>The ISSP Forum presents the perfect opportunity to reflect on how municipalities illustrate collaborative support for the roll-out of initiatives to better the lives of people living in informal settlements. The ISSP Forum inspires municipalities to do what they can to make the shift anticipated in the Informal Settlement support Programme (ISSP).</p>
Task Job Evaluation Memorandum of Agreement between Municipalities in the Eden/ Garden Route/Central Karoo District Region	<p>To implement the Task Job Evaluation System within the Local Government Sector to achieve uniform norms and standards in the description of similar jobs and their grading, and to underpin job comparison.</p> <p>To provide for the structures, guidelines and institutional arrangements and procedures for job evaluation.</p>
Provincial Library Service	<p>WHEREAS the Department has received funding from the National Government of South Africa for the 2022/2023 financial year to assist B municipalities to deliver on the unfunded mandate of the provision of library services in their respective municipal areas; AND WHEREAS, the Parties agree to the Department allocating to the Beneficiary a payment in the sum of R11 921 000 (Eleven Million, Nine Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand Rand) (hereafter referred to as “the Funds”) as a contribution towards partially addressing the unfunded mandate, for staffing, the new library building project, instalment of a book detection system and / or other specified project costs of the public libraries in the Municipality (“the Project”) for the 2022/2023 financial year, as set out in the Final Allocation Letter and Business Plan annexed hereto marked “A” and “B”. MTEF amounts of R9 148 000 and R9 559 000 in 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 have been Gazetted AND WHEREAS in the case of multi-year funding, funding for subsequent financial years will be subject to the allocations made by the National Government, the Provincial Executive, departmental budget allocations made by the Provincial Parliament, the departmental performance management processes and the departmental Allocation Committee, together with the conclusion of a further agreement between the Parties in respect of such further funding.</p>
George Library / Unisa Partnership:	<p>Venture in annual event and programs. Training and support users; distribution point of Unisa brochures, posters and announcements. Internet access and usage. Collaboration on courier service. Study space for Unisa students. Collaboration on good governance. Collaboration on mobile library service reports. Statistics and information sharing.</p>
SANRAL	<p>The widening of the Nelson Mandela Boulevard interchange bridge on National Route 2 Section 7 from the Main/Vuyani Ncamzama intersection on Nelson Mandela Boulevard (NMB) to the Tabata/Ngcakani intersection on Nelson Mandela Boulevard (NMB), is necessary and would improve safety and mobility in the area.</p>



# CHAPTER 2: State of the Greater George Area

## 2.1 Introduction

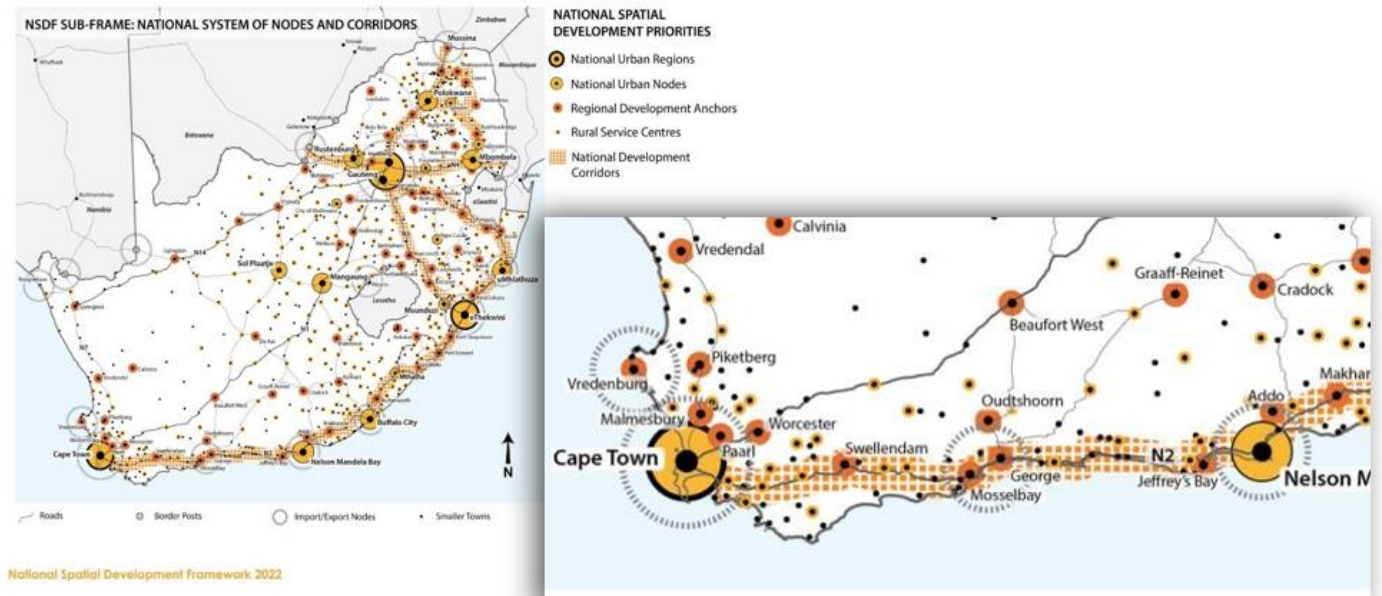
The municipal area is 5191km<sup>2</sup> and spans the Southern Cape and Little Karoo regions of the Western Cape Province and is situated halfway between Cape Town and Port Elizabeth. The area administered by the George Municipality forms part of the larger Garden Route District Municipality's jurisdictional area. The George Municipal Area is bordered by the Oudtshoorn- and Mossel Bay Municipal areas (Western Cape province; Garden Route District) in the west and north-west and by the Dr Beyers Naude- and Kou-Kamma Municipal areas to the north, north-east and east (Eastern Cape province: Sarah Baartman District) and by the Knysna- and Bitou Municipalities (Western Cape province; Garden Route District) to the south and southeast. George Municipality administers a vast and diverse geographic area that extends from the dry and climatically extreme Little Karoo in the north, to the wetter more temperate Garden Route in the south. It is an area of considerable natural assets and beauty, including expansive mountains and forests, wilderness areas, a varied coastline, and extensive lakes, rivers and estuaries. Its natural assets include parts of the Garden Route National Park and the Baviaanskloof Wilderness Area. The municipal area also includes fertile farmlands and timber plantations along the coastal plain, fruit orchards in the Langkloof and arid grazing areas in the Little Karoo.

Three important national roads/ routes, the N2, N9 (R62) and N12, traverse the area, and George regional airport serves the Southern Cape and Little Karoo, including the neighbouring towns of Mossel Bay, Oudtshoorn, Knysna and Plettenberg Bay. The George city area is the primary urban centre of the Municipality. 84% of the municipal area's population is located here. Wilderness, Uniondale and Haarlem respectively host the bulk of the remaining urban population. 9% of the municipal area's population is rural. The rural population is declining evidenced by a negative population growth rate per annum of -4% between 2011 and 2016 (StatsSA, 2016)

The National Spatial Development Framework (NSDF), promulgated on 01 February 2023 by the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development identifies George, alongside other municipalities in the District as a Regional Development Anchor and an integral part of the existing national corridor (N2) that holds strong interconnection between (i) high-value rural resource production areas; (ii) ecological resource regions; (iii) popular tourist destinations; (iv) 'comfortable climatic zones'; and (v) urban nodes. This presents opportunities for consolidation of existing cities with multi-modal connectivity infrastructure and includes strengthening of airport development in support of inter-regional trade. The NSDF prioritised the strengthening and consolidation of regional development anchors and in the case of Georg this translates into bigger nodes in denser regions.

**Figure 7: Sub-Frame Two: National System of Nodes and Corridors**

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George is identified, as the primary service centre of the entire garden route region, offering most of the higher order services and facilities one would expect to receive in a metropolitan city, including modern airport infrastructure. It houses the primary administrative and regional offices of companies (and government departments) offering services in the region but is also the heart of the vast tourism offering, and a thriving agricultural sector specialising in export quality berries and other agricultural produce used in beer making and other agri-processing activities. The Regional Scholarship and Innovation Fund (RSIF) also notes the importance of continuity of critical biodiversity areas. The Garden Route District IDP (2021 Review) supports investment in George based on its role as a regional node, but also places emphasis on the protection of the Garden Route (Southern Cape Coastal belt) as a global biodiversity hotspot (Conservation International) and part of the Cape Floristic Region (CFR) (World Heritage status: UNESCO and IUCN).

George has a significantly higher population (double) than the second largest town in the Garden Route, Mossel Bay (DSD2021). In 2019, George municipality contributed over 40% (R18.6 billion) of the GDPR to the economy of the Garden Route. The economy of George is more than twice as big as the next biggest Garden Route municipal economy of Mossel Bay, and almost four times as big as the third biggest Garden Route economy: Knysna.

## 2.2 Ward Demarcation

The George Municipality is currently structured into the following 28 wards:

**Table 10: Municipal Ward Demarcation**

Ward	Areas
1	Die Rus, Golden Valley, Kingston Gardens, Riverlea
2	Denneoord, Fernridge
3	Roorivierrif, Highlands, Village Ridge, Glen Barrie, Heatherlands, King George Park, Sport Park, Portion of Kingswood Golf Estate, Golf Park 1, GolfPark 2 and Golf Park 3
4	Hoekwil, Kleinkrantz, Kleinkrantz Farms 192, Pine Dew, Touwsranten, Wilderness, Wilderness Heights, The Dunes, Drie Valleyen 186, Boven Lange Valley 189
5	Le Vallia, Portion of Protea Park

Ward	Areas
6	Bossiegif, Portion of Protea Park, Urbansville, Portion of Rosemoor
7	Lawaaikamp, Maraiskamp, Portion of Ballotsview
8	Ballotsview, Parkdene
9	Thembaletu Zone 7, Blondie, Ikapa, Mdywadini, Zone 9, Portion of Zone 8, Portion of Zone 4, Portion of Zone 3
10	Zabalaza, Nyama Land, Portion of Zone 6, Portion of Zone 5
11	Blue Mountain, Blue Mountain Gardens, Victoria Bay, Garden Route East, Garden Route Mall, Thembaletu Portion of Zone 4, Portion of Zone 5, Greenfields, Portion of Ballots Bay
12	Thembaletu Zone 8, France, All Brick, Portion of Zone 9
13	Thembaletu Zone 1, Zone 2, Zone 3, Kwanorhuse, Langa Village
14	Rosedale, Portion of Oudorp (Pacaltsdorp), Edenpark
15	Thembaletu Portion of Zone 9, Tsunami Park
16	Andersonville, New Dawn Park, Portion of Protea Estate, Portion of Seaview
17	Tamsui, George Industrial, Portion of Rosemoor, Conville, Convent Gardens, Molenrivierrif, Mary View
18	Eden, Eden View, Denver, Genevafontein, Loerie Park, Panorama, Tweerivieren, Portion of Denneoord
19	Dormehlsdrift, Camphersdrift, Glenview, Portion of Bodorp
20	Borcherds, Steinhoff Industrial Park, Metro Grounds
21	Thembaletu Zone 6, Sandkraal 197, Zama Zama, Asazani, Portion of Ballots Bay, Silvertown, Portion of Zone 7
22	Glenwood, Glenwood Ridge, Moerasrivier 233, Modderivier 209, Die Oude Uitkyk 225, Klyne Fontyn 218, Geelhoutboom 217, Houtbosch, Doorn rivier/Herold, Kouwdouw 88, Waboonskraal Noord 87, Plattekloof 131, Smutskloof 94, Malgaskraal, Croxden 90, Afgunst River 99, Modderas Kloof 133, Camfer Kloof 96, Barbierskraal 156, Kaaimans, Kraaibosch 195, Saasveld, Outeniqua Berge (West), Welgelegen, Kraaibosch Manor, Kraaibosch Estate, Kraaibosch Ridge, Far Hills Hotel, Geelhoutsboom, Herold, Groenkloof, Groenkloof Woods, Noem-Noem Village, Fancourt
23	Groeneweide Park, Pacaltsdorp Industria, Bos en Dal, Toeriste Gebied, CPA Area, Brakfontein 236, Hoogekraal 238 (Glentana), Buffelsdrift 227, Diepe Kloof 226, Dwarsweg 260, Gwayang 208, Buffelsfontein 204, Herolds Bay, Delville Park, Hansmoeskraal 202, Le Grand, Oubaai Golf Estate, Monate Resort, Breakwater Bay, George Airport, Boschkloof, Mooikloof, Kloofsig
24	Haarlem
25	Uniondale
26	Portion of Heather Park, Fancourt Gardens, Fancourt South, Fancourt Proper (portion), Blanco, Kerriwood Hill, Mount Fleur Mountain Estate, Cherry Creek, Soeteweide, Oaklands, Kingswood Golf Estate, Protea Estate, Earls Court Lifestyle Estate
27	Protea Estate Pacaltsdorp, Europa, Harmony Park, Seaview, Aldanah, Portion of Oudorp
28	Central Business District, George South

Below is a map of the Garden Route District in relation to the provincial district boundaries:

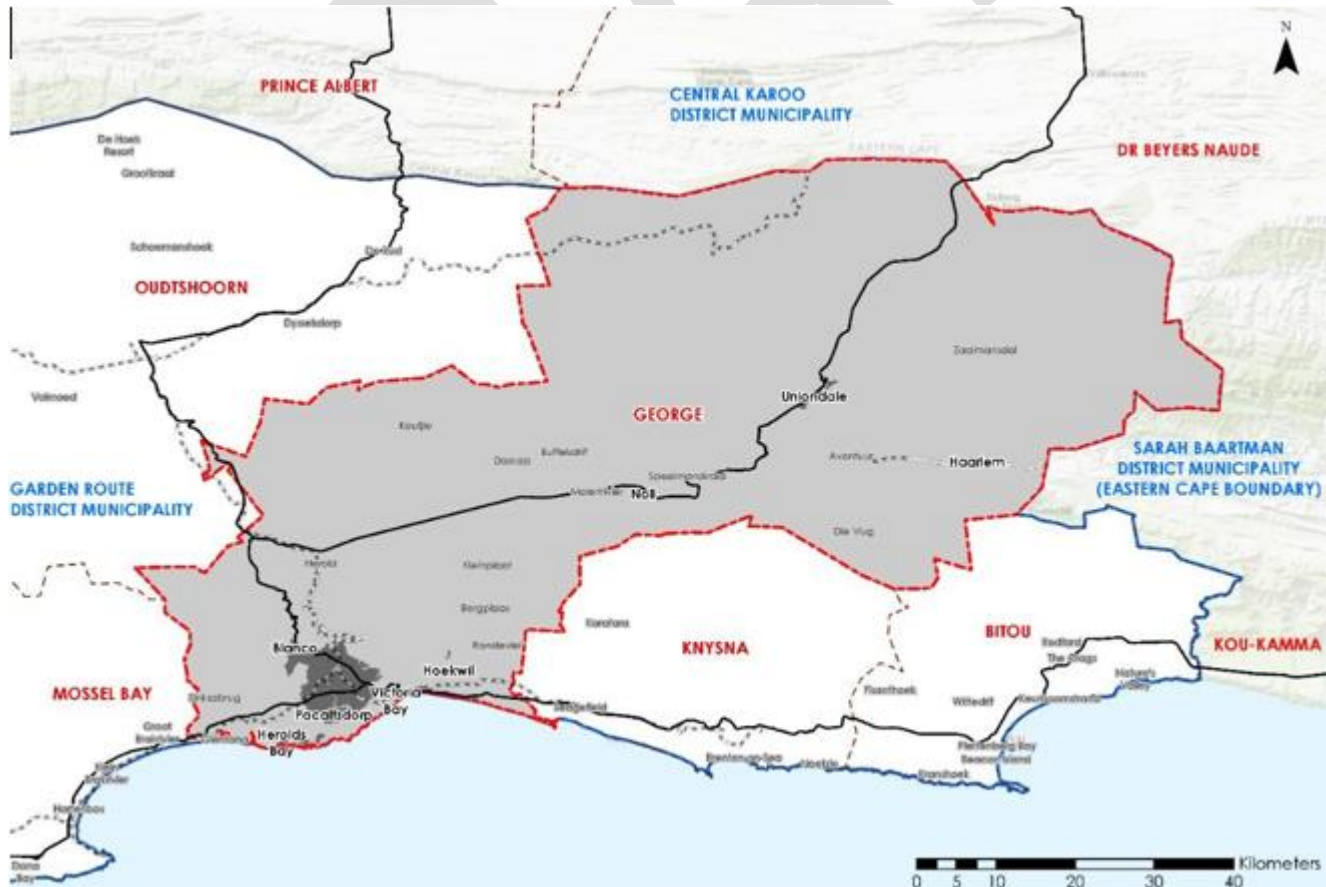
**Figure 8: Locality of Garden Route District in relation to Provincial district boundaries**



The Western Cape Province makes up 10.6% of the country’s land surface and encompasses an area of 129 462 km<sup>2</sup>. The province spatial area includes 1 metropolitan area (City of Cape Town), 5 district municipal areas (Central Karoo, Eden renamed Garden Route, Overberg, Cape Winelands, and West Coast) and 24 local municipalities.

Below is a map of the municipalities in relation to the Garden Route District:

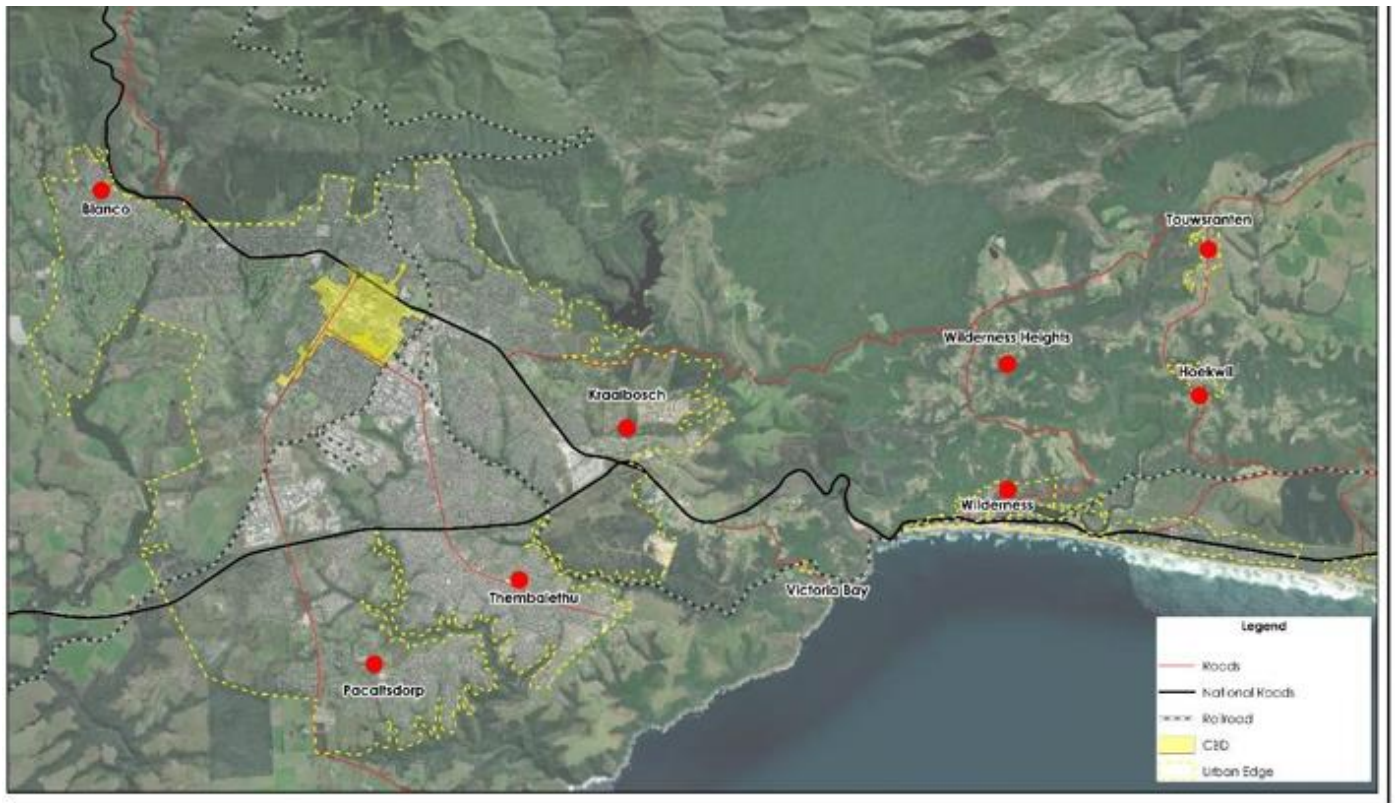
**Map 1: Locality map of George in relation to Garden Route District Boundaries**



Other main towns within the George Municipal area include Uniondale and Wilderness – with service hinterlands geographically

separated from the main city area George. Small rural or tourism settlements include Haarlem, Herold's Bay, Victoria Bay, Touwsrante, Hoekwil, Kleinkrantz, – and various hamlets and rural places like Avontuur, De Vlucht, Herold and Noll. Main Routes include the N9 to Graaf Reinette, the N12 linking to Oudtshoorn, Beaufort West and linking to the N1, and R62 in the Langkloof – connecting the rural hinterland to the east (Gqeberha) and to the N2, being the 'coastal corridor' linking Cape Town to Gqeberha.

**Figure 9: George Municipality's area:**



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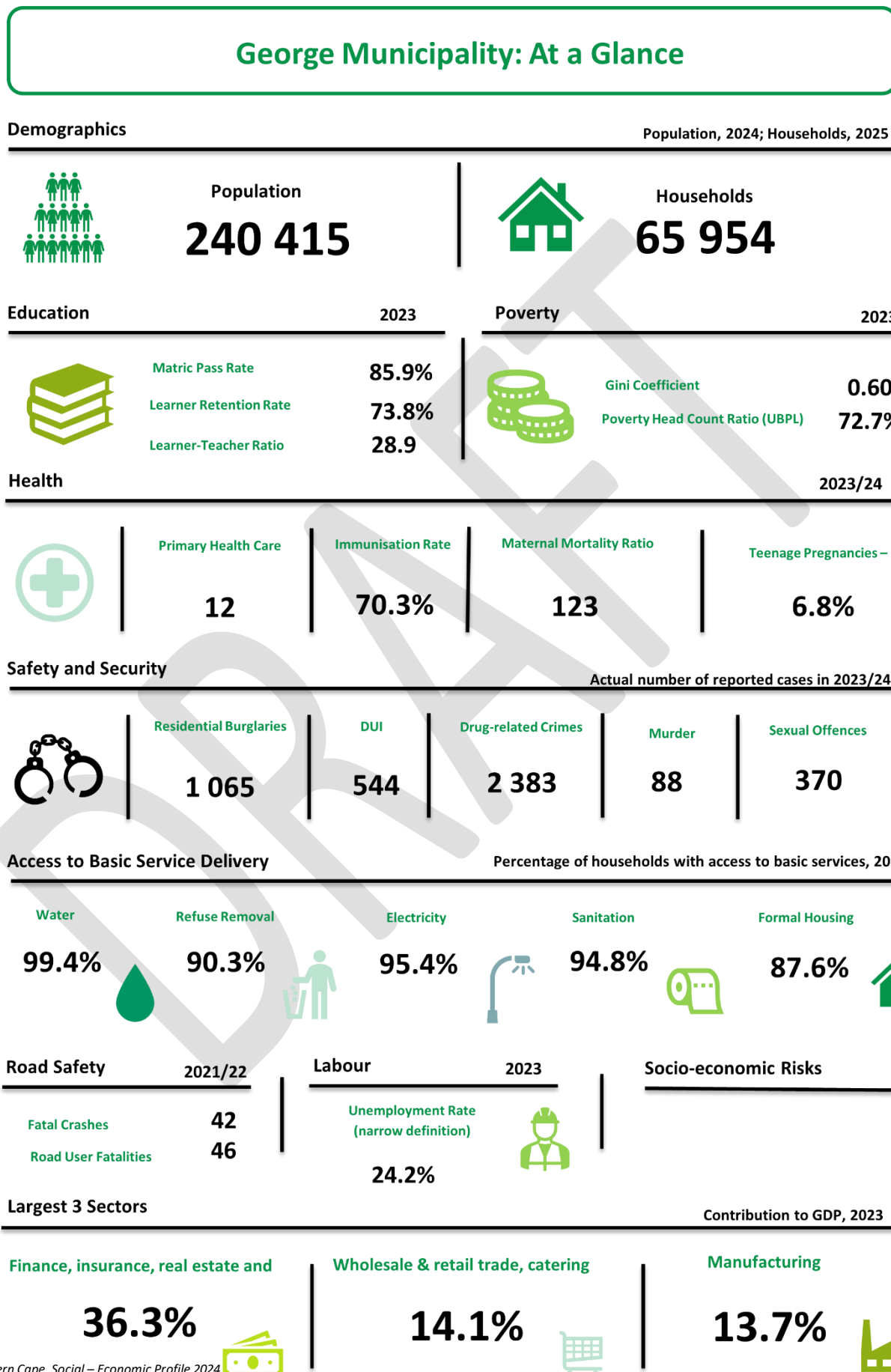
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## 2.3 George Municipality at a Glance

Table 11: George Municipality - Summarised Statistics



Source: Western Cape, Social – Economic Profile 2024

## 2.4 Socio – Economic Context

### 2.4.1 Population and Household Growth

In 2024, the George Municipality was home to 240 415 individuals, making it the most densely populated municipal area within the region. This demographic prominence can be attributed to its pivotal role as the administrative and economic hub of the Garden Route District (GRD). Notably, George stands as the second fastest expanding municipal jurisdiction in the District. Projections in terms of the Mid-year population estimates (MYPE) series released in September 2024 suggests that the populace will experience an average annual growth rate of 1.2 per cent during 2023 to 2029 period, predominantly driven by semigration into this locale.

With a total of 65 954 estimated households in 2024, the George municipal area exhibits an average household size of 3.5 persons. This figure positions George as the third highest

in terms of household size when compared to the other municipal areas within the District. And this metric is anticipated to diminish, potentially due to a surge of single working-age individuals relocating to the municipal area and shrinking family sizes. Consequently, the expansion of households is forecast to surpass the growth of the overall population. Furthermore, it is noteworthy that the number of households recorded during the 2022 Census exceeds the count utilised in the Local Government Equitable Share calculations by 18.4 per cent, signifying a higher-than-projected rise of households over the interval 2011 to 2022. The divergence, also evident when comparing the MYPE and Census figures, bears implications for the provisioning of municipal services and the requisite infrastructure

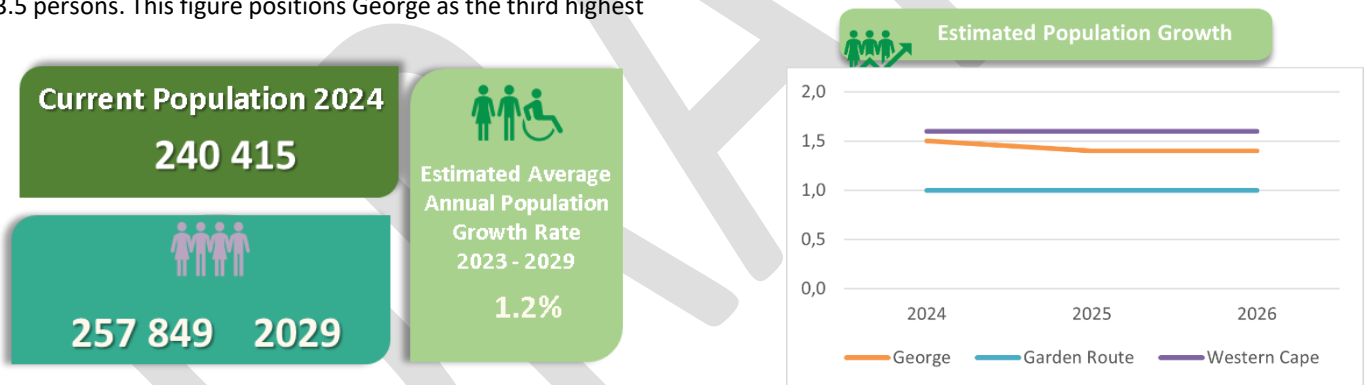


Figure 10: Population and household Growth. Source: Western Cape, Social – Economic Profile 2024

### 2.4.2 Gender, Age and Race Dynamics

A more in-depth analysis of the demographic composition within the municipal area reveals that 66.5 per cent of its residents fall within the economically active age group of 15 to 64 years. The presence of a substantial working-age population is of particular significance within a burgeoning economic hub. While the overall population distribution leans slightly in favour of females, there is a notable surplus of males within the 20 to 34 age bracket, indicative of an

influx of working-age males migrating to the municipal area, ostensibly in pursuit of employment opportunities. Moreover, a segment comprising 25.4 per cent of the population is aged below 14 years, thereby engendering a comparatively high dependency on the working-age cohort. This sizable youth contingent underscores a mounting demand for educational resources and future employment prospects within the George

municipal area. Additionally, a sizable elderly population, constituting 8.1 per cent of the total, signifies that the municipal area is an attractive destination for retirement, a pattern observed across the scenic expanse of the Garden Route. The insights derived from the age distribution patterns are instrumental for municipal planning, particularly concerning the availability of housing and government services tailored to meet the diverse needs of

distinct age groups.

Furthermore, the prominent racial demographic category in the municipal area is the coloured population, representing 49.8 per cent of the total population, followed by the black African population at 34 per cent and the white population at 15.7 per cent. The Indian or Asian demographic group is the minority, accounting for merely 0.5 per cent of the municipal populace

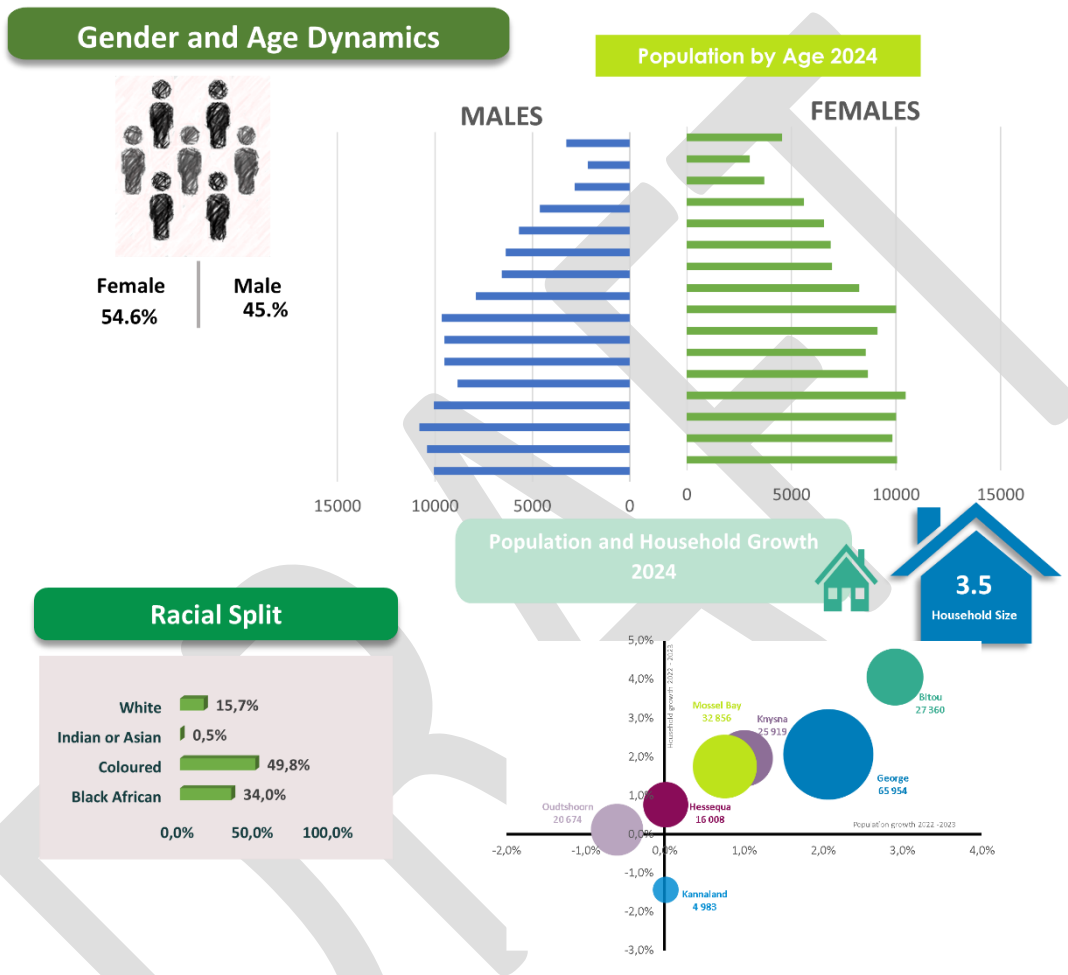


Figure 11: Population and household Growth. Source: Western Cape, Social – Economic Profile 2024



### 2.4.3 Level of Urbanisation and Population Density

The George municipal area is 5 191 km<sup>2</sup> and spans the Southern Cape and Little Karoo regions of the Western Cape. In 2024, it had a population density of 46.3 persons per km<sup>2</sup> and is expected to rise to 47.7 by 2026. The concentration of the population gravitates toward the town of George, magnetized by the economic opportunities, social amenities, and connectivity advantages it offers. However, Thembalethu distinguishes itself as the most densely populated locale, potentially fueled by growth in informal settlements as individuals migrate into the municipal area.

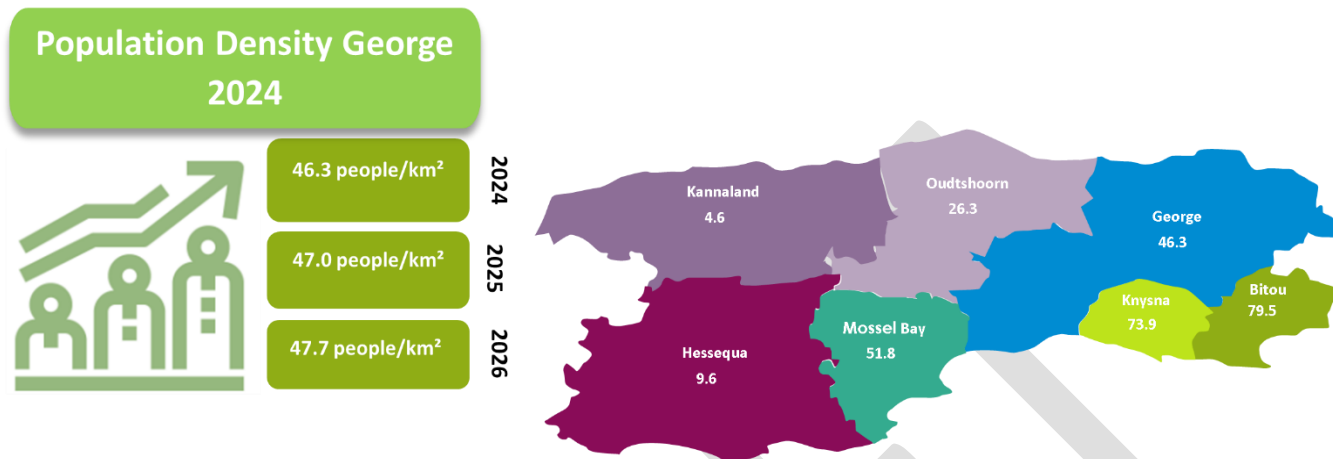


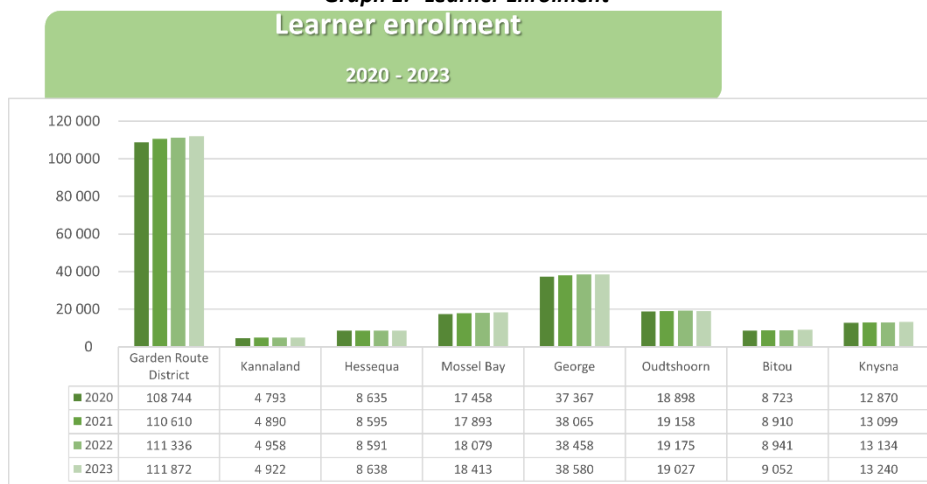
Figure 12: Level of Urbanisation. Source: Western Cape, Social – Economic Profile 2024

## 2.5 Education

### 2.5.1 Learner enrolment and teacher-learner ratio

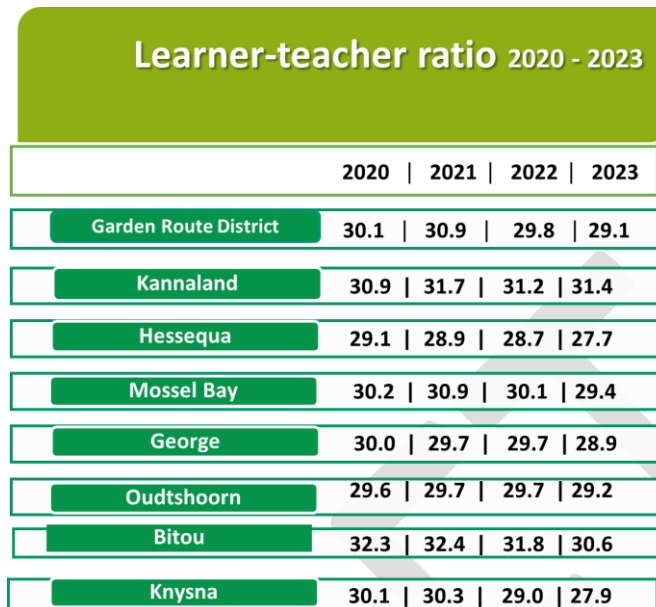
Ensuring that school aged children have access to schools and are enrolled in schools allows the community to meet the future skills demands in a growing economic hub. A more informed and productive society is instrumental in improving the overall quality of life. In 2023, the George municipal area had the highest number of enrolled learners within the GRD, a natural consequence of the greater population size. It experienced notable growth in learner enrollment, witnessing an increase of 1 213 pupils (3.2 per cent) between 2020 and 2023. This expansion is attributed to the concurrent growth of the working-age population in the locality, a phenomenon driven by the availability of employment opportunities and enhanced economic prospects. Typically, families relocating to the area for employment often include school-age children, thereby amplifying the enrollment of learners. This influx of learners has fortunately been accompanied by an increased number of teachers, resulting in a reduction in the learner-teacher ratio, which at 28.9 in 2023 is below the GRD average.

Graph 1: Learner Enrolment



Source: Western Cape, Social – Economic Profile 2024

Graph 2: Learner-Teacher ratio



Source: Western Cape, Social – Economic Profile 2024

**2.5.2 Education and Infrastructure Facilities**

Education and skills development play a vital role in shaping the future socioeconomic landscape of the municipal area. They empower the population and significantly impact the local economy’s development and its human resource capacity. The Western Cape Education Department is committed to this cause, ensuring access to education for the children of the municipal area with the availability of 50 schools. Nearly three-quarters (72 per cent) of these schools operate as no fee schools. This is positive to note, given that a substantial 24 per cent of learners cited financial constraints as the primary reason for prematurely dropping out of school in 2021. A concerning trend of urban sprawl in the municipal area is however impinging on open land zoned for school developments, concurrently with a lag in the construction of schools. This affects the future availability of proximate schools for a growing populace. Additionally, it is noteworthy that there is a preference for schools situated within the Central Business District, thereby leading to insufficient space available to meet demand.

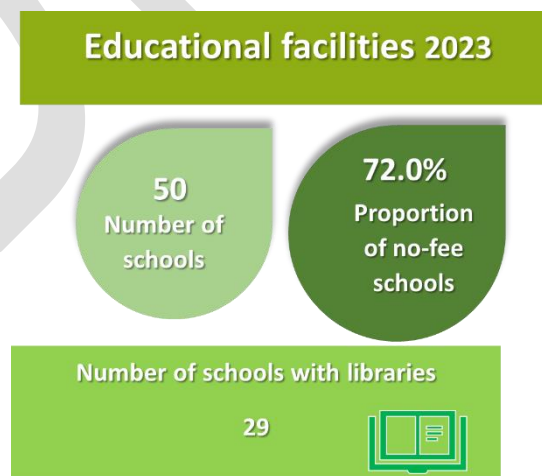
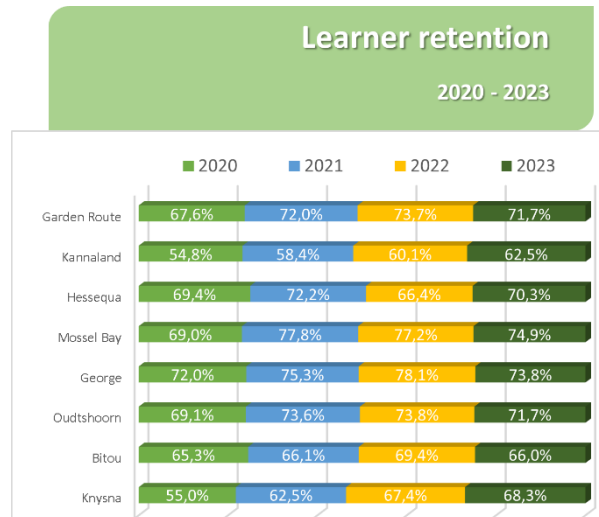


Figure 13: Educational Facilities Source: Western Cape, Social – Economic Profile 2024

### 2.5.3 Learner Retention

Economic centres such as George offers economic incentives for completing education more so than is present for its more rural counterparts. The George municipal area by implication has amongst the highest learner retention rates in the District at 73.8 per cent. It is however noteworthy that the upward trend in the learner retention rate has been halted, with a 4.3 percentage point declined observed from 2022 to 2023. This needs to be addressed to enhance the future economic potential of the municipal area.

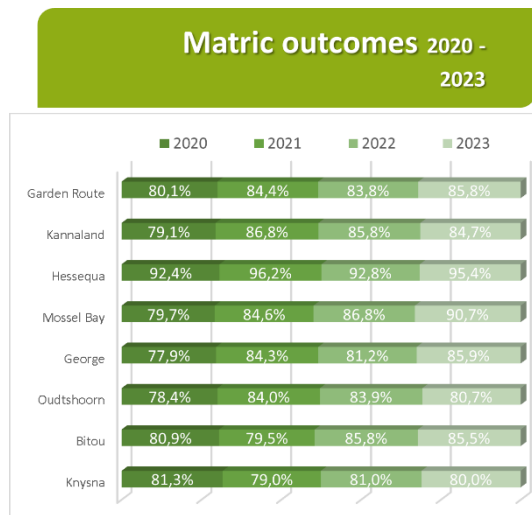


**Figure 14:** Learner Retention Source: *Western Cape, Social – Economic Profile 2024*

### 2.5.4 Education Outcomes

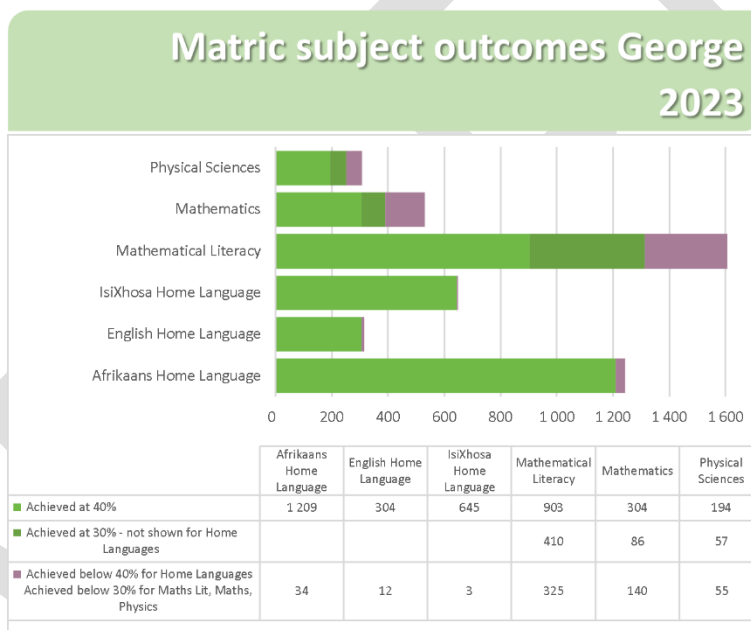
Lower learner-teacher ratios typically foster robust learner-teacher relationships, enabling the utilisation of personalised teaching approaches, and ultimately contributing to improved academic performance. This effect is present in the George municipal area which has the third highest matric pass rate in the region and saw an improvement in both the matric pass rate and the bachelor pass rate between 2022 and 2023. Pass rates are negatively impacted by mathematics and mathematical literacy outcomes. This needs to be addressed as high performance in these subjects, including physical sciences, are crucial in the enfolding fourth industrial revolution. With a growing demand for skilled labour in the municipal area, matric certificates and higher education qualifications are becoming increasingly important as a lever to lift families out of poverty and contribute to economic development. It is imperative that the determinants influencing the overall quality of education be considered in the quest for optimal educational outcomes. It is however positive to note that over the 2011 to 2022 period, the percentage of persons over the age of 20 without schooling (2.4 per cent) has declined and those with higher education (13.9 per cent) increased, albeit by small margins of less than 2 per cent in both instances.

**Graph 4: Education Outcomes**



Source: Western Cape, Social – Economic Profile 2024

**Graph 5: Subject Outcomes**



Source: Western Cape, Social – Economic Profile 2024

## 2.6 Health

### 2.6.1 Health Facilities

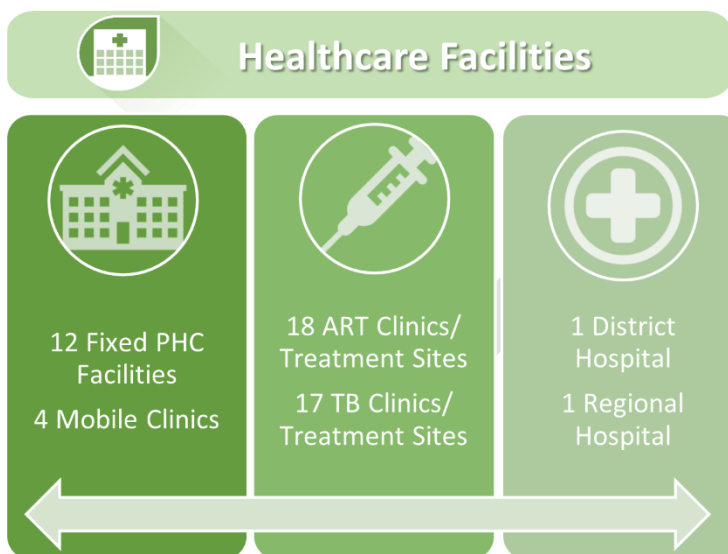
In 2023, a mere 15.7 per cent of the South African population had access to medical aid, underscoring the significance of government healthcare facilities in delivering essential primary healthcare services to the majority of the country's residents. Within the George municipal area, there was a total of 12 primary healthcare facilities. Additionally, the George municipal area had 4 mobile/satellite clinics, along with one district hospital and one regional hospital, catering to the healthcare needs of the residents.

Furthermore, with the development of 2 additional TB clinics, the residents in the municipal area had access to 18 ART treatment sites and 17 TB clinics in 2023, further enhancing the availability of critical TB and ART treatment services available for households. This is especially necessary with the rising number of ART and TB patients registered for treatment within the municipal area from 2021/22 to 2022/23.

Enhancing the quantity of functional ambulances contributes to an expanded reach of emergency medical services across the

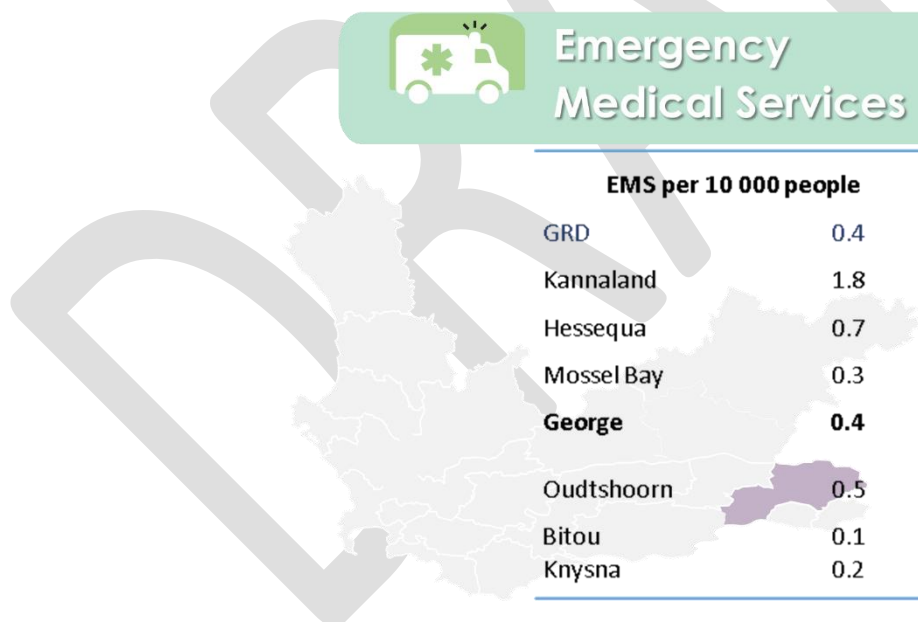
municipal area. In the 2022/23 fiscal year, the area had 9 Provincial ambulances, translating to 0.4 ambulances per 10 000 residents. This is consistent with the prior fiscal year. It should be noted that this figure pertains exclusively to Provincial ambulances and does not include private service providers.

**Figure 15: Health care facilities**



Source: Western Cape, Social – Economic Profile 2024

**Figure 16: Emergency medical services**



Source: Western Cape, Social – Economic Profile 2024

**2.6.2 Maternal Health and Child Health**

Within the George municipal area, there has been an observable decline in teenage pregnancies. In 2023/24, 271 deliveries (6.8 per cent) occurred among females under the age of 19, which is slightly lower than the District rate of 11.5 per cent. The decrease in teenage pregnancies coincided with a slight increase in pregnancy terminations, with 654 pregnancy terminations reported in 2023/24. The high rate of teenage pregnancies reflects a need for expanded family planning initiatives and support services within the municipal area and greater GRD, as unplanned pregnancies poses a risk to the future quality of life of teenagers.

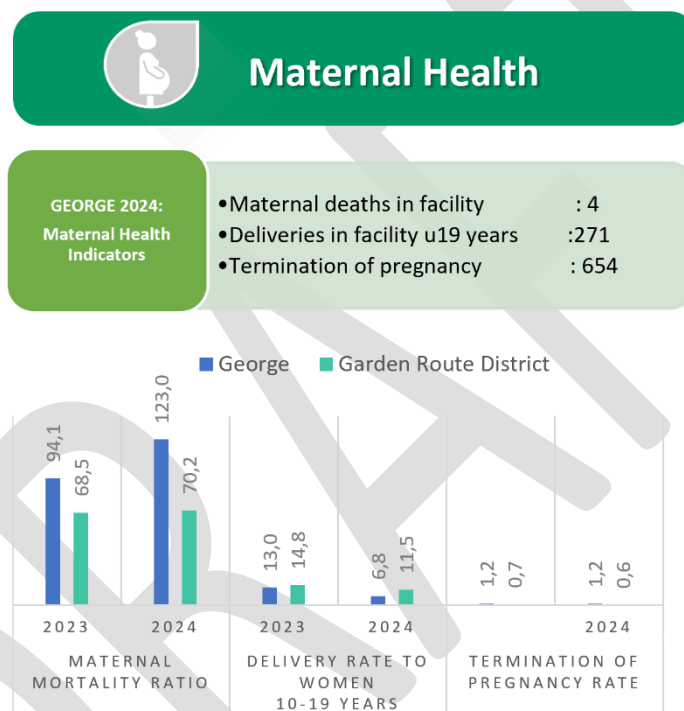
2 862 children under the age of one were immunised, translating to an immunisation coverage rate of 70.3 per cent. This exhibits

a reduction thereby placing a greater proportion of young children at risk of serious illness. The prevalence of malnourished children under the age of five, particularly those suffering from severe acute malnutrition, per 100,000 individuals in the municipal area, saw a marginal decline from 2022/23 to 2023/24. Furthermore, the percentage of infants born with a birth weight of less than

2.5 kilograms also decreased over this period. In both cases, the municipal area has not yet reverted to pre-pandemic levels. While the reductions in poverty and government feeding schemes have contributed to the marginal decline in malnourished children, there remains a continued challenge in terms of households' access to nourishing food.

With 4 maternal deaths and 56 babies dying before 28 days of life, the municipal area has amongst the highest maternal and neonatal mortality rates in the Province, presenting a concerning development especially as these rates have increased from 2022/23 to 2023/24. This emphasizes the need for improved antenatal and postnatal care.

**Graph 6: Maternal health**



Source: Western Cape, Social – Economic Profile 2024

<sup>2</sup> **Community Health Centre:** A facility that normally provides primary health care services, 24-hour maternity, accident and emergency services and beds where health care users can be observed for a maximum of 48 hours, and which normally has a procedure room but not an operating theatre.

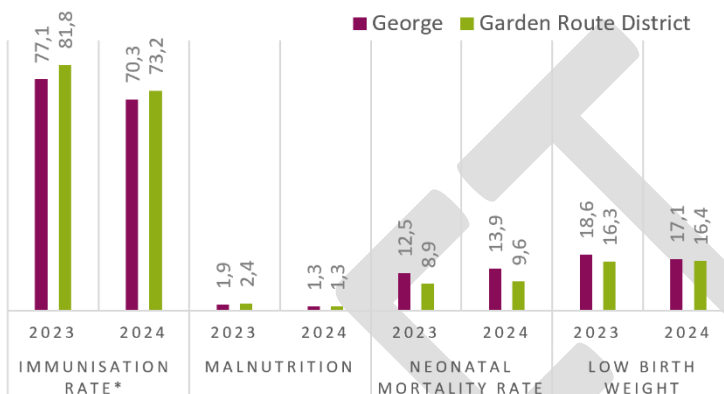
<sup>3</sup> **Community Day Centre:** A health facility that provides a comprehensive health care services during day hours, including mother and child health, chronic diseases care, women’s health, HIV and TB care, men’s health, acute services, physiotherapy, mental health services and oral health care.

**Graph 7: Child Health**

## Child Health

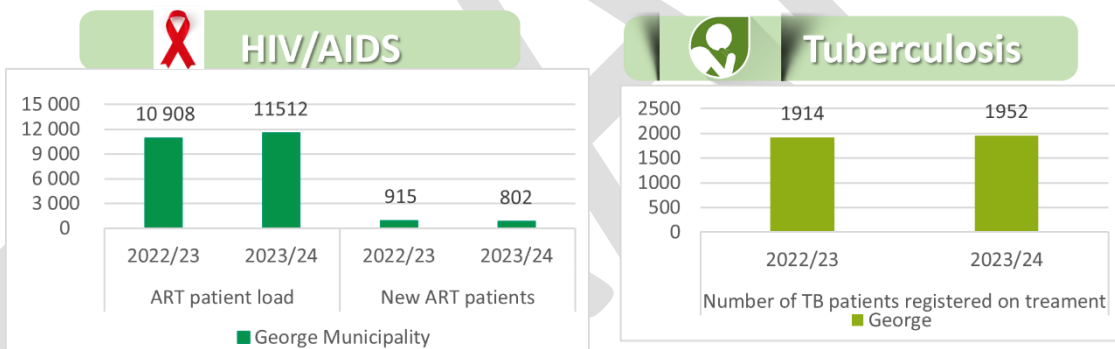
**GEORGE 2024:**  
Child Health Indicators

- Live births under 2500g (low birth weight) : 565
- Inpatient deaths 6-28 day : 56
- Immunisation u1 year : 2 862
- Severe acute malnutrition u5 years : 25



Source: Western Cape, Social – Economic Profile 2024

**Graph 8: Tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS**



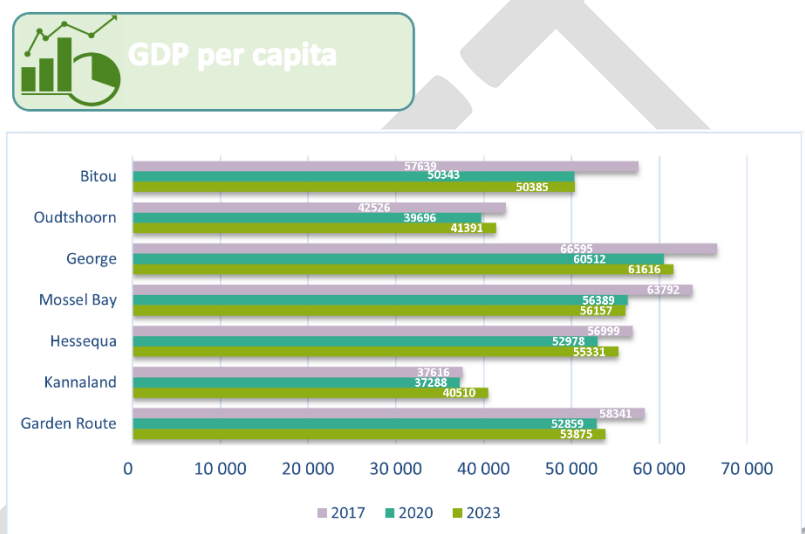
Source: Western Cape, Social – Economic Profile 2024

### 2.7.1 GDP Per Capita

During the timeframe spanning from 2017 to 2023, the regional population exhibited a growth rate surpassing that of the economy, resulting in a notable decline in the GDP per capita i.e., GDP per person. Over this period, GDP per capita experienced a robust decrease of 7.5 per cent, indicative of declining standards of living and economic well-being within the George municipal area. At R61 616, the GDP per capita exceeded the District average (R53 875) but remained below that of the Western Cape, pointing to potential areas for further improvement.

However, it is imperative to acknowledge that the distribution of GDP per capita within the George municipal area is not uniform. Disparities prevail, with a segment of the population enjoying affluence, while others grapple with financial challenges in an economic landscape characterized by inflation, escalating interest rates, and unemployment.

**Graph 9: GDP per capita**



Source: Western Cape, Social – Economic Profile 2024

### 2.7.2 Income Inequality

South Africa suffers among the highest levels of inequality in the world when measured by the commonly used Gini index. Inequality manifests itself through a skewed income distribution, unequal access to opportunities, and regional disparities. The National Development Plan (NDP) has set a target of reducing income inequality in South Africa, endeavouring to lower the Gini coefficient from 0.7 in 2010 to 0.6 by 2030. The George municipal area nearly meets that goal at 0.60 but has amongst the most unequal distributions of income in the Province. This reflects the discrepancy between persons with well remunerated jobs in George as well as affluent households living on the coast, compared to the lower income earned by rural farm workers in areas such as George Rural, Haarlem and Uniondale as well as households residing in the numerous informal settlements across the municipal area. Income inequality is also more pronounced among the coloured and black African demographic groups where some households have built wealth, whilst others have yet to escape the poverty trap.



Graph 10: Income Inequality



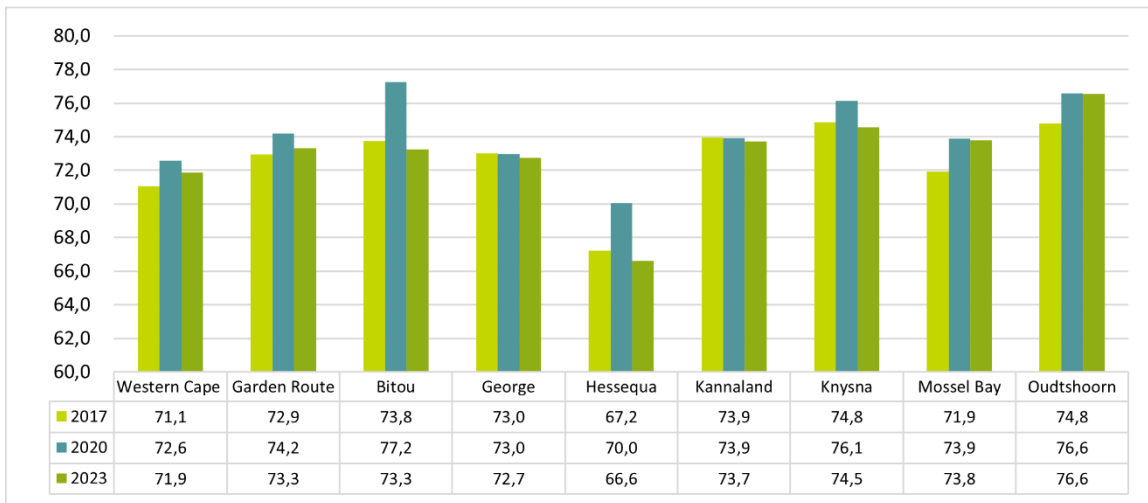
Source: Western Cape, Social – Economic Profile 2024

### 2.7.3 Poverty

The Upper Bound Poverty Line (UBPL) head count ratio is the proportion of the population living below the UBPL i.e., that cannot afford to purchase adequate levels of food and non-food items. The UBPL in South Africa is R1 558 (in April 2023 prices) per person per month. In 2023, 72.7 per cent of the George municipal population fell below the UBPL. This figure improved marginally from the 73.0 per cent recorded in 2017, indicating progress despite the challenging economic conditions facing households across the country.

While the municipal area exhibits lower levels of poverty compared to the District, the situation is far from comforting, given the significant number of households experiencing the adverse effects of poverty. These consequences include lower life expectancy, malnutrition, food insecurity, heightened exposure to crime and substance abuse, reduced educational attainment, and substandard living conditions. Therefore, the NDP sets the ambitious goal of eradicating poverty by 2030. To alleviate these negative impacts of poverty, the Department of Social Development George issues grants offering vital income support to these households, while municipal indigent support and various free services offered by the Western Cape Government such as health care and education support households living in poverty.

**Graph 11: Poverty**

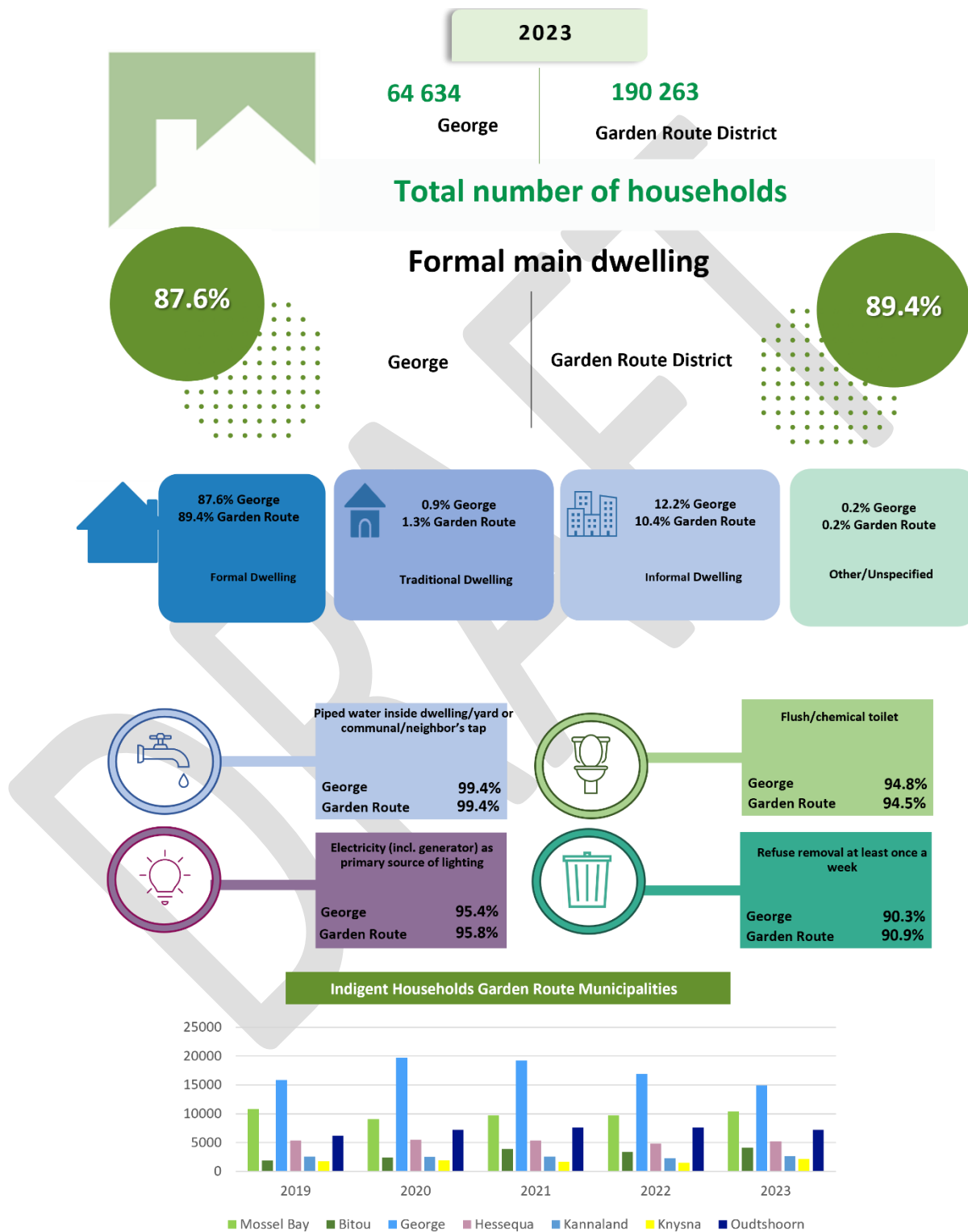


Source: Western Cape, Social – Economic Profile 2024

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## 2.7 Basic Service Delivery

The Constitution stipulates that every citizen has the right to access to adequate housing and that the state must take reasonable legislative and other measures within its available resources to achieve the progressive realisation of this right. Access to housing also includes access to services such as potable water, basic sanitation, safe energy sources and refuse removal services, to ensure that households enjoy a decent standard of living.



Source: Western Cape, Social – Economic Profile 2024

### **2.8.1 Housing and household services**

Of the 64 634 households within the George municipal area in 2023, 87.6 per cent had access to formal housing, slightly below the Garden Route District average of 89.4 per cent. This is despite the housing units constructed by the state, catering to the housing needs of low-income households. Furthermore, the rate is dragged downward due to the large proportion of informal housing in the George municipal area. With 12.2 per cent of households living in informal dwellings, 0.9 per cent in traditional dwellings and 0.2 per cent in other/unspecified housing, it reflects further room for improvement to see enhanced living conditions for vulnerable households in the George municipal area.

Access levels for essential services in the municipal area surpassed the access to formal housing. Specifically, 99.4 per cent of households had access to piped water (within the dwelling, yard, or via a communal/neighbor's tap), 94.8 per cent had access to a flush or chemical toilet, 95.4 per cent had access to electricity (including generators) for lighting, and 90.3 per cent received weekly refuse removal by the local authority. However, these service access levels were below or in line with the corresponding District averages across all categories, excluding access to basic levels of sanitation. This lag underscores the challenges faced by the Municipality in keeping pace with the growing demand for services, as well as the difficulties associated with extending services to rural farmlands and informal settlements. The considerable surge in informal structures during the COVID-19 pandemic further intensified this challenge.

### **2.8.2 Free Basic Services**

Municipalities also provide a package of free basic services to households who are financially vulnerable and struggle to pay for services. The George Municipality's basket of rebates and allowances for the indigent are amongst the highest in the Province.

There was a significant surge in registered indigent households in 2020 attributable to the adverse economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, which resulted in income losses impeding households' capacity to cover their municipal service expenses. As poverty rates have been reduced, there is also an observed 9 per cent annual average decline in households registered for indigent support from 2020 to 2023, thereby now reaching levels below the pre-COVID period. The stressed economic conditions will however continue to exert pressure on household incomes and thereby keep demand for free basic services at elevated levels.

## 2.8 Safety and Security

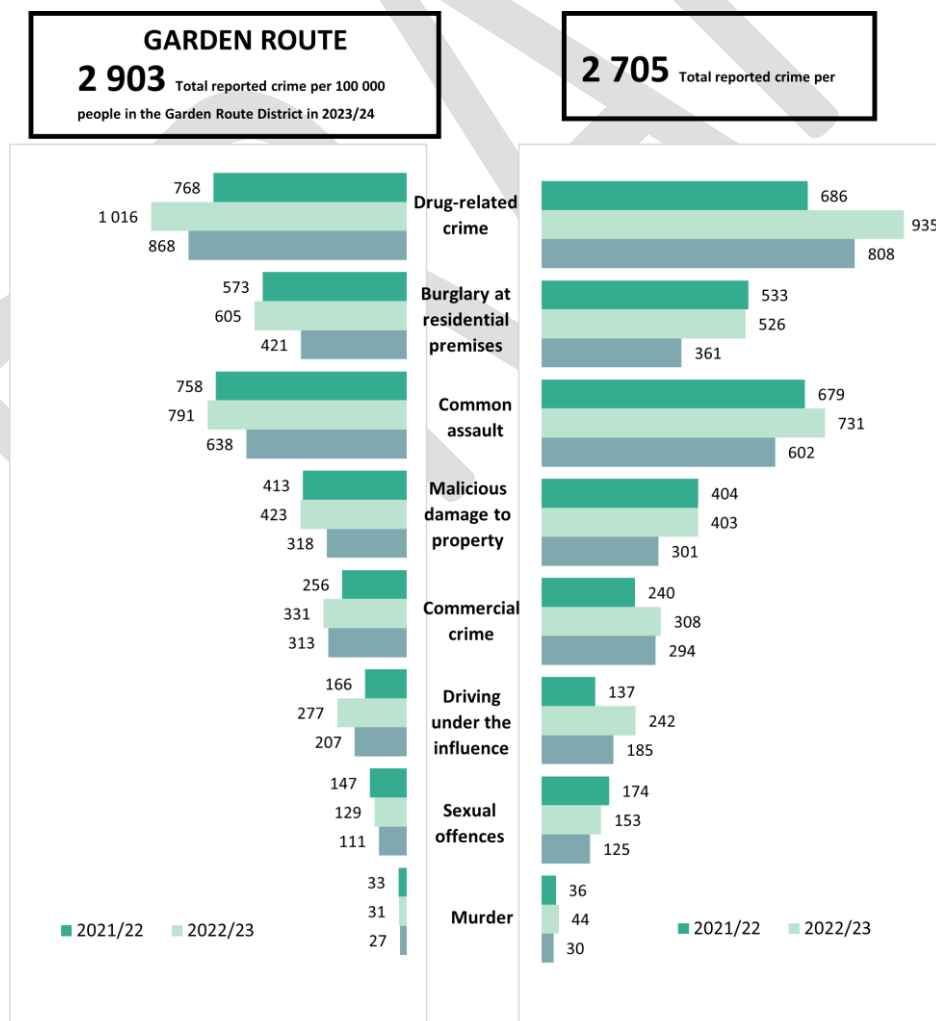
### 2.9.1 Crime rates in the GRD and George Municipality

The high levels of poverty and inequality give rise to elevated crime levels necessitating the development of the Western Cape Safety Plan. In it, the Western Cape Government (WCG) expresses their vision to ensure that the Province is a place where all people feel secure and live free from fear. The George Municipality shares this goal, as it is not spared from the safety concerns present throughout the Province and GRD.

Crime levels in the George municipal area fortunately declined from 2022/23 to 2023/24. The primary factors contributing to crime in the George Municipality and greater region of the Garden Route include the absence of surveillance cameras in high-risk areas, inadequate lighting, high unemployment rates, drug and alcohol abuse, instances of domestic violence, repeat offences by released prisoners, the seasonal influx of labourers and social intolerance.

The George municipal area exhibits elevated occurrences of contact crimes such as murder and sexual offences, when compared to the GRD. However, the GRD contends with elevated crime rates across all other categories delineated in the infographic. It is essential to acknowledge that these other crime categories, including drug-related offenses, burglaries, and commercial crimes, are exacerbated by elevated poverty levels, which are more pronounced in other municipal areas relative to George.

Figure 17: Murder Statistics



Source: Western Cape, Social – Economic Profile 2024

### 2.9.2 Total reported cases of Crime

Murder is defined as the unlawful and intentional killing of another person. 88 murders were reported in the municipal area, largely attributed to gangsterism. The George community speaks out against gang related violence, indicating that they are tired of being victimized in their own communities. Similarly, common assault (assault that involves the use of force or violence against another person without causing serious bodily harm) is at elevated levels with 1 774 cases reported, influenced by gangsterism, substance abuse as well as gender-based violence.

South Africa is amongst the top 5 countries in the world with respect to reports of rape. George is no exception with 370 cases of sexual offences (including rape, sex work, pornography, public indecency and human trafficking) reported within the George municipal area, down from 401 in 2022/23. It should be noted that many cases of sexual offences go unreported. Substance abuse drives up drug-related crimes (a situation where the perpetrator is found to be in possession of, under the influence of, or selling illegal drugs) with 2 383 cases reported, and saw the largest rise from the 2021/22 levels. In addition, Driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol (where the driver of a vehicle is found to be over the legal blood alcohol limit) had 544 reported cases. Alcohol use is a leading factor in road traffic crashes. Substance abuse places a burden on health care and police services, disrupts families and bears significant social and economic costs within communities.

Substance abuse and poverty further contribute to residential burglaries (the unlawful entry of a residential structure with the intent to commit a crime, usually a theft) with 1 065 cases reported in the George municipal area, while difficult economic times is met with a rise in commercial crimes (theft, fraud or dishonesty committed against a business by an employee that results in the business suffering financial loss) as an easy way for employees to maintain their standard of living. In addition to this, 888 cases of malicious damage to property, severely impact local businesses, especially SMMEs. Failure to curb such crimes can lead to a vicious cycle of declining economic activity and joblessness that fuels poverty and gives rise to other crimes across the District.

Curbing crime is crucial to realizing the vision of the WCG that is “a safer Western Cape where everyone prospers”.

**Figure 18: Actual number of crimes reported**



Source: Western Cape, Social – Economic Profile 2024

## 2.9 GDP Performance

### 2.10.1 Sectoral Overview

Once primarily dependent on traditional industries like fishing and agriculture, George's economy has diversified over the years. The municipal area has witnessed significant growth in sectors such as boutique tourism, artisanal crafts, and small-scale manufacturing, reflecting the region's ability to adapt to changing economic conditions. With a thriving tourism sector, a growing focus on sustainable development, and the continued prominence of agriculture, George is positioning itself as a hub for both innovation and preservation. The combination of its rich natural resources, strategic location, and expanding industries makes George a dynamic and resilient economy, catering to a wide array of industries and livelihoods.

The George municipal economy was valued at R18.660 billion in 2023, representing 40.4 per cent of the GRD economy and solidifying its position as the commercial hub of the region. Key contributors to the municipal GDP included finance, insurance, real estate, and business services (36.3 per cent); wholesale and retail trade, catering, and accommodation (14.1 per cent); and manufacturing (13.7 per cent). In 2023, the finance sector emerged as a key driver of economic growth, supported by developments in the call center industry and elevated interest rates. Alongside finance, the transport, community services, and general government sectors also recorded positive GDP growth compared to 2022. The primary sector—dominated by agriculture, forestry, and fishing—accounted for only 3.9 per cent of the economy but remains a critical employer in rural areas. George's economy is diverse, blending contributions from high-value sectors and traditional industries. This reflects a transition toward a more skilled workforce while maintaining its role as a regional commercial and tourism hub.

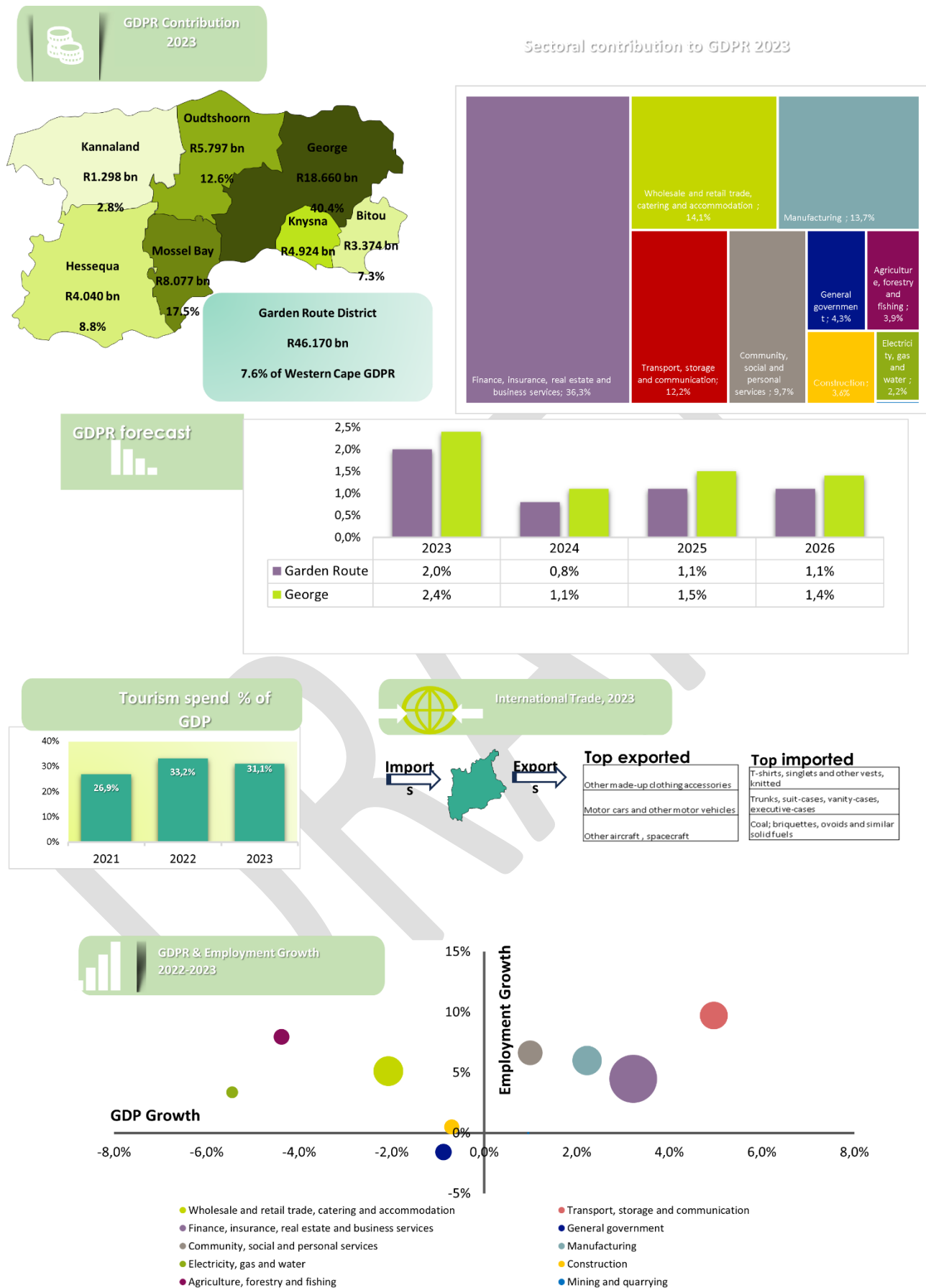
The George municipal economy achieved GDP growth of 2.4 per cent in 2023. Leading this expansion, the finance, insurance, real estate, and business services sector contributed 1.2 percentage points to growth. The transport, storage, and communication sector added 0.6 percentage points, while manufacturing and community services contributed 0.3 and 0.1 percentage points, respectively. Conversely, the agriculture, forestry, and fishing sector detracted from growth, reducing GDP by 0.2 percentage points. While George remains a significant producer of timber, dairy products, and livestock—including beef and poultry—its agricultural sector faced challenges in 2023. These included high input costs, declining international commodity prices, and environmental pressures such as climate change, which continue to affect local farming and fishing industries.

In 2023, the George municipal area recorded a trade deficit of R645.0 million, with exports totaling R770.0 million and imports reaching R1.4 billion. Over the past decade, exports grew steadily from R298.1 million in 2012 to R770.0 million in 2023, while imports increased from R422.8 million to R1.4 billion over the same period. The surge in imports has been driven primarily by demand for manufactured goods and industrial inputs. Strategically located along major transport routes between Cape Town and Gqeberha and home to a regional airport, George is well-positioned as a growing urban hub with strong logistical and industrial potential.

The wholesale and retail trade, catering, and accommodation sector contracted by 0.3 per cent in 2023, a decline that aligns with reduced tourist spending. After a sharp recovery in 2022—when tourist expenditure rose from 13.9 per cent of GDP in 2021 to 17.6 per cent due to eased COVID-19 restrictions—spending moderated to 16.1 per cent in 2023.

Growth in the George municipal economy is projected to slow, with forecasts of 1.1 per cent in 2024, 1.5 per cent in 2025, and 1.4 per cent in 2026, although it will be expanding at a faster rate than the rest of region. While this speaks to the resilience of the local economy, the uneven sectoral performance underscores the importance of further diversifying the local economic base. By strengthening core sectors such as finance, transport, and manufacturing while addressing critical infrastructure needs, George can enhance its resilience to external shocks and progress toward a more balanced and sustainable economic future.

Figure 19: GDP Performance



Source: Western Cape, Social – Economic Profile 2024



## 2.10 Labour Market Performance

The George municipal area accounted for 36.2 per cent of district employment in 2023, providing 81 949 jobs. The workforce composition highlights a significant presence of semi-skilled workers (38.7 per cent), low-skilled workers (26.3 per cent), and skilled workers (35.0 per cent). This distribution underscores George's diverse labour market and its gradual transition toward higher-skilled roles, particularly in finance and business services.

The local economy functions as a regional hub for government services, providing employment to over 4,000 individuals, including 2,270 in local government and 1,772 at the provincial level. Key sectors such as finance, business services, wholesale and retail trade, and manufacturing have been significant drivers of job creation. However, challenges such as infrastructure limitations present risks to sustained economic recovery. Despite these constraints, the high concentration of employment in high-income sectors enables the local economy to maintain a greater proportion of high-income earners compared to other municipalities within the district. Agriculture remains vital for local employment, with mixed farming generating 2 446 jobs and vegetable farming contributing 790 jobs. Herolds Bay and Uniondale rely heavily on these activities. Dairy and mixed farming, supported by prominent dairy processors like Clover and Lancewood headquartered in the municipal area, also have a positive impact on employment, while tourism contributes significantly, particularly in Wilderness.

Total employment increased by 5.2 per cent in 2023, adding 4 035 new jobs and reflecting a steady recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The unemployment rate also declined from 28.2 per cent in 2021 to 24.2 per cent in 2023, largely driven by informal employment. However, Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) formal jobs have only seen gradual recovery, with a modest 0.8 per cent increase in 2022, pointing to lingering structural challenges.

The tertiary sector's contributions to both employment and GDP are notable. Retail activities, such as the sale of clothing and footwear, supported 962 jobs, while short-term accommodation (932 jobs) and food services (846 jobs) reflected tourism-driven demand. Between 2022 and 2023, George achieved a net gain of 823 jobs, driven by growth in mixed farming (330 jobs), business organizations (226 jobs), and non-perennial crop farming.

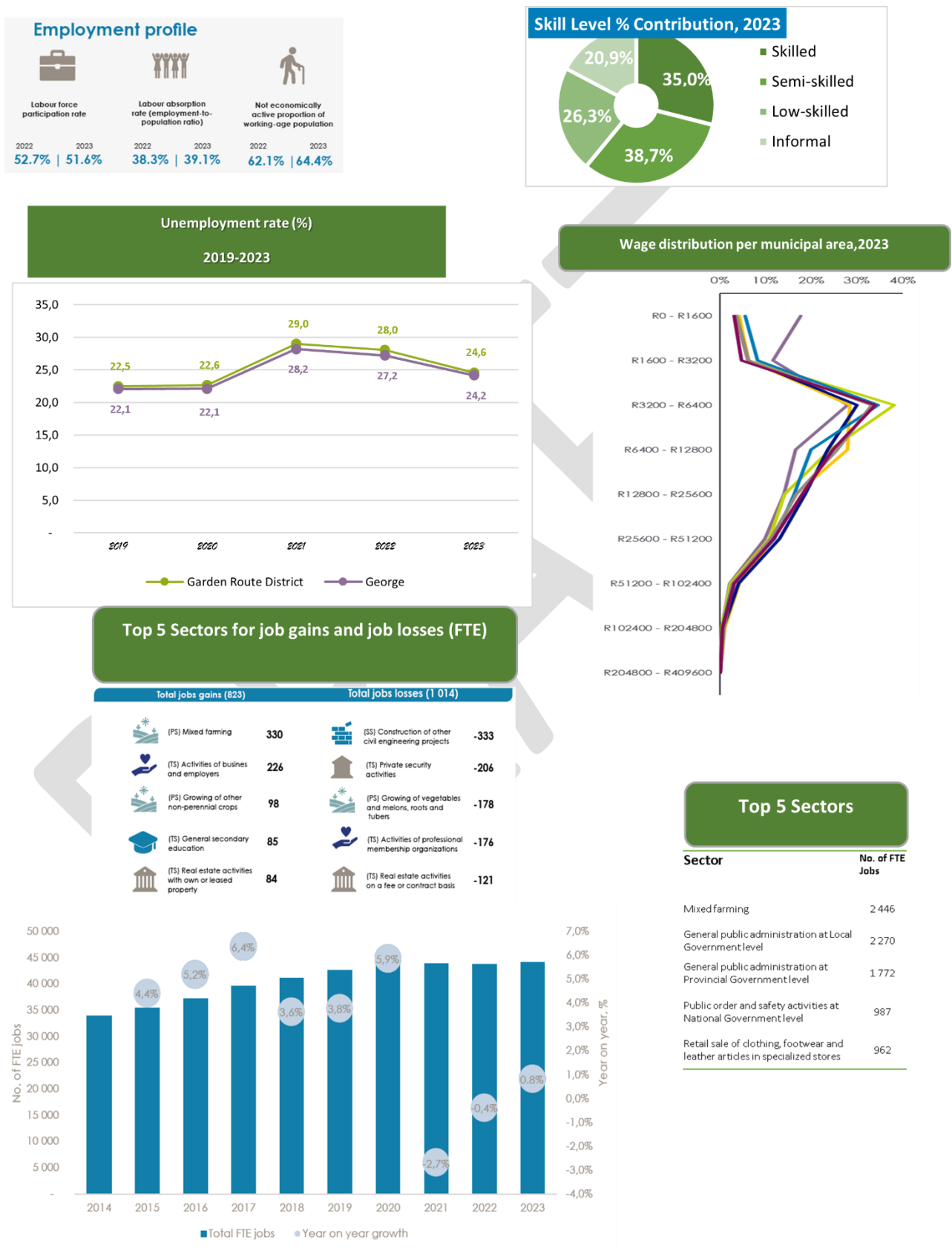
Despite these gains, certain sectors experienced significant job losses. Construction, particularly civil engineering projects, saw a decline of 333 jobs, while private security activities lost 206 jobs. The primary sector faced setbacks, with 178 jobs lost in vegetable and melon farming, and real estate struggled, shedding 297 jobs. These declines underscore challenges like skill mismatches and rising costs, necessitating targeted interventions.

High-value sectors like finance and business services contributed 36.3 per cent to GDP with 3.2 per cent growth but generated limited employment, with only 4.5 per cent job growth. Conversely, agriculture and community services saw substantial job growth but faced declining GDP contributions due to high input costs and reduced commodity prices. However, agriculture's challenges are expected to stabilize as markets normalize in 2024, while environmental factors remain a risk to the sector. Transport and retail sectors exhibited strong job growth, emphasizing the importance of these services in George's economy.

Labour market indicators reveal mixed trends. The labour force participation rate decreased from 52.7 per cent in 2022 to 51.6 per cent in 2023, while the labour absorption rate rose from 38.3 per cent to 39.1 per cent, indicating improved employment opportunities relative to the working-age population. However, the non-economically active share of the working-age population grew significantly, from 62.1 per cent to 64.4 per cent, highlighting barriers to labour market participation, such as discouragement, skills mismatch, caregiving responsibilities and education.

To foster sustainable growth, George must balance high-value sectors with labour-intensive industries and address sector-specific challenges. Investments in infrastructure, skills development, and economic diversification will be crucial in building a resilient and inclusive labour market.

**Figure 20: Labour Market Performance**



Source: Western Cape, Social – Economic Profile 2024

## **2.11 Risk and Vulnerability Factors**

### **2.11.1 Sea Level and Storm surges**

Sea levels are expected to rise steadily for at least the next 200 years. The current thermal expansion of the oceans will result in 0.25m – 0.75m of sea level rise by 2050, with associated swash run-up of roughly 3.0m – 3.5m above the mean sea level (excluding tidal influence). Sandy shores are most affected – some areas in the Garden Route have seen beaches retreat landward at a rate of 1m per year. This directly affects infrastructure and detracts from the amenity value of the coastline.

### **2.11.2 Drought**

Climate change will result in decreases in rainfall in spring and especially autumn, although the overall annual change will be negligible. Projections, however, indicate that by 2050, drought risk in the Garden Route District Municipality will increase from 2 possible drought years per decade to 3 years per decade, mainly driven by increased overall temperatures as higher rates of evaporation will increase the risk of water supplies running low. Insufficient water will interrupt agricultural production as well as agricultural and marine product processing, whilst placing severe constraints on towns and settlements.

### **2.11.3 Environmental threats and climate change**

George faces a number of environmental threats, including from deteriorating ecosystem functioning, water security concerns, floods, wildfires and coastal erosion. At the same time, modelling of climate systems allows us to anticipate what the climate will look like later in the century, and hence where and how the environmental risks are likely to intensify.

### **2.11.4 Disaster Risk**

Disaster Risk Management is important not only for everyday safety of people, but also to reduce the costs of disasters when they strike. The table lists some ways in which climate change will impact disaster risks identified in the Disaster Risk Management Plan of the municipality.

### **2.11.5 Floods**

Although drought is a major concern going forward, flooding remains as big a concern for the George Municipality. Projections indicate increased storm intensity in winter, leading to more rainfall in shorter periods and therefore a higher likelihood of flooding.

### **2.11.6 Wildfires**

Temperatures in the George municipal area will continue to rise, resulting in 19 more hot days (temperatures above 30 degrees Celsius) per year by 2050. By 2050, the region will also decrease the number of frost days in the higher interior region. On hot days productivity becomes constrained, and the risk of wildfires increase rapidly. In an already dry environment, wildfires can become extremely destructive.



## HAZARDS\*

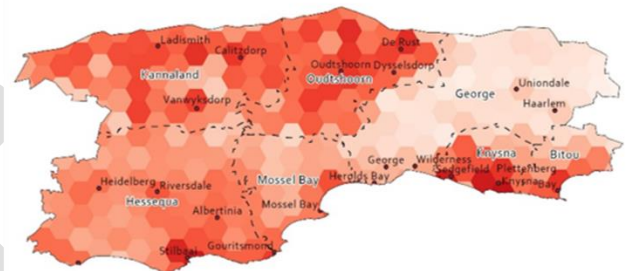
Hazard and category name	Impact of Climate Change
<b>Drought</b>	Increased likelihood of multiyear drought Water security concerns Agricultural impact Watercourse deterioration Estuarine deterioration
<b>Wildfires</b>	Increased frequency of fire-risk days Increased flammability of biomass fuel
<b>Floods</b>	Increased intensity of rainfall events Drier conditions could make ground impervious to sudden, intense rainfall events
<b>Disruption: Water Supply</b>	Increased competition for water resources
<b>Alien Invasive Species (Vegetative)</b>	Faster spread and growth due to conducive climate
<b>Urban Fires</b>	Increased frequency of fire-risk days Increased flammability of biomass fuel
<b>Endemism (Loss To Biodiversity)</b>	Degradation in ecosystem assemblages as conditions change
<b>Road Incidents</b>	Increased temperature leading to deterioration of road surface
<b>Hazmat Incidents: Roads And Industries</b>	Temperature or flood related road surface or rail damage
<b>Major Hazardous Installation</b>	Extreme weather conditions



## ENVIRONMENTAL THREATS



Local Municipalities  
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## CLIMATE RISKS



### Intensification of hot and dry conditions



Climate parameter	Change from present conditions (projections for 2050)
Decrease in total annual rainfall	-8 mm
Decrease in number of days per year with >10mm of rain	+1 day
Decrease in maximum amount of rain in a 5-day period	7 mm
Number of dry years per decade	3 years/decade (1 year more than at present)
Increase in average annual temperature	1.2°C
Additional days per year with temperatures above 30°C	19 days
Days per year with temperatures below 0°C	-3 days
Sea-level rise	42 cm

Source: <https://www.elsenburg.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/SmartAgri-Climate-Change.pdf>

## 2.12 Conclusion

George, a coastal municipal area nestled amid picturesque hills and the Indian Ocean, stands as a distinctive and promising locale. As a growing economic hub within the GRD, the George municipal area faces the dynamic challenges of an expanding population, giving rise to amplified demands for housing, municipal services, and essential government provisions like education and healthcare. Despite these challenges, diligent efforts have expanded the range of services to accommodate the burgeoning population, rendering the area an appealing destination for residents, workers, and prospective investors.

The municipal economy has effectively rebounded from the adverse consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic. Although employment recovery initially lagged behind the economic resurgence, it has since returned to pre-pandemic levels, primarily due to a notable upswing in informal employment opportunities. This has exerted a favorable influence on the unemployment rate, reduced poverty rates, and decreased the proportion of households registered as indigent. Consequently, these improvements have also contributed to lower rates of child malnutrition. Nevertheless, it remains imperative to address the persistent issue of elevated inequality within the municipal area, as it engenders concerns related to safety and security, manifesting in escalating crime rates, particularly in contact crimes such as murders, sexual offenses, and common assaults. The promotion of safety and security holds paramount importance for both the Municipality and the Western Cape Government.

Significant strides have been made in education, signaling positive prospects for meeting the surging demand for skilled individuals in the expanding tertiary sector of the municipal economy. Learner retention rates have improved, partly attributed to declining rates of teenage pregnancies. However, it is unfortunate that the matriculation pass rates experienced a decline from 2021 to 2022. This decline primarily stems from underperformance in mathematics and maths literacy, necessitating targeted interventions.

To effectively address the developmental challenges outlined above and further enhance the well-being of municipal area residents, sustained collaboration among the Municipality, other tiers of government, and the private sector is imperative.

# CHAPTER 3: Strategic Policy Context

## 3.1 Municipal Vision and Strategy

THE GEORGE MUNICIPALITY HAS COMMITTED ITSELF TO THE FOLLOWING VISION AND MISSION:

# Vision

“A City for a Sustainable Future”

# Mission

To deliver affordable quality services; develop and grow George; keep George clean, safe and green; ensure good governance and human capital in George and to participate in George

In all our work and engagements with the community and other stakeholders, we subscribe to the following:

### Equal Opportunity

As servants of the public, we undertake to perform the functions and operations of the municipality in an honest and ethical manner.

### Compassion

As responsible public servants, we pledge to perform our duties in a manner that is open to oversight and public scrutiny. This commitment is shaped by our understanding to give an account of our actions to individuals, groups and organisations.

### Sustainability

We, as custodians of hope, will work tirelessly at transforming our municipality, communities and broader society by unlocking the endless possibilities that our valley holds and treasures. This commitment is shaped by our understanding of the historical, spatial, social and economic inequalities in our valley.

### Good Governance and Integrity

We will continuously review our systems, procedures and processes to make them less bureaucratic and more responsive to customer needs. We will acknowledge and reward initiatives that show creativity and ingenuity. The municipality is a responsive municipal entity with zero tolerance for corruption and illegal actions.

### Innovation and Entrepreneurial Solutions

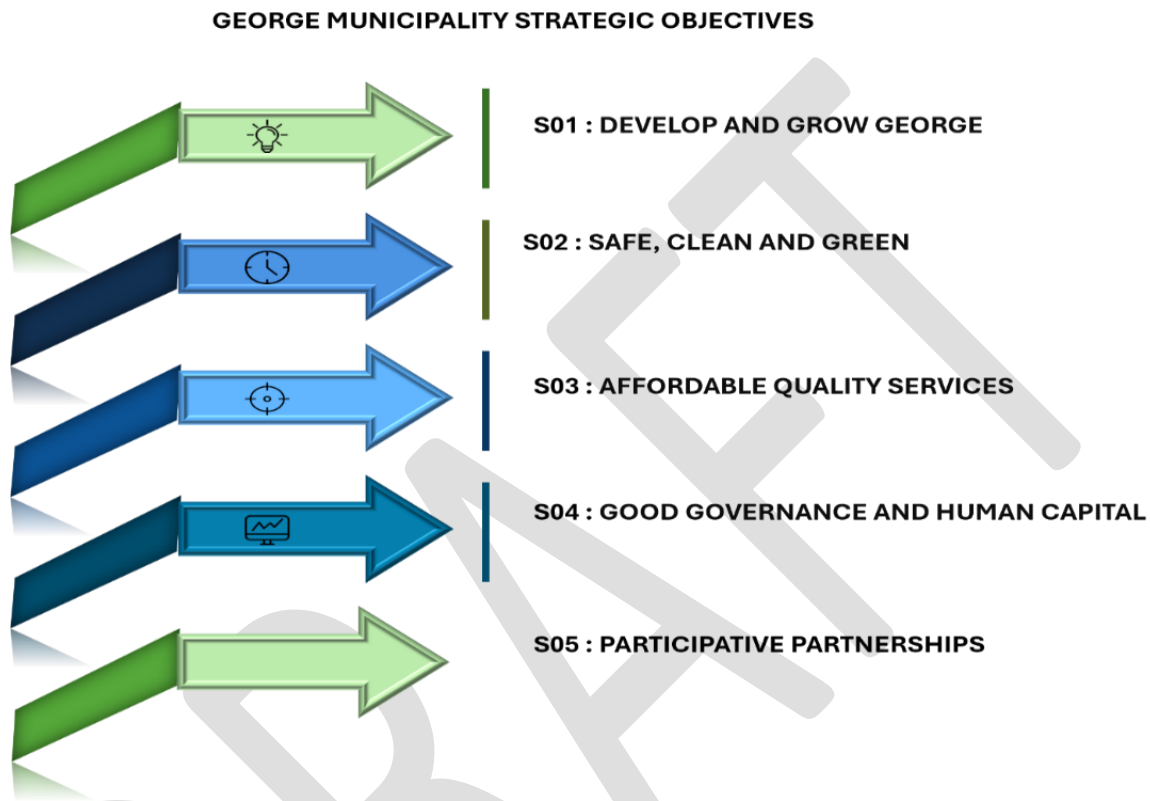
As a municipality, we will strive to deliver excellent services for all areas within the greater George.

# Values

### 3.2 Municipal Strategic Objectives

The strategic objectives within a municipality are the building blocks of the Council's strategy. The strategic objectives as depicted in the diagram below illustrate the expansion of the vision statement and create structure around how the municipality will achieve its strategic goals. The SDBIP is developed in a more detailed way to indicate the deliverables against the activities that should be met in a certain timeframe.

Figure 21: Strategic Objectives



#### 3.2.1 Strategic Objective 01: Develop and Grow George

The **National Outcome** associated with SO1, is **to have decent employment through inclusive growth**. The **National Key Performance Area** recognised Local Economic Development which is addressed through the **Municipal Key Performance Area -Local Economic Development**. **The strategic objective to be met is to Develop and Grow George.**

***To grow the local economy of George, the Municipality must create an enabling environment which will attract investment into the area.***

It needs to target the service economy to diversify its economic base and strengthen those sectors that living up to its potential. This will stimulate economic activity and result in new business sales and job creation to alleviate poverty. The aim is to ensure that an annual growth rate of 8% is achieved. It is just as important to focus on retaining and expanding established businesses and re-instilling investor confidence in the George Municipal area. This will be done through business retention and expansion strategies that inter alia facilitate development in targeted areas identified in the MSDF. For the economy to grow, it is essential that the correct infrastructure is in place to accommodate current and attract new business activities.

Therefore, investment in maintaining and upgrading existing infrastructure and developing new infrastructure where opportunities can be unlocked and improved efficiency can be achieved, must be a primary focus for the next 10 to 15 years. The leading sectors, such as the Finance and Business services sector, need to be stimulated to strengthen George's position as a regional

services hub in the Garden Route and Klein Karoo area. Sector strategies need to be developed to ensure an enabling environment is created through economic stimulation to promote agro-processing which is linked to the manufacturing sector as well as tourism development, specifically for the sports and business tourism industry.

The natural and agrarian assets of the municipal area have vast potential to generate revenue and employment opportunities. Facilitation of growth and investment in the agricultural sector will not only secure sustainable employment in the primary sector but also support the national and provincial mandates to promote food security. It is essential to retain the value and attraction of these assets that can contribute to the growth in George's tourism and agricultural sectors. Due to the importance of the educational facilities such as NMMU and South Cape College, promotion and improving education needs to be a strategic priority toward retaining youth and building local knowledge and skills that would serve to grow our economy and embed excellence in the services offered from the municipal area, thereby growing our status and good reputation as regional service centre.

George is also becoming an important role-player in the green industry relating to solar energy and other green industries which promote clean manufacturing principles. This provides an opportunity for George to become a national benchmark and trailblazer for secondary cities. Local communities, situated south of the N2, which represent the most vulnerable and poorer urban communities of George, remain separated from facilities and employment opportunity. Through the Neighbourhood Development Partnership programme, special investment opportunities have been identified in Thembaletu, which is the most populous suburb south of the N2. Continued efforts need to be made to attract suitable investors to grow the local nodes and diversify the local economy through a blend of formal and informal economic development with a unique niche. In addition, planning has been undertaken whereby access to places of employment and integration will be improved for the communities south of the N2 through new road linkages.

This will bring employment and investment opportunities closer to the urban poor and unlock opportunities to improve access and mobility to and from the local area. By growing and including nodes south of the N2 into the economic fabric of George the economic base of George becomes more inclusive, is broadened and its position as a regional service centre will be strengthened.

The Municipality faces challenges with the implementation of the strategic objective to develop and grow George namely:

- Revitalising the Central Business District.
- Re-instill and maintain investor and consumer confidence.
- Job creation through the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP).
- Undoing the segregated spatial legacy that former regimes have left.
- Safeguarding natural and agrarian assets amidst development pressures.

As the aforementioned is a key priority of economic development the municipality aims to maintain an annual growth rate of 8% as well as a municipal environment that is conducive to economic development. The municipality has therefore linked the challenges in this regard to the strategic risk of increased indigents and poverty:



**Table 12: Predetermined objectives SO1**

Predetermined Objectives	PDO 1.1	To create and facilitate an enabling environment for economic development in George
	PDO 1.2	To ensure the development of participatory, practically implementable economic development and business retention and expansion strategies
	PDO1.3	To ensure that industry support is focused on high-growth potential areas, with high job absorption ratios
	PDO 1.4	To leverage construction industry potential through strategic housing-related projects
	PDO 1.5	To focus on building a revitalised and interactive CBD through a City Improvement District
	PDO 1.6	To establish incubators, clusters and centers of excellence to contribute meaningfully to the demands of a growing economy
	PDO 1.7	Red-tape reduction at all administrative levels
	PDO 1.8	To ensure that Spatial Development Framework encourages sustainable development
	PDO 1.9	To maximise job creation opportunities through government expenditure (e.g. EPWP)
	PDO 1.10	To establish a Science Park
	PDO 1.11	To swap strategic land and buildings with other government departments to unlock economic potential
	PDO1.12	To promote George as a sports tourism and business destination
	PDO 1.13	To identify an educational and research hub and to facilitate the continued growth of NMMU in George
	PDO 1.14	To improve planning and regulatory frameworks to encourage job-creation

**Table 13: SO1: Alignment With District, Provincial, National Strategies and Global Strategic Goals**

Alignment With District, Provincial, National Strategies and Global Strategic Goals					
Garden Route District Municipality Strategic Objectives	Medium Term Strategic Framework	National KPA	National Outcomes & National Development Plan (Vision 2030)	Provincial Vision Inspired Priorities	Sustainable Development Goals
SO1: A skilled Workforce SO5: Growing an inclusive district economy.	Economic transformation and job creation (2)	<b>NKPA3:</b> Local Economic Development	Ensuring decent employment through inclusive economic growth (4)	<b>VIP2:</b> Growth and Jobs	Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all (8)

### 3.2.2 Strategic Objective 02: Safe, Clean and Green

One of the biggest assets which George possesses is a beautiful and safe living environment. The quality of lifestyle which is offered in the George area is a key selling factor to attract investment. It is essential that efforts are made which will ensure that George is kept clean by ensuring that on-going efforts are made to employ more unskilled labour using the EPWP programme to clean the CBD and various other areas which are of strategic importance.

Crime prevention can also be addressed through urban design and the creation of integrated, legible public places, which simultaneously contribute to urban upgrade. Scope for such initiatives exist in the Central Business District and in Thembalethu, where frameworks for restructuring have already been drafted. This also relates to environmental protection and rehabilitation of rivers and beaches etc. With the adoption of an amended Integrated Zoning Scheme Bylaw, the Municipality has incorporated relevant environmental policy from the MSDF as parameters in the zoning scheme. By mainstreaming the requirements for

protection of natural areas and watercourses, the municipality has ensured that all construction activities abides by the policy principles related to safeguarding our natural assets and preserving our green environment.

To keep George safe, it is essential that security and law enforcement staff are adequately staffed, capacitated and equipped with the resources needed to effective law enforcement and crime prevention. Alongside this, firm partnerships with local neighbourhood patrols and the SAPS will enable more efficient policing across the municipal area, including public places such as schools and low-income areas where the most vulnerable citizens reside.

The National Outcome associated with SO2, is to have an effective, competitive and responsive economic infrastructure network and the protect and enhance environmental assets and natural resources. The National Key Performance Area recognises Basic Service Delivery which is addressed through the Municipal Key Performance Area - Basic Services. The strategic objective to be met is to have a safe, clean and green George.

The Municipality faces challenges with the implementation of the strategic objective Basic Service Delivery namely:

- Maintenance and cleaning of the physical environment.
- Greening the city
- Build on current recycling initiatives
- Meaningful reduction in waste levels
- Reduction of crime levels

There is a two-pronged approach in prioritising the areas of Waste Management and Environmental Sustainability and Safety to bring to fruition the municipal objective.

**Table 14: Predetermined objectives SO2**

<b>Predetermined Objectives</b>	PDO 2.1	<b>Waste Management</b>	To provide an integrated waste-management service for the total municipal area
	PDO 2.2		To provide basic services to informal settlements that comply with the minimum standards
	PDO 2.3		To build on current recycling initiatives and secure a meaningful reduction in waste levels
	PDO 2.4		To maintain and improve on blue and green drop status in water and sewage services by the retaining of capacity and the further improvement of capacity
	PDO 2.5		To build on the current waste co-operative governance relationship
	PDO 2.6	<b>Environmental Sustainability and Safety</b>	To ensure that maintenance and cleaning within the physical environment remains of the highest standard
	PDO 2.7		To ensure the development of a desirable and quality living environment that fosters the safety and welfare of the community concerned, preserves the natural and cultural environment, and does not impact negatively on existing rights
	PDO 2.8		To develop a focused strategy on greening the city
	PDO 2.9		To increase the roll-out and maintenance of streetlights for improved safety
	PDO 2.10		To provide an effective and efficient law-enforcement and emergency service to all the communities of George in our quest to protect and promote the fundamental rights of life

**Table 15: SO2: Alignment With District, Provincial, National Strategies and Global Strategic Goals**

Alignment With District, Provincial, National Strategies and Global Strategic Goals					
Garden Route District Municipality Strategic Objectives	Medium Term Strategic Framework	National KPA	National Outcomes & National Development Plan (Vision 2030)	Provincial Vision Inspired Priorities	Sustainable Development Goals
SO2: Bulk Infrastructure and Co-ordination	Social cohesion and safe communities (6)	NKPA1: Basic Service Delivery	Ensuring that the environmental assets and natural resources are well protected and continually enhanced (10)	VIP 1: Safe and Cohesive Communities	Take urgent action to combat climate change (13)
	Spatial integration, human settlements and local government (5)		Ensuring vibrant, equitable and sustainable rural communities with food security for all (7)	VIP4: Mobility and Spatial Transformation	Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss (15)
			Promoting sustainable human settlements and improved quality of household life (8)	VIP5: Innovation and Culture	Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable (11)

### 3.2.3 Strategic Objective 03: Affordable Quality Services

It is essential that all citizens in George have access to basic services as provided by local government. Access to basic services by all citizens should be 100%. All service-delivery constraints need to be mitigated. It is also essential that the municipality ensures that strategic measures are in place to manage risk areas for service delivery such as shortage of electricity and water, and that the green industry is stimulated to increase recycling practices and water- and electricity- saving practices are encouraged.

Service delivery also needs to be improved regarding low-cost housing and the provision of GAP housing. The Council needs to make land available for developers to ensure that more affordable housing is made available as the demand for housing is still much more than the supply especially for the low-income earning population.

The National Outcome associated with SO3, is to have a responsive, and accountable, effective and efficient local government system, have sustainable human settlements and improved quality of household life, have an effective, competitive and responsive economic infrastructure network which protects and enhances environmental assets and natural resources. The National Key Performance Area Basic Service Delivery which is addressed through the Municipal Key Performance Area -Basic Service Delivery. The strategic objective to be met is to have affordable quality services for the citizens of George.

In a dynamic municipal environment such as George, various service delivery challenges are experienced, such as:

- Service-delivery backlogs (e.g. shortage of electricity, water etc.);
- Satisfying the demand for and provision of low-cost housing and GAP housing.;
- Ensuring the sustainability of the Integrated Public Transport Network;
- Access to grant funding for prioritised capital projects;
- Improve the condition of roads; and

- Availability of funds

Therefore, the municipality has set out to address these **challenges** through its designated predetermined objectives, which are prioritised through the following areas: Wastewater Management, Water, Stormwater, Infrastructure and effective service delivery, protection services, electricity and housing. The **outcome** is to ensure all citizens have access to basic services, have all service-delivery constraints mitigated, have green industry that is stimulated by increased recycling practices, have improved water and electricity practices, have increased housing opportunities and municipal wide improved quality of service-delivery standards.

The aforementioned are all linked to **identified strategic risks** relating to inadequate standards of service, maintenance of infrastructure and inefficient investment and capital expenditure.

**Table 16: Predetermined objectives SO3**

Predetermined Objectives	PDO 3.1	Waste Management	To provide and maintain safe and sustainable sanitation management and infrastructure
	PDO 3.2		Accelerated delivery in addressing sanitation backlogs
	PDO 3.3		To provide basic services to informal settlements that comply with the minimum standards
	PDO 3.4		To enhance the quality of sanitation
	PDO 3.5	Water	To provide world-class water services in George to promote development and fulfil basic needs
	PDO 3.6		To provide basic services to informal settlements that comply with the minimum standards
	PDO 3.7		To improve service delivery practices
	PDO 3.8	Stormwater	To endeavor to improve the road-resealing project to such an extent that potholes are prevented altogether
	PDO 3.9		To provide a reliable storm water network
	PDO 3.10	Infrastructure and Effective Service Delivery	To ensure infrastructure planning and development keeps pace with growing city needs by aligning all strategic documents and efforts.
	PDO 3.11		To identify and access grant funding for prioritised capital projects
	PDO 3.12		To ensure proper asset management by providing sufficient funding and operating capacity for maintenance of existing infrastructure.
	PDO 3.13		To explore and implement measures to preserve resources and ensure sustainable development
	PDO 3.14		To focus on the new wards (DMA) as a priority area for service delivery for the rural areas which are relevant to their unique environment
	PDO 3.15	Protection Services	To provide world-class transport routes and functional streets safe for all modes of transport
	PDO3.16		To implement an Integrated Public Transport Network that will serve the communities of George
	PDO 3.17	Electricity	To provide sufficient electricity for basic needs
	PDO 3.18		To promote additional energy-saving initiatives
	PDO 3.19		To provide basic services to informal settlements to comply with the minimum standards
	PDO 3.20		To improve service delivery practices
	PDO 3.21	Housing	To provide for the needs of the homeless by providing safe integrated human settlements
	PDO 3.22		To investigate the need, feasibility, desirability and location issues regarding rural

		housing delivery
	PDO 3.23	To accelerate delivery in addressing housing
	PDO 3.24	To increase GAP Housing

**Table 17: SO3: Alignment With District, Provincial, National Strategies and Global Strategic Goals**

Alignment With District, Provincial, National Strategies and Global Strategic Goals					
Garden Route District Municipality Strategic Objectives	Medium Term Strategic Framework	National KPA	National Outcomes & National Development Plan (Vision 2030)	Provincial Vision Inspired Priorities	Sustainable Development Goals
SO2: Bulk Infrastructure Co-ordination					
SO3: Financial Viability	Social cohesion and safe communities (6)	<b>NKPA1:</b> Basic Service Delivery	Ensuring all people in South Africa are and feel safe (3)	<b>VIP1:</b> Safe and Cohesive Communities.	<b>SDG9:</b> Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
SO5: Growing and inclusive District Economy					

### 3.2.4 Strategic Objective 04: Participative Partnerships

Ensure all members of public, organised business and other organisations can participate in the decision-making process. It is of the utmost importance that a culture of participation is nurtured. Therefore, it is essential that a customer care system is in place regarding a call centre.

It is essential that the public and private sector organisations play a more active role in the decision-making process and a platform must be established whereby public participation at various levels of government is a reality. Therefore, partnerships need to be fostered at all levels of government. As part of this goal all public facilities such as community halls and multipurpose centres need to be linked to strategic priorities where communities can be linked to government programmes using these facilities as a one-stop shop. They should be open 24 hours a day and linked via the telecommunications and internet networks to ensure that the public can engage with Government and can utilise the facilities in a more effective manner.

The National Outcome associated with SO4, is to have a development-orientated public service and inclusive citizenship. The National Key Performance Area recognised is Good Governance and Public Participation which is addressed through the Municipal Key Performance Area - Good Governance and Public Participation. The strategic objective to be met is to have participative partnerships within the Greater George Area.

There are challenges that impact on the quality of participation in George such as:

- Increase public inputs in strategic decision-making.
- Increase partnerships with different stakeholders to strengthen the public-private partnerships in George;
- Bi-annual community satisfaction survey; and
- Ward-Based planning in all wards

With continued communication and participation these challenges will receive priority attention. The outcome of these efforts aims to see strategic decisions being influenced by public input and having effective internal and external communication throughout the Municipality. The municipality has also linked this as a strategic risk of community dissatisfaction.

**Table 18: Predetermined objectives SO4**

<b>Predetermined Objectives</b>	PDO 4.1	To establish a Call Centre and free hotline number
	PDO 4.2	To increase public inputs in strategic decision-making, using the participatory appraisal of competitive advantage (PACA) process
	PDO 4.3	To increase different partnerships with different stakeholders to strengthen the public private partnerships in George
	PDO 4.4	To revitalise the current community facilities to increase the access to services for the public
	PDO 4.5	To undertake regular human resource audits to determine skills gaps, staff diversity and develop skills programmes
	PDO 4.6	To implement bi-annual community satisfaction poll
	PDO 4.7	To improve communication with citizens on plans, achievements, successes and actions
	PDO 4.8	To establish dedicated and knowledgeable service desks with time-bound response times to complaints
	PDO 4.9	To implement ward-based planning for each of the 28 wards in the George Municipality
	PDO 4.10	A monitoring and evaluation framework needs to be implemented to empower the ward committees to track the progress of the municipality regarding the implementation of actions to meet the needs of each ward

**Table 19: SO4: Alignment With District, Provincial, National Strategies and Global Strategic Goals**

<b>Alignment With District, Provincial, National Strategies and Global Strategic Goals</b>					
<b>Garden Route District Municipality Strategic Objectives</b>	<b>Medium Term Strategic Framework</b>	<b>National KPA</b>	<b>National Outcomes &amp; National Development Plan (Vision 2030)</b>	<b>Provincial Vision Inspired Priorities</b>	<b>Sustainable Development Goals</b>
SO4: Good Governance	Education, skills, health	<b>NKPAS: Good Governance and Public Participation</b>	Setting up an efficient, competitive and responsive economic infrastructure	VIP2: Growth and Jobs	Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all (4)
SO5 Growing and inclusive District economy	A capable, ethical and developmental state		Providing improved quality of basic education (1)	VIP3: Empowering People	Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages (3)
			Enabling a long, healthy life for all South Africans (2)		Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster.

### 3.2.5 Strategic Objective 05: Good Governance and Human Capital

This objective is based on ensuring that good governance is key and free of corruption to ensure the city is run as effectively and efficiently as possible.

The Municipality should be managed as transparently as possible at all levels. This relates directly to the financial sustainability of the municipality. It is essential that financial discipline is upheld to obtain clean audits from the Auditor General. The financial sustainability also needs to incorporate financial planning for future revenue streams and ways to increase the business activity in the city without increasing the tax burden which deters economic growth. Strategic planning needs to be done to find the correct ways to attract and retain business without over-burdening the current tax base.

The second important priority for this objective is to establish a municipal organisation which is productive, based on the correct skills, required competency levels and human resource capacity in all the departments. The focus should be on outcomes achieved by department regarding specific KPIs linked to the IDP must guide their performance to ensure that the departments' output is strategic in nature. The report-back system regarding departmental progress should be redesigned to ensure that the public can monitor and evaluate the progress being made about the IDP projects and programmes.

The National Outcome associated with SO5, is have a skilled and capable workforce to support inclusive growth and have a responsive and accountable, effective and efficient local government system. The National Key Performance Area recognised is Municipal Transformation and Institutional Development as well as Municipal Financial Viability and Management which is addressed through the Municipal Key Performance Area-Municipal Transformation and Institutional Development as well as Municipal Financial Viability and Management. The strategic objective to be met is to have a municipality that has transformation and institutional development at heart of its operations and have financially viable organisation.

The associated challenges that face the municipality is:

- Comprehensive audit of operations, processes, duties and service-delivery standards of Directorates.
- Realignment of organisational structure to be more responsive to community needs;
- Ensure viable financial management and control.
- Implement the Long-Term Financial Plan; and
- Functional structures and committees of Council

The municipality aims to address the challenges to allow for an administration that is free of corruption, have a municipal environment that is financially viable, maintain clean-audit statuses and have a municipality that is performance driven.

The municipality has also identified strategic risks such as financial viability, deficiencies in staff skills and capacity, poor levels in compliance, weakness in governance and accountability and the failure and non-integration of its IT systems.

**Table 20: Predetermined objectives SO5**

<b>Predetermined Objectives</b>	PDO 5.1	<b>Budget and Treasury</b>	To develop mechanisms to ensure viable financial management and control
	PDO 5.2		To maintain effective credit control in the Municipality and enhance and maximise revenue base through improved collection rate
	PDO 5.3		To re-align expenditure on non-income producing and support services
	PDO 5.4		To improve contracts management, specifically to address financial implications
	PDO 5.5		To manage the municipal finances according to the Municipal Finance Management Act in an effective and efficient manner

	PDO 5.6	<b>Effective Internal Service Delivery</b>	To ensure proper asset management by implementing standard asset management operating procedures
	PDO 5.7		To realign the organisational structure to be more responsive to community needs, more service and efficiency orientated and to fulfil the goals identified in the 5-year plan
	PDO 5.8		To maximise the use of technology to improve service delivery
	PDO 5.9		To ensure that municipal staff are efficient, effective and responsive.
	PDO 5.10		To boost internal capacity by starting a graduate’s programme and employing students graduating from universities who are seeking first-time employment at a much lower remuneration cost for each department. Also, utilise interns in the different departments by requesting financial support from Garden Route District Municipality which subsidises half of the interns’ salaries.
	PDO 5.11	<b>Integrated Development Planning and Performance Management</b>	To ensure effective integrated development planning and performance management in the municipality
	PDO 5.12		To implement a ranking and rating system for all new capital projects to support the strategic objectives and priorities of Council and communities.
	PDO 5.13		To implement Performance Management system with realistic stretch target setting in each department.
	PDO 5.13		To undertake strategic planning to address service delivery challenges in coordinated manner
	PDO 5.14	<b>Risk Management</b>	To evaluate the effectiveness of risk management, control and governance processes and develop actions to address key risks identified
	PDO 5.15		To take all possible steps to ensure that the municipality is clean and corruption free.
	PDO 5.16		To conduct a full audit of operations, processes, duties and service-delivery standards of departments to address risk areas and promote effectiveness.

**Table 21: SO5: Alignment With District, Provincial, National Strategies and Global Strategic Goals**

Alignment With District, Provincial, National Strategies and Global Strategic Goals					
Garden Route District Municipality Strategic Objectives	Medium Term Strategic Framework	National KPA	National Outcomes & National Development Plan (Vision 2030)	Provincial Vision Inspired Priorities	Sustainable Development Goals
SO4: Good Governance	Education, skills, health	<b>NKPA5: Good Governance and Public Participation</b>	Setting up an efficient, competitive and responsive economic infrastructure	VIP2: Growth and Jobs	Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all (4)
SO5 Growing and inclusive District economy	A capable, ethical and developmental state		Providing improved quality of basic education (1)	VIP3: Empowering People	Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages (3)
		Enabling a long, healthy life for all South Africans (2)			Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster

### 3.3 Universal Policy Direction

Strategic planning for the George Municipality does not take place in a vacuum. There are many different major policy directives



used, ranging from more general directives applicable to the municipality and its neighbouring municipalities to more focused directives with a specific mandate. When determining future strategic planning and resource allocation, all of these directions are taken into account. The sections that follow provide an overview of the primary policy guidelines that the George Municipality's 5<sup>th</sup> Generation IDP 2022–2027 took into account.

### **3.3.1 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as the Global Goals, were adopted by the United Nations in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy peace and prosperity.

The SDGs balance the three facets of sustainable development—economic, social, and environmental—and are interconnected and unbreakable. The objectives are as follows:

#### **3.3.1.1 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030**

Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere.

Goal 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture.

Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all ages.

Goal 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life-long learning opportunities for all.

Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

Goal 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all.

Goal 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

Goal 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation, and foster innovation.

Goal 10: Reduce inequality within and among countries.

Goal 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

Goal 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.

Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas, and marine resources for sustainable development.

Goal 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat deforestation, halt and reverse land degradation, and halt biodiversity loss.

Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, to provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

Goal 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the global partnership for sustainable development.

### **3.4 National Policy Direction**

Through significant consultation and debate at both the ministerial and administrative levels, a set of twelve outcomes were produced based on the election manifesto and medium-term strategic framework of the National Government. Given the

government's policy aims listed below, these results represent the targeted development benefits sought nationally:

### **3.4.1 National Strategic Outcomes**

Goal 1: Improved quality of basic education.

Goal 2: A long, healthy life for all South Africans.

Goal 3: All people in SA are and feel safe

Goal 4: Decent employment through inclusive economic growth.

Goal 5: A skilled and capable workforce to support an inclusive growth path.

Goal 6: An efficient, competitive and responsive economic infrastructure network.

Goal 7: Vibrant, equitable and sustainable rural communities with food security for all.

Goal 8: Sustainable human settlements and improved quality of household life.

Goal 9: A responsive, accountable, effective and efficient local government system.

Goal 10: Environmental assets and natural resources that are well protected and continually enhanced.

Goal 11: Create a better SA and contribute to a better and safer Africa and World.

Goal 12: An efficient, effective and development-oriented public service and an empowered, fair and inclusive citizenship.

### **3.4.2 National Development Plan (NDP) – 2030**

The NDP aims to eliminate poverty and reduce inequality by 2030. According to the plan, South Africa can realise these goals by drawing on the energies of its people, growing an inclusive economy, building capabilities, enhancing the capacity of the state, and promoting leadership and partnerships throughout society.

#### **3.4.2.1 Implementation Process**

The strategy focuses on the essential skills required to transform society and the economy. These capacities are not automatic, and they won't develop if the nation keeps moving in the same direction. Time is of the importance, according to rising levels of frustration and dissatisfaction; failing to act will jeopardise democratic achievements. South Africa must specifically identify measures to quickly lower the alarmingly high rates of youth unemployment and provide young people more opportunity. Change is required during the next two decades in order to advance. The plan outlines six interconnected goals in light of the complexity of national development. The following objectives are found in chapter four (4) which relates to local government:

- Good Governance and Public Participation.
- Building Safer Communities
- Basic Service Delivery
- Building Safer Communities
- Local Economic Development (LED).
- Municipal Transformation and Institutional Development.

#### **3.4.2.2 NDP Benchmarks**

- Increase employment from 13 million in 2010 to 24 million in 2030.

- Raise per capita income from R50 000 in 2010 to R120 000 by 2030.
- Increase the share of national income of the bottom 40% from 6% to 10%.
- Establish a competitive base of infrastructure, human resources and regulatory frameworks.
- Ensure that skilled, technical, professional and managerial posts better reflect the country's racial, gender and disability makeup.
- Broaden ownership of assets to historically disadvantaged groups.
- Increase the quality of education so that all children have at least two years of preschool education and all children in grade 3 can read and write.
- Provide affordable access to quality health care while promoting health and wellbeing.
- Establish effective, safe and affordable public transport.
- Produce sufficient energy to support the industry at competitive prices, ensuring access for poor households, while reducing carbon emissions per unit of power by about one-third.
- Ensure that all South Africans have access to clean running water in their homes.
- Make high-speed broadband internet universally available at competitive prices.
- Realise a food trade surplus, with one-third produced by small-scale farmers or households.
- Ensure household food and nutrition security.
- Entrench a social security system covering all working people, with social protection for the poor and other groups in need, such as children and people with disabilities.
- Realise a developmental, capable and ethical state that treats citizens with dignity.
- Ensure that all people live safely, with an independent and fair criminal justice system.
- Broaden social cohesion and unity while redressing the inequities of the past.
- Play a leading role in continental development, economic integration and human rights.

### **3.4.3 Medium Term Strategic Framework 2019 – 2024 (MTSF)**

The National Development Plan (NDP) 2030 will be implemented and monitored over the course of five years according to the high-level strategy document known as the MTSF. In order to set the nation on a successful course for achieving the 2030 goal, it defines the priorities to be pursued between 2019 and 2024. It specifies the results and monitoring indicators, as well as objectives for implementing the interventions and priorities throughout a five-year timeframe.

The COVID-19 pandemic outbreak and the proclamation of a National State of Disaster on March 15, 2020, however, prevented the MTSF 2019–2024 from being implemented as planned. In reaction to the epidemic, which has had a catastrophic effect on the health, social, and economic elements of South Africans' life, the government had to reprioritize its plans and expenditures. On October 15, 2020, the President unveiled the Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan (ERRP), which aimed to re-establish much-needed economic growth and jobs. The MTSF 2019–2024 required to be changed to include crucial interventions that are a part of the government's relief and recovery efforts as a result of the convergence of all these variables.

Additionally, the government's obligations to halt the coronavirus epidemic and strive toward recovery are given top priority in the Revised MTSF 2019–2024. These promises include eradicating the coronavirus epidemic, accelerating our economic recovery, enacting economic reforms to foster inclusive growth and creating sustainable jobs, and, finally, combating corruption and

enhancing the capacity of the state. These promises, which are part of the Revised MTSF 2019–2024, will serve as the focal point for the plans both yearly and strategic.

Through the three NDP pillars, the MTSF 2019–2024 seeks to address the issues of unemployment, inequality, and poverty.

The following priorities will be accomplished by more focused execution, coordination, and integration by the different governmental levels, including state-owned businesses, the private sector, and civil society:

- Priority 1: A capable, ethical and developmental state.
- Priority 2: Economic transformation and job creation.
- Priority 3: Education, skills and health.
- Priority 4: Consolidating the social wage through reliable and quality basic services.
- Priority 5: Spatial integration, human settlements and local government.
- Priority 6: Social cohesion and safe communities; and
- Priority 7: A better Africa and world.

#### **3.4.4 National District Development Model and One Plan**

The District Development Model (DDM) was approved by Cabinet as an All of Government and Society Approach, providing a means by which all three spheres of government and state entities work together to accelerate service delivery while ensuring that municipalities are supported and have access to sufficient resources. A multi-year planning and election cycle strategy, the DDM focuses on 44 districts and 8 metropolitan spaces for more efficient collaborative planning, budgeting, and execution. Even though each domain, sector, or institution has specific constitutional rights, obligations, and authorities, they all work together to coordinate planning, budgeting, and implementation procedures that support growth at the district and metropolitan levels.

The objectives of the DDM are to:

- Solve the silos at a horizontal and vertical level.
- maximise impact and align plans and resources at our disposal through the development of “One District, One Plan and One Budget”;
- narrow the distance between people and government by strengthening the coordination role and capacities at the district level;
- ensure inclusivity through gender-responsive budgeting based on the needs and aspirations of our people and communities at a local level;
- build government capacity to support to municipalities;
- strengthen monitoring and evaluation at district and local levels;
- implement a balanced approach towards development between urban and rural areas;
- ensure sustainable development whilst accelerating initiatives to promote poverty eradication, employment and equality; and
- exercise oversight over budgets and projects in an accountable and transparent manner. Nationally, the DDM is expressed through the development of a One Plan. The One Plan is defined as an intergovernmental plan setting out a 25–30-year long-term strategic framework (consisting of short, medium and long-term actions) to guide investment and delivery about each of the districts and metropolitan spaces. This plan for each space is to be jointly developed and agreed to by all three spheres of government.

### 3.4.5 Integrated Urban Development Framework (IUDF)

According to the National Development Plan (NDP), more functionally linked, balanced, and energetic urban settlements should be created in South Africa by the year 2030. The Department of Cooperative Governance created the Integrated Urban Development Framework (IUDF) to reform and reorganise South Africa's urban areas in order to achieve this aim. This framework was created in partnership with other national departments and other role-players.

The IUDF seeks to drive the creation of inclusive, robust, and liveable urban settlements while specifically addressing the special circumstances and difficulties that South Africa's cities and towns face.

The integration of the aforementioned IUDF strategic goals into municipal development planning instruments like the Spatial Development Framework (SDF) and Integrated Development Plan will determine how effectively the nine (9) policy levers are implemented (IDP).

### 3.4.6 National Spatial Development Framework (NSDF)

The NSDF was Gazetted on 01 February 2023. This National Spatial Development Framework (NSDF), the first of its kind, seeks to make a bold and decisive contribution to bringing about the peaceful, prosperous and truly transformed South Africa, as articulated in the Freedom Charter, the Reconstruction and Development Programme and the National Development Plan. It does so in full recognition of:

- The stranglehold that the unjust national spatial development paradigms, logics and patterns of the past have placed on our many attempts at breaking the back of poverty, unemployment and inequality;
- The valuable, and often hard lessons we have learnt over the last twenty-seven years in our pursuit of national reconstruction, inclusive economic growth and spatial transformation; and
- The necessity for decisive, collaborative and targeted State action in national space, to drive our country towards the shared, inclusive and sustainable future we desire and require.

#### 3.4.6.1 National Transformation Logic

A key driver in the NSDF's theory of change is the move from a National Spatial Development Logic based on, and in service of the colonial and Apartheid National Development Paradigms, to one based on and in service of a Post- Apartheid National Development Paradigm. In this regard, it is framed and guided by:

- The NDP targets, strategic levers and strategic policy direction



Figure 22: Five Normative Principles (SPLUMA)

### **3.4.6.2 NSDF's Theory of Change**

Step 1: The existing national development paradigm, including the Constitution, the NDP and the existing legal and policy framework, notably SPLUMA and the IUDF, is used to:

- Articulate a compelling and persuasive post-Apartheid spatial development logic and identify the 'shifts' from the old
- and existing logics that this new logic requires; and
- Craft a strong and credible post-Apartheid national spatial development vision

Step 2: The new logic and vision is used together with an analysis of the current and unfolding 'national spatial development landscape', to develop a set of national spatial development levers and craft a desired post-Apartheid national spatial development pattern.

Step 3: The post-Apartheid national spatial development pattern is used to indicate what actions, interventions and priority actions are required to ensure a transition to this desired pattern.

Step 4: The post-Apartheid national spatial development pattern and interventions and priority actions are used to prepare clear implementation guidance for realising the desired national spatial transformation.

Step 5: The spatial development guidance, tasks and actions as set out in the NSDF are implemented, and (1) movement towards the realisation of the desired post-Apartheid national spatial development pattern monitored and assessed by a joint intergovernmental structure, and (2) corrective measures taken as and where required.

## **3.5 Provincial Policy Direction**

### **3.5.1 The Western Cape Government Provincial Strategic Plan 2025-2030**

The Western Cape Provincial Government Strategic Plan (PSP) has a vision of 'A government that people trust'. The PSP enables WCG to be a government that people trust is to embody our core values of caring, competence, accountability, integrity, innovation, and responsiveness. Trust is earned through the consistent demonstration of these values, in both actions and interactions with the residents they serve.

#### **The PSPs are as follows:**

- Growth for Jobs;
- Safety;
- Educated, Healthy and Caring Society; and
- Innovation, Culture and Governance.

The Provincial Strategic Plan 2025-2030 is a resident-centric plan, aiming to enable residents to access economic opportunities and live their valued lives, focusing on shared impact across departments and portfolio plans.

The WCGs strategy prioritizes helping businesses grow and create jobs, while equipping residents to secure them. The four strategic portfolios - Growth for Jobs, Safety, Educated, Healthy and Caring Society, and Innovation, Culture and Governance - ensure this priority is realized.

### 3.6 The Garden Route District Municipality (GRDM) Strategic Focus

The Garden Route District Municipality has set the following strategic objectives for their District:

**Table 22: GRDM Strategic Objectives 2022-2027**

SO	Strategic Objective 2022 – 2027
SO 1	A Skilled Workforce and Communities
SO 2	Bulk Infrastructure Co-ordination
SO 3	Financial Viability & Sustainability
SO 4	Good Governance.
SO5	Growing an inclusive district economy.
SO6	Healthy and socially stable communities
SO7	Sustainable Environmental Management and Public Safety.

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### 3.7 Local Policy Direction

#### 3.7.1 George Municipality

The table below indicates how the municipality's strategic objective is aligned to National, Provincial and District Plans

**Table 23: Horizontal Alignment Matrix**

Strategic Focus Areas (SFAs)	Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	National Strategic Outcomes	Medium Term Strategic Framework	Western Cape Provincial Government Strategic Plan	GRDM Strategic Objectives
SO1- Develop and Grow George	Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all (8)	Ensuring decent employment through inclusive economic growth (4)	Economic transformation and job creation (2)	Growth for Jobs	A skilled workforce Growing inclusive district economy
SO 2- Safe, Clean and Green	Take urgent action to combat climate change (13) Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss (15)	Ensuring that the environmental assets and natural resources are well protected and continually enhanced (10)	Social cohesion and safe communities (6) Spatial integration, human settlements and local government (5)	Safety	Healthy and socially stable communities Sustainable Environmental Management
	Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable (11)	Ensuring vibrant, equitable and sustainable rural communities with food security for all (7) Promoting sustainable human settlements and	Social cohesion and safe communities (6)	Educated, Healthy and Caring Society	Promoting sustainable infrastructure services and transport system which fosters social and economic opportunities.
SO 3- Affordable Quality Services	Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels (16)	Ensuring all people in South Africa are and feel safe (3)	Social cohesion and safe communities (6)	Innovation, Culture and Governance.	Bulk Infrastructure Co-ordination Healthy and socially stable communities
SO 4- Participative Partnerships	Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all (4) Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages (3)	Providing improved quality of basic education (1) Enabling a long, healthy life for all South Africans (2)	Education, skills and health (3)	Educated, Healthy and Caring Society	Good Governance. Healthy and socially stable communities
	Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and foster innovation (9)	Setting up an efficient, competitive and responsive economic infrastructure	A capable, ethical and developmental state (1)	Innovation, Culture and Governance.	Healthy and socially stable communities



Strategic Focus Areas (SFAs)	Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	National Strategic Outcomes	Medium Term Strategic Framework	Western Cape Provincial Government Strategic Plan	GRDM Strategic Objectives
SO 5- Good Governance and Human Capital	Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels (16)	Achieving an accountable, effective and efficient local government system (9) Creating a better South Africa and a better and safer Africa and the world (11) Building an efficient, effective and development-oriented public service and an empowered fair and inclusive citizenship (12)	A capable, ethical and developmental state (1) Education, skills and health (3) Social cohesion and safe communities (6)	Innovation, Culture and Governance.	Good Governance.
		Achieving a responsive, accountable, effective and efficient local government system (9)	A capable, ethical and developmental state (1)	Educated, Healthy and Caring Society	Healthy and socially stable communities

### 3.8 Garden Route District Projects

District Projects for consideration for B municipalities to include in their 2022-2027 IDPs:

**Vision:** Garden Route, the leading, enabling and inclusive district, characterised by equitable and sustainable development, high quality of life and equal opportunities for all.

Strategic Objective:

- Strategic Objective 1 A Skilled Workforce and Communities
- Strategic Objective 2 Bulk Infrastructure Co-ordination
- Strategic Objective 3 Financial Viability & Sustainability
- Strategic Objective 4 Good Governance.
- Strategic Objective 5 Growing an inclusive district economy.
- Strategic Objective 6 Healthy and socially stable communities
- Strategic Objective 7 Sustainable Environmental Management and Public

The Garden Route District Municipality have identified the projects listed below through their Growth and Development Strategy (GDS) in collaboration with the local municipalities within the district.

#### 3.8.1 Regional Landfill Site

The Garden Route District Municipality's (GRDM) waste management functions and powers are set out in Section 84(1)(e) of the Municipal Structures Act, Act 117 of 1998. The core district waste management functions are the determination of a district waste disposal strategy, regulation of waste disposal, and the establishment, operation and control of waste disposal sites, bulk waste

transfer facilities and bulk disposal facilities servicing more than one local municipality in the district. GRDM must promote bulk infrastructural development and services for the district and build capacity of local municipalities where such capacity is lacking.

GRDM is fulfilling its mandate with the commencement of the construction of the Garden Route Regional Waste Management Facility for the provision of waste disposal services for the Local Municipalities of Bitou, Knysna, George and Mossel Bay. The abovementioned Local Municipalities are currently disposing of their domestic waste at the PetroSA private landfill site in Mossel Bay, which has reached full capacity.

GRDM’s strategic planning is committed to the regionalization of integrated waste management and minimisation services as advocated by the Provincial Department of Environmental Affairs & Development Planning and the National Waste Management Strategy, 2020.

GRDM’s Integrated Waste Management Plan has identified seven goals, which was informed by the situation analysis and gap and needs assessment. The following GRDM goals are aligned with the Provincial and National waste management goals.

- Effective waste information management and reporting
- Improved institutional functioning and capacity
- Improved waste education and awareness
- Provision of efficient and financially viable waste management services
- Increased waste minimisation and recycling
- Improved compliance and enforcement
- Improved future planning

The establishment of the Regional Waste Management Facility and the implementation of GRDMs Waste Minimisation Plan are projects identified under the Circular Economy Cluster within the Garden Route Growth & Development Strategy.

IDP Strategic Objective GDS Strategic Priority	Bulk Infrastructure Coordination/Sustainable Environmental Management and public safety Circular Economy
Objective	Develop a regional waste management facility that meets the immediate need for landfill space, while supporting green/circular economy objectives onsite and in distributed initiatives within the local municipalities.
Project goals/Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Accommodate approximately 8 500 tons of domestic waste generated per month in the municipal areas of Bitou, Knysna, George and Mossel Bay.</li> <li>■ Other infrastructure includes roads, stormwater pipelines, a leachate storage dam, a contaminated stormwater dam, offices, a hazardous waste cell, waste tyre facility, a laboratory, a weighbridge, fencing and security infrastructure.</li> </ul>
Status	A contractor has been appointed and the construction of the Regional Waste Management Facility is in progress.
Time Frame	2023 – 2025
Funding Required/Cost	R288 821 851.00 (Excl. VAT)
Funding Source	The GRDM has raised debt finance to fund the construction of the facility. Cost recovering tariffs will be charged to the users of the landfill.

### 3.8.2 Skills Mecca

The updated Skills Mecca resolutions for the Garden Route region as of July 2023 are:

1. Continue and accelerate collaboration, cooperation and integration among all District skills development role players.

2. Ensure that Skills Development leverages digital infrastructure as far as possible to ensure learning and processes methods are and remain innovative.
3. As far as possible link Skills Development to Investment and Economic Development opportunities to the advancement for all.
4. Ensure that all Skills Development processes in the Garden Route always proactively considers renewable energy.
5. Engage with all willing partners, in particular the SETAs, the National Skills Fund, Business Chambers and Employers
6. to implement projects across the District.
7. Consider and leverage local skilled people, including retired people, within the District, to accelerate the growth of the Skills Mecca.
8. All public and / or private skills development providers that comply with Skills Mecca requirements are acknowledged and recognised on the Skills Mecca web site.
9. Progressively support the development of the new apprenticeship of 21st Century (A21) in the District.
10. Implement a process that tracks and traces all learners on Skills Mecca programmes to determine their employment status post programme completion.
11. Plan and implement a Skills Summit that is held in a different local municipality within the Garden Route every two years

IDP Strategic Objective: Skilled Workforce and Communities GDS Strategic Priority: Supporting Wellbeing and Resilience			
#	PPP Name	Status	Next Actions as of Today
1	HWSETA Home Based Care (140)	Training completed	Final assessment scheduled for May 2024
2	Multipurpose District Training Academy	Fire Fighting Accreditation in Place – Roll Out 1 April 2023	Partnership with South Cape College with possible funding from TIRISANO
3	GRSM Technicians (12)	Roll Out in Progress	WBLDP & Project Management Training SIFA Proposal for next 18 months Support pending approval
4	NSF Tourism and Hospitality (400)	Award received for R36m for 400 unemployed Learners	MOA, Recruitment & Procurement planned for May 2024.
5	LG SETA Discretionary Projects 2022	Award received 20 x Fire Fighters, + 74 Water Practitioners and 37 Electricians	All programmes are being rolled out.
6	Align & Link EPWP Projects with GRSM	Skills Mecca integrated into EPWP Process	Attend ALL EPWP Steer Comms Always use EPWP Host Employer Contracts
7	SASSETA MOA Annual Roll Out	Award received for 120 Patrol Officers	Programme rolled out across District.
8	JET Solar PV Development (EWSETA / GIZ)	Award received from 40 Renewable Energy Assistants.	Programme rolled out with REWA now at workplaces. Procurement for providers for REW Assistant & WBLDPs.
9	TRISANO - SAVE	25 GRDM unemployed Learners Selected and contracted.	Gwaing River Road Project being rolled out

### 3.8.3 Participation Of Garden Route District Municipality in the Youth Environmental Service 2022/2025 Project

Garden Route District Municipality has been conditionally selected to participate in the Youth Environmental Service (YES) 2022/2025 project. Youth Environmental Service (YES) is one of the Youth Empowerment and Development sub-programmes which is implemented by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) through the Environmental Protection and Infrastructure Programme (EPIP) Nationally.

The programme prioritizes and targets young women, youth with disabilities, unemployed, out of school youth, and youth in rural areas. The project involves bringing about solutions to environmental problems inclusive but not limited to erosion, waste, deforestation, biodiversity management, education, awareness etc. YES, emphasis is centred on three pillars: community service, accredited training, skills and personal development and exit opportunities.

The seven (7) Local Municipalities under Garden Route District are afforded an opportunity to participate in the programme. These municipalities have also committed to include this project in their IDP for the financial years.

#### **3.8.4 Growth and Development Strategy**

The Garden Route Growth and Development Strategy was adopted in 2021 off the bat of an intensive series of engagements between all spheres of government, the private sector and civil society. These engagements were facilitated to co-create a shared vision for the region and identify key priority areas to drive collective action. These priorities are:

1. A water secure future
2. A circular economy
3. Resilient agriculture
4. Sustainable tourism
5. Supporting wellbeing and resilience
6. A connected economy: Transport, rural and urban integration, and ICT
7. Sustainable local energy transition

Since then, work has been underway to develop the implementation plan for the 5-year horizon and strengthen the collaborative governance framework through which collective impact can be enabled.

A GDS review workshop is scheduled for March 2024 to identify whether the identified projects in the implementation plan are still relevant

### **3.9 Annual Review Process**

Section 21 (1) (b) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003 stipulates that the Executive Mayor must at least ten months before the start of a budget year table in the municipal council a time schedule outlining the key deadlines for –

- (i) the preparation, tabling and approval of the annual budget;
- (ii) the annual review of –
  - (aa) the integrated development plan in terms of Section 34 of the Municipal Systems Act; and (bb) the budget-related policies;
  - (i) tabling and adoption of any amendments to the integrated development plan and budget related policies; and
  - (ii) any consultative processes forming part of the processes referred to in subparagraphs (i), (ii) and (iii).

Section 20(2) of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act 16 of 2013 (SPLUMA) requires that “the municipal spatial development framework (MSDF) must be prepared as part of a municipality’s integrated development plan in accordance with the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000.”

At the adoption of the previous IDP the municipality re-adopted the MSDF, initially approved in 2013 and reviewed and re-

submitted for final adoption of the amended MSDF in May 2019 concurrently with the five-year 2017 - 2022 IDP. The 2019MSDF was re-adopted in 2022, when the 2017-2022 IDP was re-adopted. A revision of the 2019MSDF was done, resulting in the adoption of an amended MSDF, adopted concurrently with the amended IDP for 2022 – 2027, in 2023. The process of review or amendment of the MSDF runs concurrently and integrated with the IDP amendment process which gives credibility to the MSDF as a core component of the IDP.

Council adopted an integrated IDP, MSDF and Budget Time Schedule in accordance with Section 21(1) (b) of the Section 21 (1) (b) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003. The Time Schedule contains the following:

- A programme specifying time frames for the different planning phases.
- Appropriate mechanisms, processes and procedures for consultation with and participation of local communities, organs of state and other stakeholders in the IDP, MSDF and Budget process; and
- The identification of all plans and planning requirements binding on the municipality in terms of provincial and national legislation.

### **3.10 Project Prioritization**

Municipalities are responsible for delivering basic services to their communities in a way that is acceptable and in accordance with national requirements. The municipal assets need to be maintained and in certain instances new assets need to be established to respond to these requirements. Catalytic projects that contribute to urban restructuring, revitalisation and integration were identified in the 2013MSDF and conceptualized through local spatial development frameworks that ascribed to the objectives of the MSDF.

The MSDF is a 20-year plan and while the objectives and policies in the MSDF have been improved over the past 20 years, the projects that align with the amended MSDF have been listed in an implementation plan and are captured in a capital expenditure framework to ensure funds are allocated for execution. The local spatial development frameworks have been reviewed and the amendment of the respective LSDF's will be prioritized based on the current priorities, identified in the 2023MSDF.

The development and maintenance of assets are normally identified via infrastructure master planning, infrastructure development plans, maintenance plans and national programmes. Secondly, the Municipality, during engagement with communities and key stakeholders, received requests for various projects and programmes to uplift and develop the communities.

The municipality needs to find financial and other assistance to implement all the capital projects and programmes and to meet the needs identified. It is understandable that municipalities do not have access to sufficient resources, and it is therefore crucial to prioritise the allocation of secured funding to ensure that at least "immediate issues" are addressed. The prioritisation process is necessary to ensure growth of the Municipality and the municipal area but also to continue delivering on its core service-delivery mandate – which also depends on the availability of capital for delivery of services such as access to water, sanitation, electricity, refuse removal, roads, parks, community facilities, etc. It is also important to include priorities from communities at a ward level.

It is imperative for the Municipality to consider utilising a standardised prioritisation model in future budget cycles.

**Figure 23: Project Management Cycle**

### **3.10.1 Capital programme and project prioritisation**

This model is based on weights allocated to the strategic objectives discussed above and other approved criteria. The weights set per criteria varies from 100 to 5 based on the importance of the criteria set. The higher the weight, the more important the criteria. The projects and programme will therefore be prioritised, based on the total of the weights allocated to the selected criteria.

The categories in which the criteria will be grouped should be carefully selected to ensure that the projects and programmes are prioritised in terms of the real needs and the risks that the Municipality may face if the project or programme is not implemented.

The criteria are:

#### **3.10.2 IDP Strategic Objectives**

Council must develop and approve its strategy for its term of office and this strategy must be documented in the IDP. The strategy includes its vision, mission and strategic objectives. The strategic objectives approved must be aligned with the responsibilities of the municipality as per the Constitution of South Africa, the National Key Performance Areas, the National Development Plan, the National Outcomes, the Provincial Strategic Goals and the needs of the communities. Council should then be spending its energy on implementing its strategic objectives during its term of office.

The capital projects/programmes identified, should be prioritised to ensure that they support this strategy of Council and the needs of the community.

#### **3.10.3 Master Plan Objectives**

The master-plans for each of the municipal services identify key objectives for the respective services and a list of activities to ensure growth and to maintain the related assets. The services are prioritised in terms of the urgency to address the activities identified. The urgency is based on the risk that the service might collapse or deteriorate if not addressed.

##### **3.10.1.1 Project Dynamics**

The prioritisation of some of the projects for the IDP cycle in the Municipality, however, does not have to start from a zero-base. The existing schedule of capital projects could consist of a mixture of roll-over committed projects, grant-funded projects, counter-funding commitments, and roll-over funding commitments and operational expenditure requirements. The above issues are considered to ensure that the momentum in delivering the capital programme is not disrupted.

##### **3.10.1.2 Project Consequence**

This category determines the consequence if the project/programme is not implemented.

##### **3.10.1.3 Financial Resources**

Unless there is a clear understanding and common agreement of the financial resources available to implement the capital projects and programmes prioritised, it is impossible to calibrate the prioritisation criteria appropriately. To determine available financial

resources, the following must be certified annually:

- Committed projects with confirmed funding;
- Grant-funded projects with gazetted/confirmed “in writing” funding;
- Projects facing unforeseen delays, but that must remain on the schedule for valid reasons;
- Verification of the correct funding source to each project, as the prioritisation will also focus on municipality’s own funding sources;
- Confirmed counter-funding commitments; and
- Assessment of spending capability and project readiness within the respective financial year to spend the allocated amount.

### **3.11 Capital Expenditure Framework**

(Adapted from Novus Capital Expenditure Framework: Additions to the Spatial Development Framework, 21 February 2025).

The George Local Municipality is actively enhancing its Capital Expenditure Framework (CEF) to align spatial, infrastructure, and financial planning. This initiative ensures that capital investments are strategically integrated into the broader municipal planning framework, particularly within the Spatial Development Framework (SDF) and Integrated Development Plan (IDP) to ultimately enhance and solidify long term planning as part of the Local Government Accountability Cycle.

The CEF serves as a bridge between long-term strategic planning and short-term budget implementation, ensuring that spatial transformation priorities, infrastructure development, and financial sustainability are effectively managed. It also aligns municipal investment decisions with key legislation, including:

- a) The Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act (SPLUMA) (Act No. 16 of 2013);
- b) The Local Government: Municipal Systems Act (Act No. 32 of 2000), and;
- c) The Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) (Act No. 56 of 2003);

To support the strategic vision of the MSDF, the CEF provides a structured, data-driven investment approach, prioritising projects that drive urban transformation, improve service delivery, and support sustainable municipal finances.

#### **3.11.1 The CEF’s Alignment with Municipal Planning Processes**

The CEF is not a stand-alone document but a crucial mechanism that ensures financial and spatial planning coherence. It integrates with the following key municipal processes:

#### **3.11.2 Integrated Development Planning (IDP)**

The IDP is the primary strategic planning tool for local government, guiding development priorities, infrastructure projects, and budget allocation over a five-year period. The CEF extends this planning horizon to at least 10 years, ensuring that capital investments are aligned with long-term municipal growth objectives. Key linkages between the IDP and CEF can be summarised as follow:

- i. The CEF informs the capital budget, ensuring that infrastructure projects identified in the IDP are financially and spatially prioritised;
- ii. The MSDF (as part of the IDP) guides the spatial structuring of capital investments, ensuring they support strategic growth nodes, transport corridors, and economic hubs, and other spatial structuring elements, and;

- iii. The CEF, particularly the Long-Term Financial Model (LTFM) component provides the long-term financial projections necessary to sustainably implement capital projects.

Aligning with the IDP, the CEF ensures that infrastructure investments are not only reactive to immediate needs but also proactively planned to accommodate future growth and urban transformation.

### **3.11.3 Local Government Accountability Cycle**

The Local Government Accountability Cycle is a structured governance framework that regulates the planning, budgeting, implementation, monitoring, reporting, and oversight processes within municipalities. It ensures that municipal resources are allocated efficiently, financial performance is transparent, and service delivery is aligned with strategic development priorities. This cycle, as part of the Municipal Standard Chart of Accounts (MSCOA) reform, is legislated under the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) No. 56 of 2003 and is designed to foster fiscal discipline, operational efficiency, and public accountability in local government. The accountability cycle integrates key municipal planning instruments, such as the Integrated Development Plan (IDP), Medium-Term Revenue and Expenditure Framework (MTREF), Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP), and Annual Reports, creating a continuous feedback loop that strengthens municipal governance and decision-making. The CEF plays a crucial role within this cycle by:

- i. Informing multi-year budgeting (MTREF) through long-term financial planning;
- ii. Ensuring capital projects align with available funding streams, including grants, municipal revenue, and private sector contributions;
- iii. Supporting evidence-based decision-making in capital project selection, reducing financial risks and ensuring sustainable infrastructure investment, and;
- iv. Defines municipal priorities and strategic rationale as informed by other strategic informants such as the IDP.

The CEF provides a stable, long term investment planning framework, ensuring a capital project pipeline, that are properly costed, strategically located, and deliver long-term value to communities in line with the strategy of the municipality.

### **3.11.4 The Role of CP3 in Enhancing the CEF**

To streamline capital project planning and ensure alignment with the IDP, SDF, and financial strategies, the George Local Municipality has adopted the CP3 System. CP3 is a structured, data-driven Software as a Service designed to support municipalities in identifying, prioritising, and managing capital investment projects. It provides a systematic approach to aligning long-term capital expenditure with municipal strategic objectives, spatial planning frameworks, and financial sustainability principles.

### **3.11.5 How CP3 Supports Municipal Processes**

The adopted electronic management system embeds a data-driven, evidence-based process into capital project selection and budgeting. This system:

- i. Simplifies capital demand collection – Captures multi-year budget requests from different municipal departments in a central platform.
- ii. Applies a prioritisation model – Uses spatial, financial, technical, and socio-economic criteria to rank projects based on strategic importance.
- iii. Develops budget scenarios – Tests different financial scenarios to determine the most affordable and impactful infrastructure investments.



- iv. Monitors project implementation – Tracks progress using real-time dashboards and reporting tools.

#### **3.11.6 The CP3 Process and Its Stages**

Leveraging CP3, the CEF, and other municipal planning processes, George Municipality ensures capital investments remain spatially targeted, financially sustainable, and responsive to community needs. The CP3 system follows a structured process to integrate the CEF with municipal governance frameworks - this is done by establishing processes around the following key elements:

- i. Project Identification – Aligns infrastructure needs with the IDP and MSDF.
- ii. Data Consolidation – Gathers spatial, financial, and technical data to inform prioritisation.
- iii. Prioritisation Framework – Customises scoring criteria based on George Municipality’s strategic, economic, service delivery and other goals.
- iv. Budget Scenario Modelling – Simulates funding scenarios in terms of the LTFM funding envelope to ensure financial sustainability.
- v. Implementation Tracking – Facilitate the compilation of Capital Works Plans and monitors project performance against key milestones.
- vi. Annual Review and Adjustments – Updates the framework to reflect emerging priorities and new financial constraints.

#### **3.11.7 How the CEF and CP3 Strengthen the MSDF**

The Capital Expenditure Framework (CEF) is essential for translating the spatial vision of the MSDF into implementable, budgeted infrastructure projects. Without a well-defined CEF, spatial planning remains conceptual, with no clear financial path to realisation. The CEF can support the MSDF in the following ways:

- i. Aligning Capital Investment with Spatial Priorities – Ensures funding is directed towards growth nodes, infrastructure corridors, and economic hubs identified in the MSDF.
- ii. Promoting Spatial Transformation – Supports investment in historically underdeveloped areas, fostering more equitable service delivery.
- iii. Ensuring Financial Feasibility – Provides a long-term financial strategy to ensure capital investments are affordable and sustainable.
- iv. Improving Coordination Across Sectors – Aligns housing, transport, water, energy, and social infrastructure planning with the spatial vision of the MSDF.
- v. Enhancing Infrastructure Resilience – Supports investment in climate-resilient, sustainable infrastructure, reinforcing the environmental goals of the MSDF.

#### **3.11.8 Progress on CEF Development and Implementation**

The ongoing development of the CEF and implementation of CP3 mark a significant step towards improving capital investment planning in George Municipality. These initiatives strengthen the link between spatial planning, financial sustainability, and service delivery, ensuring that the MSDF’s strategic vision is effectively implemented. The following actions have been taken to date to maximise benefit from CP3 towards supporting the planning and budgeting processes in the municipality:

Action	Summary	Date
System Data Configuration	<p>The system was configured and activated for the municipality. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Configuration of the system to align with the latest mSCOA chart release (version 6.8)</li> <li>▪ System User Registration/Management procedures and roles</li> <li>▪ Configuration of the municipal organisational structure to mirror the existing approved structure within the municipality</li> <li>▪ Configuration of strategic outcomes (MTSF/IUDF) to reflect the municipality's strategic objectives</li> <li>▪ Default configuration of system life cycle phases, sub-phases, and milestones as part of project financial and implementation planning component of the system, in alignment with National Treasury's Framework for Infrastructure, Procurement, and Delivery Management (FIPDM, 2019)</li> <li>▪ Configuration of default technical questions to assist the municipality in gathering additional technical information to determine a project's readiness for implementation</li> </ul>	October 2024
Spatial Data onboarding	<p>As part of the initial spatial data onboarding process, the following spatial layers were uploaded onto the system:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Administrative Boundaries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Municipal Boundary</li> <li>▪ District Boundary</li> <li>▪ Wards</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Municipal Spatial Development Framework (SDF) Shapefiles</li> </ul>	November 2024
Data Onboarding	<p>As part of the budget onboarding process, the 2024/2025 ORGB budget was uploaded onto the system in alignment with the existing data on the Financial Management System (FMS), on the <i>2024/2025 ORGB Capital Budget (20241105)</i> baseline.</p>	November 2024
	<p>A desktop assessment of various municipal master plans and strategic planning documents was conducted to determine an initial capital investment demand project list, including the following information were available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project Name</li> <li>▪ Project Description</li> <li>▪ Organisational Structure Alignment</li> <li>▪ mSCOA Alignment</li> <li>▪ Budget Information</li> <li>▪ Project Location</li> </ul> <p>A total of 1 494 projects were included in the initial capital investment demand baseline: <i>2025/2026 Planned Capital Demand (20241203)</i></p>	December 2024
User Registration	<p>A user registration procedure was established, including the activation of Microsoft Single Sign-on. The ICT admin users were giving training on managing user registration, role allocation, and activation. Both the Admin and Standard Users were registered on-site during training.</p>	December 2024

Action	Summary	Date
System Admin and Standard User Training	<p>The training sessions held focused on equipping both system admin and standard users with the necessary skills to effectively navigate and manage the system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Admin User Training included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Managing baselines</li> <li>▪ Verification of data completeness</li> <li>▪ Monitoring User Activity</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Standard User Training included capturing and reviewing the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project Technical Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project Name &amp; Description</li> <li>▪ Project Contact person</li> <li>▪ mSCOA Project Segment information</li> <li>▪ Strategic Outcomes</li> <li>▪ Technical Questions</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Financial Information</li> <li>▪ Project Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Works Locations</li> <li>▪ Benefit Area</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	December 2024
Capturing Season 1 & 2	<p>To improve the accuracy and completeness of the capital projects on the system, standard users were given access to capture new projects and review the existing projects on the system on the <i>2025/2026 Planned Capital Demand (20241203)</i> baseline. Users were also tasked with noting projects that need to be archived – those that are completed, withdrawn, or duplicated. Additionally, users submitted technical question answers for projects with identical answers to be bulk uploaded by the operational support team. Throughout the process, project completeness reports were generated to provide real-time feedback on captured data, along with a sign-off report at the end of the seasons to verify the data that has been captured.</p>	December 2024 - January 2025
Prioritisation Model Calibration	<p>The Prioritisation Model was configured on the system to help the municipality identify and rank projects that best align with the municipality's long-term development goals and vision, taking into consideration the strategic planning outlined in various municipal planning documents. Additionally, it was configured to align with the current CEF Prioritisation criteria to ensure consistency in project selection.</p>	February 2025
	<p>An on-site Capital Prioritisation Model session was conducted with the Capital Planning Forum to present the model and assess its implementation and effectiveness in guiding project prioritisation.</p>	February 2025

### 3.12 Smart City Principles - A City of The Future

At the onset of a new Council cycle, Council is required to develop a new IDP. The longer-term strategy sets out the principles and actions required to meet the longer-term goals of the Municipality in order to create the George for the future of all its people.

It is acknowledged that there has been a strategic gap within the City over the past 5 years and primary to this has been the (perhaps) perceived failure to meet the opportunities provided by the global drive towards smart cities. Whilst the majority of South African metros and intermediary cities have embraced a technological and data-driven response to opportunities and challenges, requiring a radically different strategic and operational approach to technology, citizens, institutions and the built environment, George has not been as explicit.

In today's urban environment, local governments have to deal with increasingly complex mandates, social inequalities and economic growth in a context of increasing environmental and economic uncertainty. These complexities are exacerbated by rapid urbanisation and the subsequent proliferation of urban poverty and necessitates more efficient and effective management and

governance of urban and municipal systems. ICT has the potential to advance the management and coordination of cities, contribute to their economic success, and improve the quality of life of its residents and George needs to proactively explore smart city interventions as a means of overcoming the rising challenges of urban development and sustainability, becoming more resilient, innovative and creative. Responding to challenges such as congestion, rising crime, growing urban poverty and the need for more efficient service delivery practices, an increasing number of cities have made the choice to use smart technologies and encourage innovative practices as part of their efforts to become more resilient and liveable.

In his State of the Nation Address (SONA), the President of South Africa, Mr. Cyril Ramaphosa, expressed his dream of building a South African smart city, driving a broad national vision for reinvigorated human settlements outlined in, among others, the National Development Plan (NDP); the Integrated Urban Development Framework (IUDF); and the District Development Mode.

A smart city is not a “technological fix” or a technical solution to social, political, and environmental issues. If this approach is undertaken, it will only serve exacerbate the digital divide that exists in many cities and excessive emphasis on the latest technology will have additional unintended consequences. A smart city is rather a settlement where investments in human and social capital, and traditional and modern communication infrastructure fuel sustainable economic development, a better quality of life and prudent management of natural resources.

### **3.12.1 Elements of a Smart City**

Smart cities focus on the following elements:

- a) Smart cities will promote the use of technology, information and data to enhance and improve its infrastructure and services. This includes access to resources like water and electricity. Providing homes that are affordable to all, provision of proper education and health services, and increase IT connectivity.
- b) A larger number of government services will be made more accessible to people. Services will be offered online and will provide more accountability, transparency and more involvement of the public. Formation of E-groups will allow people to voice their opinions and receive feedback, monitor programs and activities with the help of cyber tour worksites.
- c) An increase in access to public transportation and creative solutions such as smart parking, intelligent management, and integrated modal transport. Smart cities will be more pedestrian and cyclist friendly with key administrative services at shorter, walkable distances.
- d) Smart cities will redevelop or develop unplanned and poorly planned areas such as fewer formal areas, with a vision to make cities safer, resilient and less disaster-prone. With the use of video surveillance, criminal activity will be tracked, and drastic security measures will be taken to protect women, children, and senior citizens.
- e) Urban heat effects will be reduced by creating and maintaining parks, playgrounds, and recreational spaces with generous vegetation and preventing further loss of vegetation. Living spaces will be made to accommodate the growing population and enhance its standard of living.

### **3.12.2 . Smart City Strategic Objectives**

Infrastructure will be more sustainable and eco-friendlier, by reducing the amount of waste generated and also through mindful consumption and protection of natural resources. The smart city system has three main pillars: governance and management; infrastructure; and human/ social services. Each of these pillars can be further sub-divided into sub-pillars:

- a) Governance and management services: Corporate governance, institutional transformation, and financial

management.

- b) Infrastructure: Energy and the environment, transport and utilities, and development management; and
- c) Human/ social services: safety and security, economic development and growth, and sustainable communities.

Each of these pillars must be translated into strategic objectives for the city, and each strategic objective further dissected into key performance areas with key performance indicators for the purposes of performance management, monitoring and evaluation.

### **3.12.3 Smart City Outcomes**

It is important to have a clear grasp of the nature and goal of the suggested interventions while implementing smart city projects. The demands of the entire city might be met by focusing these activities on various target services through municipally sponsored smart city programmes (municipal area). Smart City projects should focus on enhancing the quality of life for city residents, particularly with regard to the many services provided to them in the municipal area.

Collaboration between internal and external stakeholders is required for the achievement of the aim and for the execution of smart city projects. George Municipality will prioritise Smart Governance with an emphasis on E- Government during the course of the following five years (2022–2027). The goal is to create a Smart City Framework for Council approval in the fiscal year 2023–2024.

While selecting, developing, and executing smart city activities that are suited to the topic of smart governance, internal stakeholders will benefit from having a structured framework to help them make decisions.

**Table 24: Smart City Objective: Governance and Management**

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	Responsible Directorate	Responsible Department	Municipal SO	KPI Name	Description of Unit of Measurement	Ward	5-Year Target 2022 - 2027	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Progress Rating				
								Target	Target	Target	Target	Target	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
TBC	Corporate Services	Human Resources	SO5	Review Municipal Microstructure	Number of Municipal Microstructures reviewed by 30 June	ALL	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	😊	😊	-	-
TBC	Planning and Development	Planning and Development	SO4	Conduct Municipal First Thursday business sessions with the George Business Chamber	Number of Municipal First Thursday business sessions with the George Business Chamber by 30 June	ALL	12	12	12	12	12	12	😊	😊	-	-	-
TBC	Planning and Development	Planning and Development	SO5	Draft SMART City discussion document	Number of SMART CITY discussion documents drafted by 31 March	ALL	1	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	😊	😊	-	-	-
TBC	Financial Services	Supply Chain Management	SO1	Develop SMART CITY mobile App	Number of SMART CITY Mobile Apps developed by 30 June	ALL	1	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	😊	😊	-	-	-
TBC	Financial Services	Credit Control	SO3	Electronically distribute all municipal accounts	Percentage of electronically distributed municipal accounts	ALL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	😊	😊	-	-	-
TBC	Financial Services	Budget and Financial Management	SO3	Review Long-Term Financial Management Plan	Number of Long-Term Financial Management Plans reviewed by 30 June	ALL	1	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	😊	😊	-	-	-
TBC	Financial Services	Credit Control	SO4	Outsourcing Credit Control	Percentage of credit control outsourced	All	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	😊	😊	-	-	-

	Responsible Directorate	Responsible Department	Municipal SO	KPI Name	Description of Unit of Measurement	Ward	5-Year Target 2022 - 2027	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Progress Rating				
								Target	Target	Target	Target	Target	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
TBC	Financial Services	Supply Chain Management	SO4	Develop Electronic Supply Chain Management System	Number of electronic supply chain management systems developed	All	1	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	☹️	☹️	-	-	-
TBC	Financial Services	Credit Control	SO4	Smart Water Meters installation	Percentage/Number of Smart Water meters installed	All	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	☹️	☹️	-	-	-
TBC	Corporate Services	Human Resources	SO5	Conduct municipal work study	Number of municipal wide work studies conducted by 30 June	All	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	😊	-	-	-
TBC	Office of the MM	Risk Management	SO5	Centralise enterprise risk management, compliance and audit systems	Number of enterprise risk management, compliance and audit systems centralised by 30 June	All	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	☹️	-	-	-
TBC	Corporate Services	Legal and compliance	SO5	Develop Sexual Harassment Policy	Number of Sexual Harassment Policies developed by 30 June	All	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	😊	-	-	-
TBC	Corporate Services	Human Resources	SO5	Develop Human Resources Plan (in terms of Staffing Regulations)	Number of Human Resource Plans (in terms of staffing regulations) Developed by 30 June	All	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	😊	-	-	-
TBC	Office of the MM	Communication	SO1	Development of a Branding and Marketing strategy	Number of Branding and Marketing strategies developed by 30 June	All	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	😊	-	-	-
TBC	Planning and Development	Planning and Development	SO1	Establish One-stop-shop developmental facility	Number of One-stop-shop developmental facilities established by 30 June	All	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	😊	-	-	-
TBC	Corporate Services	Legal and Compliance	SO5	Rollout of functionality of the Municipal Court	Percentage of Rollout of functionality of the municipal court by 30 June	All	100%	50%	60%	80%	95%	100%	☹️	☹️	-	-	-

	Responsible Directorate	Responsible Department	Municipal SO	KPI Name	Description of Unit of Measurement	Ward	5-Year Target 2022 - 2027	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Progress Rating				
								Target	Target	Target	Target	Target	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
TBC	Planning and Development	Planning and Development	SO4	Establishment management information and data management portal	Number of management and information management portals established by 30 June	All	1	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	😊	😊	-	-	-
TBC	Corporate Services	Legal and Compliance	SO5	Collation and distribution of the Municipal Code	Number of municipal codes collated and distributed by 30 June	All	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	😊	-	-	-

**Table 25: Smart City Strategic Objective Infrastructure Implementation Plan**

😊 Complete	😊 In Progress	☹ Not Complete
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	Responsible Directorate	Responsible Department	Municipal SO	KPI Name	Description of Unit of Measurement	Ward	5-Year Target 2022 - 2027	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Progress Rating				
								Target	Target	Target	Target	Target	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
TBC	Electro-Technical Services	Electro-Technical Services	SO2	Conduct alternative energy feasibility study	Number of alternative energy feasibility studies conducted by 30 June	All	1	N/A	1	1	1	1	-	😊	-	-	-
TBC	Electro-Technical Services	Electro-Technical Services	SO2	Develop Energy Resilience Plan	Submit Energy Resilience Plan to Portfolio Committee by 30 June	All	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	😊	-	-	-
TBC	Community Services	Waste Management	SO2	Develop Landfill Rehabilitation and development plan	Number of Landfill rehabilitation and development plan developed by 30 June	All	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	😊	-	-	-



	Responsible Directorate	Responsible Department	Municipal SO	KPI Name	Description of Unit of Measurement	Ward	5-Year Target 2022 - 2027	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Progress Rating				
								Target	Target	Target	Target	Target	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
TBC	Community Services	Waste Management	SO2	Conduct refuse collection analysis	Number of refuse collection analysis conducted by 30 June	All	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	☹️	-	-	-
TBC	Community Services	Public Transport	SO1	<b>Go George integration</b>	<b>Number of Go George integration initiative conducted by 30 June</b>	All	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	😊	-	-	-
TBC	Electro-Technical Services	Electro-Technical Services	SO4	Investigate Green Building improvements	Number of Green Building improvements investigations conducted by 30 June	All	5	1	1	1	1	1	☹️	😊	-	-	-
TBC	Electro-Technical Services	Electro-Technical Services	SO2	Own Power Generation	Number of Kilowatt own power generated by 30 June	All	30MWp	400 kWp	2MWp	10MWp	30MWp	N/A	☹️	☹️	-	-	-
TBC	Electro-Technical Services	Electro-Technical Services	SO2	Facilitate Energy Wheeling Services to different stakeholders	Percentage of Energy Wheeling Services stakeholders assisted by 30 June	All	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	☹️	😊	-	-	-
TBC	Electro-Technical Services	Electro-Technical Services		Procure power from Independent Power Producers (IPP)	Number of Kilowatts procured through IPP by 30 June	All	1	N/A	N/A	10MWp	20MWp	N/A	☹️	☹️	-	-	-
TBC	Corporate Services	Legal and Compliance	SO5	Bylaw Reviews	Percentage of Bylaws reviewed	All	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	☹️	☹️	-	-	-
TBC	Electro-Technical Services	Electro-Technical Services	SO2	Implement Informal settlement electrification plan	Percentage of informal electrification plans implemented by 30 June	All	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	☹️	☹️	-	-	-
TBC	Electro-Technical Services	Electro-Technical Services		Implement Solar Initiative in informal settlements	Number of Solar initiatives implemented in informal areas by 30 June	All	1	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	☹️	😊	-	-	-

	Responsible Directorate	Responsible Department	Municipal SO	KPI Name	Description of Unit of Measurement	Ward	5-Year Target 2022 - 2027	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Progress Rating				
								Target	Target	Target	Target	Target	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
TBC	Planning and Development	Spatial Planning	SO5	Conduct GIS Training sessions	Number of GIS Training sessions conducted by 30 June	ALL	20	4	4	4	4	4	😊	😊	-	-	-
TBC	Civil Engineering Services	Sewerage Networks	SO3	Conduct a sewerage pumpstation audit/	Number of sewerages pumpstation audits conducted by 30 June.	ALL	6	1	3	N/A	N/A	3	😊	😊	-	-	-
TBC	Civil Engineering Services	Sewerage Networks	SO3	Upgrade Sludge Management system	Number of Sludge Management Systems upgraded by 30 June	ALL	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	😊	😊	-	-	-
TBC	Civil Engineering Services	Water Purification	SO3	Attain Blue Drop status	Percentage of Blue Drop status Achieved by 30 June	ALL	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	😊	😊	-	-	-
TBC	Civil Engineering Services	Wastewater Treatment	SO3	Attain Green Drop status	Percentage of Green Drop Status Achieved	ALL	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	😊	😊	-	-	-
TBC	Community Services	Cleansing and Environmental Health	SO2	Illegal dumping initiatives	Number of illegal dumping initiative implemented by 30 June	ALL	5	1	1	1	1	1	😊	😊	-	-	-

**Table 26: Smart City Strategic Objective: Human/Social Services Implementation Plan**

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	Responsible Directorate	Responsible Department	Municipal SO	KPI Name	Description of Unit of Measurement	Ward	5-Year Target 2022 - 2027	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Progress Rating				
								Target	Target	Target	Target	Target	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
TBC	Community Services	Law Enforcement and Security Services	SO2	Bylaw Training for all Municipal Law Enforcement	Number of Bylaw Training sessions conducted by 30 June	ALL	1	2	2	2	2	2			-	-	-
TBC	Corporate Services	Social Development	SO4	Provide support to nutritional centers	Number of nutritional centers provided with support by 30 June	ALL	114	114	114	114	114	114			-	-	-
TBC	Community Services	Law Enforcement and Security Services	SO2	George City Roll-out of CCTV cameras	Percentage of George City CCTV Camera Rollout implemented by 30 June	ALL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%			-	-	-
TBC	Community Services	Waste Management	SO2	Establish Organic Waste Diversion site	Number of Organic Waste diversion sites established by 30 June	ALL	1	1	1	N/A	N/A	N/A			-	-	-
TBC	Community Services	Law Enforcement and Security Services	SO2	Establish 24 Hour CCTV Camera Control rooms	Number of 24-Hour CCTV Camera control rooms established by 30 June	ALL	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A			-	-	-
TBC	Corporate Services	Social Development	SO4	Provide support to Food Gardens	Number of food gardens supported by 30 June	ALL	506	506	506	506	506	506			-	-	-
TBC	Corporate Services	Social Development	SO3	Develop Maintenance Plan to assist Creches	Number of Creche maintenance plans developed by 30 June	ALL	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A			-	-	-
TBC	Corporate Services	Social Development	SO4	Conduct Career Open Days	Number of career open days conducted by 30 June	ALL	1	1	1	1	1	1			-	-	-

	Responsible Directorate	Responsible Department	Municipal SO	KPI Name	Description of Unit of Measurement	Ward	5-Year Target 2022 - 2027	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Progress Rating				
								Target	Target	Target	Target	Target	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
TBC	Corporate Services	Libraries	SO4	Assist with new school registrations initiative	Number of new school registrations initiatives implemented	ALL	5	1	1	1	1	1	😊	😊	-	-	-
TBC	Planning and Development	Human Settlements	SO3	Conduct backyarder service provision study	Number of backyarder service provisions studies conducted by 30 June	ALL	5	1	1	1	N/A	N/A	😊	😊	-	-	-
TBC	Planning and Development	Human Settlements	SO3	Promotion of Social and Affordable Housing	Develop Social and Affordable Housing Incentive Policy	ALL	5	1	1	1	N/A	N/A	😊	😊	-	-	-
TBC	Planning and Development	Human Settlements	SO3	Appointment of Social Housing institution for Old Crocodile Farm	Number of social housing institutions appointed for Old Crocodile Farm by 30 June	ALL	1	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	😊	😊	-	-	-
TBC	Planning and Development	Human Settlements	SO3	Finalise servicing of the Sweetpea precinct	Number of Sweetpea precinct servicing plans submitted by 30 June	ALL	1	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	😊	😊	-	-	-
TBC	Planning and Development	Human Settlements	SO3	Commence rehabilitation of services in Delville Park	Percentage of rehabilitation of services in Delville Park commenced by 30 June		95%	N/A	95%	95%	95%	95%	😊	😊	-	-	-
TBC	Planning and Development	Local Economic Development	SO2	Develop Economic Development Strategy	Number of Economic Development strategies developed by 30 June	ALL	1	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	😊	😊	-	-	-
TBC	Planning and Development	Local Economic Development	SO1	Establish SSME facility in Pacaltsdorp	Number of SSME facilities established by 30 June	ALL	1	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	😊	😊	-	-	-

# CHAPTER 4: Sector Plans and Implementation

## 4.1 Introduction

The municipality has a number of medium- and longer-term sector plans that direct the implementation of the different functional areas. These plans form an integral part of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP).

Although the time-periods for sector plans and the IDP differ (e.g., the mSDF has a 20-year horizon, IDP has a 5-year horizon and sector plan can be revised annually), the MSDF, IDP and sector plans inform each other mutually, and collectively inform the Capital Expenditure Framework. Like the IDP, the MSDF and sector plans are subject to periodic review. Alignment between the MSDF, sector plans and the IDP allow for more effective budgeting integration over the medium and long term.

The sections below expand on key sector plans of the Municipality.

### *Service delivery implementation plans*

Plan/Strategy	Date of approval	Date of renewal
■ Air Quality Management Plan	■ April 2019	■ 1 July 2024
■ Comprehensive Integrated Transport Plan	■ June 2015	■ June 2025
■ Disaster Management Plan	■ March 2024	■ March 2025
■ Economic Development Strategy	■ 30 June 2024	■ June 2025
■ Electrical Implementation Plan	■ June 2025	■ Once Off
■ Electrical Master Plan	■ June 2025	■ June 2050
■ George Bulk Raw Water Plan	■ June 2008	■ June 2022-2024
■ George Roads Master Plan	■ June 2005	■ Currently reviewing
■ Human Settlements Plan	■ 23 February 2024	■ 01 February 2028
■ ICT Policy	■ 29 May 2023	■ June 2025
■ Integrated Waste Management Plan	■ 10 September 2020	■ November 2024
■ Municipal Spatial Development Framework	■ 31 May 2024	■ 31 May 2025
■ Pavement Management Plan	■ June 2019	■ June 2024
■ Storm Water Master Plan	■ June 2019	■ June 2022 - 2024
■ Street and Stormwater Maintenance Plan	■ 01 July 2024	■ 01 July 2025
■ Water Services Development Plan	■ 24 April 2024	■ 31 October 2024
■ Workplace Skills Plan	■ 23 April 2024	■ April 2025

## 4.2 The relationship between the Sector Plans and Strategies

Sector plans need to support and reinforce each other to be credible and ensure all strategies ascribe to the same objectives, resources and planning are coordinated and consolidated and assist in sustainable development of the municipal area. The table below illustrates how different key sector plans inform and direct each other.

**Table 27: The relationship between sector plans**

Sector Plan	Spatial Development Framework	Human Settlements Plan	Integrated Transport Plan	Infrastructure Master Plans
<b>Municipal Spatial Development Framework (MSDF)</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Identifies areas to be protected from settlement (e.g. heritage, agriculture and natural)</li> <li>■ Designates housing priority /restructuring areas</li> <li>■ Integrates settlement patterns with infrastructure plans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Identifies areas to be protected from settlement (e.g. heritage, agriculture and natural)</li> <li>■ Improved access to amenities/employment</li> <li>■ Spatial integration through strategic linkages/ non-motorized</li> <li>■ Indicates areas desirable for densification/specific land use/integrated networks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Identifies municipal growth direction</li> <li>■ Identifies priority development areas</li> <li>■ Identifies infrastructure priority areas</li> <li>■ Promotes fiscal sustainability optimized utilization of existing infrastructure and compact development</li> </ul>
<b>Human Settlements Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Identifies current settlements and interventions that should be accommodated in future planning</li> <li>■ Determines settlement needs/ requirements for upgrade/opportunities for redress</li> <li>■ Quantifies extent of demand for various housing typologies</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Identifies current settlements and interventions that should be accommodated in future planning</li> <li>■ Determines settlement needs</li> <li>■ Quantifies extent of demand for various housing typologies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Identifies current settlements and interventions which should be accommodated in future planning</li> <li>■ Determines settlement infrastructure needs</li> <li>■ Quantifies extent of demand for services according to various housing typologies</li> </ul>
<b>Integrated Transport Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Determines most efficient responses to transport challenges</li> <li>■ Identifies transport and traffic priority areas</li> <li>■ Shapes future planning according to most appropriate modal changes and challenges</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Identifies transport and roads priority areas</li> <li>■ Determines development parameters, e.g. parking ratios, access and standards</li> <li>■ Shapes settlement planning according to most appropriate modal changes and challenges</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Determines most efficient responses to transport challenges</li> <li>■ Identifies transport and traffic priority areas</li> <li>■ Shapes future planning according to most appropriate modal changes and challenges</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Identifies need for services not provided by the municipality, e.g. SANRAL, Provincial Roads, PRASA, Transnet</li> </ul>			
<b>Infrastructure Master Plans</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Identifies existing infrastructure capacity / constraints</li> <li>■ Identifies interventions required to support growth / infill</li> <li>■ Designates priority infrastructure development areas / corridors</li> <li>■ Promotes fiscal sustainability/ compact development/ optimized utilization of existing networks</li> <li>■ Provides for services not provided by the municipality, e.g. Telkom</li> <li>■ Eskom, raw water supply</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Identifies existing infrastructure capacity or / constraints</li> <li>■ Identifies interventions required to support growth / infill</li> <li>■ Provides for services not provided by the municipality, e.g. Telkom, Eskom, raw water supply</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Identifies existing infrastructure capacity or / constraints</li> <li>■ Identifies interventions required to support growth / infill</li> <li>■ Provides for services not provided by the municipality, e.g. SANRAL, Provincial Roads, PRASA, Transnet</li> </ul>	

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## 4.3 Sector Plans and Implementation Strategies

### 4.3.1 Strategic Human Settlements Plan

The purpose of the Strategic Framework of the Sustainable Human Settlements Plan (SHSP) for the George Municipality is to outline a vision statement for human settlements, and to formulate a number of objectives and associated strategies to ensure that progress can be made toward the desired state of human settlements in the George Municipality.

In terms of the long-term vision for human settlements, the purpose is to:

- Set out how the Municipality anticipates managing the development of different types of housing opportunities in support of its spatial development and spatial transformation objectives as set out in the 2019 George Municipal Spatial Development Framework (MSDF) and 2022 draft MSDF; (Note that the MSDF was adopted in May 2023. The SHSP must be amended to fully align with the adopted MSDF 2023);
- Reflect on the role of the George Municipality in various processes related to human settlement development and housing delivery; and
- Reflect on the impact of human settlement development and housing delivery on the financial sustainability of the Municipality.
- The strategic concept or future spatial development vision and related spatial development objectives and strategies as put forward in the MSDF is the key input to this section of the George SHSP, and the Municipality's long-term development vision as set out in its Integrated Development Plan (IDP) will be interpreted to guide the overall outputs of the SHSP.

In terms of human settlement objectives and strategies, the purpose is to:

- Identify clear objectives based on the challenges identified to support the vision for human settlement development;
- Reflect strategic decisions taken in the MSDF regarding where spatial development interventions are to be targeted; and
- Identify land for different types of housing opportunities envisaged linked to the Municipality's strategic approach to infrastructure investment towards achieving fiscal sustainability.

The strategic spatial direction and challenges are drawn from the MSDF, and the strategic input on the Municipality's approach to fiscal sustainability and investment in the built environment is drawn from the Municipal IDP.

The Sustainable Human Settlements Plan (SHSP) is the anchor of creating sustainable resilient integrated settlements with the support of provincial arms of government. A good understanding of the requirements and standards for the creation of a resilient environment is necessary for effective planning and service delivery. The most significant of it all is demographic analysis and projections for forward planning. In the past emphasis, has been placed on housing delivery with little consideration of the social integration component of settlements. Amongst the mechanisms recently advocated for through the National Development Plan (NDP) is the creation of sustainable integrated human settlements with different income groups and social backgrounds.

The shifts and changes in human settlement thinking is not yet fully accepted as increasing pressure on municipalities to deliver housing opportunities with little funding and capacity available at their disposal. Regardless of these realities the



provision of human settlements is still a high priority for most municipalities. Diverse challenges do however exist regarding the capacity of bulk infrastructure services with specific reference to supply of basic services in form of water, electricity, sanitation and waste removal. These infrastructure backlogs which are also evident in George Municipality, thus influences the delivery of human settlements.

Over the past few years, the Municipality has enjoyed accelerated housing provision, but the recent bulk infrastructure challenges are creating pressure on the municipality to deliver.

The non-availability of homes for the group consisting of municipal workers, nurses, teachers, government officials, ordinary factory workers and policemen has highlighted the demand for affordable housing. Given the demand for low- and middle-income earners settlements, there is a serious need for a credible Human Settlement Plan. The plan will ensure medium to long term planning regarding the delivery of the appropriate infrastructure that will enable the municipality to address the backlog for low-cost housing and make land available for affordable housing market segment. A portion of affordable housing is also subsidised by the Department of Human Settlements depending on the income bracket. Within the context of using human settlement development as a catalyst for other municipal service delivery a credible human settlement plan will combat all the issues associated with the municipality to manage the housing situation.

In 2022 the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning commissioned a study on the housing market in George. This study is a critical informant to current and future strategies, plans and policies. It will also assist to drive the transformation agenda of the municipality. Some of the important points include:

- 41% of the 34 071 residential properties in the George city area are in the entry market or came about via subsidised government housing; 17% are in the affordable or conventional market.
- The remaining properties (42%) are valued over R900 000 and thus would require a monthly household income of approximately R22 200 to purchase with a mortgage.
- The study interrogated the spatial distribution of properties by value. It shows a city which is polarised, and which entrenches economic and social inequality.
- Most residential properties below R300 000 are government subsidised and these government subsidised properties over 8 years old serve as stock of low value/ entry level housing for low-income housing.
- In 2019 the average monthly household income in George was R20 650. A household with this income could qualify for a mortgage of R836 500. According to data, approximately 82% of households earn less than this average of R20 650: 42% of households in the George city area earn less than R3 500/month; 20% earn R3 5001-R8 000 per month; and 14.5% earn R8 001 – R16 000 per month.

In 2021 very few new houses were available priced between R300 000 and R900 000 built in the George city area: only 36 homes in 2021, of which 6 were part of government housing projects

The net result is that there is a dual delivery system of new residential properties— private developers build homes in estates selling for over R1.2 million, and new houses at the bottom end of the market, under R300 000, are fully- subsidised by government. Virtually no new homes are built in the price range in between; just 6% of new transactions in 2021 were valued between R300 000 and R1.2 million.

Moving forward policies and incentives will have to be developed to encourage private developers to start to supply freehold (affordable and conventional housing) stock priced between R300 000 and R900 000.

The principles of integrated and sustainable human settlements

- **Principle 1:** Land Infill
- **Principle 2:** Densification
- **Principle 3:** Development within the urban Edge
- **Principle 4:** Mixed Development
- **Principle 5:** Access to public transport
- **Principle 6:** Variety of public transport
- **Principle 7:** Variety of social amenities to choose from
- **Principle 8:** Access to economic opportunities
- **Principle 9:** Variety of Housing instruments relevant to clientele

The IHSP further addresses the following objectives:

- Spatial planning analysis;
- Topographical survey;
- Bulk infrastructure services assessment;
- Social amenities assessment; and
- Implementation readiness assessment

A Beneficiary Selection Policy was approved by Council which will assist the municipality in the regulation of the housing waiting list and the allocation of housing to beneficiaries in a transparent and comprehensive manner. This policy will also enable the municipal council to determine the demand for housing in both rural and urban areas and thus can proactively plan for its citizens. Apart from this long term strategic planning considerations, the municipality will also facilitate other stakeholders in their jurisdiction for transversal partnering for the creation of sustainable integrated human settlements.

#### **4.3.2 Status Quo**

The Municipality will consider extending the housing pipeline projects/programmes beyond 2024–2025 to match with the IDP cycle, which ends in 2026–2027, and will represent the housing pipeline and projects for the 2024–2025 municipal cycle.

Large in-migration into George resulting in a strain on infrastructure. Some backlogs in infrastructure upgrades and then additional capacity required to make provision for growth place a huge strain on financial and human resources.

Land invasions pose a threat to service delivery and lead to a delay in Human Settlement Development, especially on land earmarked for this purpose, ultimately derailing planning and development processes. After land invasions, demands are made for services such as water, sanitation and electricity most often which the municipality has not made provision for in their budgets, or in the housing pipeline linked to the SHSP, which after communicated to the land invaders, often leads to disruptive and damaging protests.

##### **4.3.2.1 Strategic Human Settlements Plan Implementation**

One of the focal points of the SHSP is to prioritise the identification, acquisition and assembly of well-located land in spatially targeted areas to achieve spatial restructuring, tenure security and expedite human settlement developments. There is a limited number of strategically located vacant land which is suitable for the development of human settlement projects within the George Municipality. Well-located land in the ownership of government entities such as Provincial or National Government has been identified, but lengthy and cumbersome acquisition processes pose a challenge. Project readiness presents an additional challenge as land is often not implementation ready and as a result, human settlement opportunities cannot be delivered in a timely manner.

The Human Settlements Department undertook an analysis of which projects can be feasibly implemented within the next 5 years and which can be implemented at a later date. Factors that were considered included: land use and environmental authorisation status, land acquisition requirements, availability of bulk services, availability of funding, and the need for technical studies. The feasibility of implementing these projects were weighted and prioritised in consideration of the proposals contained in the MSDF, its spatial location in relation to priority upgrade and intensification areas (well-located targeted areas) and potential yield.

It was also important to consider the strategic priorities of the Western Cape Department of Infrastructure (WCDol) when prioritizing the pipeline for future housing projects. In terms of the WCDol Strategic Plan (2020-2025), the Department will focus on increasing affordable housing, reprioritising the allocation of BNG housing to the most deserving beneficiaries (the elderly, people with disabilities, military veterans, people longest on the waiting list and backyard dwellers, as well as directing more resources to the upgrading of informal settlements and the provision of basic services to informal settlements.

The prioritisation of projects should be guided and informed by the urgency of the situation it seeks to address. Informal settlement upgrading projects should receive priority, with settlements which have emergency relocation circumstances (such as flood risk being top priority), followed by densification, infill, and greenfield development projects. It is important to ensure a balanced approach to project prioritisation to ensure that the Municipality continues to supply in the demand for human settlements and the required basic services in a proactive manner by implementing projects which addresses the accommodation needs of all residents, and not just those of informal settlements.

#### **4.3.1.1 Provision of basic services to informal settlements**

George Municipality is currently providing 919 chemical toilets in its informal settlement areas which is financially unsustainable- alternative technology. These toilets are rented from a service provider at an average cost R940 per toilet per month, including a monthly maintenance fee of R250. Thus, it cost the municipality in the region of 10,37 million per year to operate these toilets. The Human Settlements Department initiated a pilot project to replace the chemical toilets in 2022. The project comprises a total of 43 alternative technology toilets, provided at once-off installation cost of R18 730 per toilet. The Municipality will own the toilets, with the service provider charging a monthly maintenance fee of R125 per toilet. The pilot has proven to be successful and the Department is in the process of sourcing funding to roll-out this service (replace the chemical toilets) over a period of 3 years at a total cost of R17,4 Million. This will reduce the operational costs of these toilets to R1,44 million per year, excluding the maintenance and repair costs.

Funding was made available for the provision of Interim Basic Services for 13 new informal settlements which arose as a result of continued land invasion. Consultants have been appointed to compile a funding application to PDoHS.

The objective is to provide minimum access to basic services of one water-borne toilet for 5 households and one water point for 25 households.

The Sustainable Human Settlement Strategy was approved by Council after an extended public participation process.

#### 4.3.2 Social Housing

A feasibility study was concluded for development of social housing on the Remainder of Erf 464, George, better known as the Old Crocodile Farm. This is the first social housing project planned by the Municipality.

The planning permissions and environmental authorization for the project has been obtained and the Municipality has adopted Design Guidelines for Affordable and Social Housing, which will be applied to all development the satisfy the criteria of the guidelines.

A Incentive Policy for Affordable Housing has been adopted and the call for proposal to appointment a suitable development agency will be published once Council has granted the mandate.












**Figure 24:** Social Housing Project (Old Crocodile Farm)



Figure 25: Strategic Human Settlements Project rating/Funding type

Funding Type					Project Rating								
	Municipal Funding		Grant Funding		External Loan/ Funding		No funding required		Completed		In progress		Not completed / No budget available / District Function / Provincial Function

Table 28: Housing Pipeline projects indicated in the IDP 2022 to 2027

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: ITERGRATED HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PLAN I															
IDP Ref No	Key Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Initiative (measurable action)	Description of Unit of Measurement	5-year target 2022 -2027	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target	Funding Type	Progress Rating					
				2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	
TBC	Thembaletu Interim Basic Services	Provision of interim basic services to Thembaletu by 30 June	5900	N/A	N/A	1900	1000	700		-					
TBC	Crocodile Farm Social Housing	Appoint a service provider for crocodile Farm Social Housing by 30 June	500	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	350		-					
TBC	Erf 325 East (Phase A 359/179 of 2100) Military Vets & Disabilities	Number of housing opportunities provided on Erf 325 East (Phase A 359/179 of 2100) Military Vets & Disabilities	80	N/A	N/A	62	N/A	N/A		-					
TBC	Europe (505)	Number of housing opportunities provided on Europe (505)	505	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	505		-					
TBC	George Syferfontein/ Pacaltsdorp Erf 325 West (3500) IRDP / FLISP	Number of housing opportunities provided George Syferfontein/ Pacaltsdorp Erf 325 West (3500) IRDP / FLISP	3500	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3500		-					
TBC	Thembaletu UISP	Provision of serviced sites and top structures	860	N/A	N/A	114	246	500							

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: ITERGRATED HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PLAN I														
IDP Ref No	Key Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Initiative (measurable action)	Description of Unit of Measurement	5-year target 2022 -2027	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target	Funding Type	Progress Rating				
				2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
TBC	Metrogrounds IRDP	Provision of top structures	346	N/A	N/A	150	196	N/A						
TBC	Conville Erven 12629 to 12631 (Social / rental)	Appointment of a developer / SHI	60	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1						
TBC	Golden Harvest Erven 1695 and 7219 George (social housing)	Appointment of SHI / Developer	30	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1						
TBC	Thembaletu N2 Erf 1821	Appointment of service provider	240	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	N/A						











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**4.3.2.1 Integrated Human Settlements Plan Implementation**

**Figure 26: Integrated Human Settlements Project rating/Funding type**

Funding Type					Project Rating									
	Municipal Funding		Grant Funding		External Loan/ Funding		No funding required		Completed		In progress		Not completed / No budget available / District Function / Provincial Function	

**Table 29: Integrated Human Settlements Plan**

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: INTEGRATED HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PLAN I														
IDP Ref No	Key Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Initiative (measurable action)	Description of Unit of Measurement	5-year target 2022 -2027	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target	Funding Type	Progress Rating				
				2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
TBC	Thembaletu Interim Basic Services	Provision of interim basic services to Thembaletu by 30 June	5900	N/A	N/A	1900	1000	700		-				
TBC	Crocodile Farm Social Housing	Appoint a service provider for crocodile Farm Social Housing by 30 June	500	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	N/A		-				
TBC	Syferfontein East (Phase A 359/179 of 2100) Military Vets & Disabilities	Number of housing opportunities provided on Syferfontein East (Phase A 359/179 of 2100) Military Vets & Disabilities	80	N/A	N/A	82	N/A	N/A		-				
TBC	Europe (505)	Number of housing opportunities provided on Europe (505)	505	N/A	N/A	N/A	505	N/A		-				
TBC	George Syferfontein/ Pacaltsdorp Erf 325 West (3500) IRDP	Number of housing opportunities provided George Syferfontein/ Pacaltsdorp Erf 325 West (3500) IRDP	3500	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3500		-				

### 4.3.3 Electricity MV Network Master Plan

Approximately 100 % of formally surveyed erven in the George LM electricity licenced areas, have access to conventional AC electricity. It is currently unknown how many informal structures are “ready” for electrification, as many of the structures are illegal and erected in flood plains, on unstable slopes or on private land.

It remains the intention to provide conventional electricity to all structures on surveyed erven – something that has been successfully done up to now. Electrification is done by mainly by the INEP (National Electrification Program) as administered by the Department of Energy (DoE).

It is also the aim to provide lighting (conventional, spot and high mast lighting) to all residents of George Municipality. This aim becomes particularly challenging in areas where Eskom is the electricity licence holder and / or where the residents are very remote.

In order for all of the above to take place, load forecasting is done in line with the MSDP (Spatial Development Framework) and national standards (NRS). Load forecasting is an on-going process and where re-zoning and/or development takes place, the forecasted numbers are updated. These were some of the inputs to the updated Masterplan that was concluded in 2022 focus only on the High Voltage networks.

In 2022 the scope of this masterplan was limited to the Municipality’s 66kV network and includes a load forecast for the next 20 years. The scope was subsequently extended to the 11 kV network in 2 phases. We are currently busy with phase 2. Those masterplans will be phased in over multiple years.

Such forecasts are used to ensure that bulk electricity supplies are available. Where forecasts indicate the need to expand or upgrade bulk services (mainly the 66kV network and the capacity of Main Intake Substations), these need to be timed and done in time. A new Main Intake Substation (66/11 kV) is under construction in Thembalethu and should be commission early on 2024, but due to delays this is now for 2025. Funding such Bulk Supplies from the CRR (Capital Replacement Reserve) puts a huge burden on available funds. Alternative funding source, ideally grant funding, will be continually explored. Due to there being shacks under the 66kV overhead powerline that supplies the substation and the Municipality need to mitigate any risks before we can continue to energise the substation. This process is ongoing and should be completed early next year.

The upgrade of Glenwood substation which includes the installation of a third 20MVA transformers bay in order to make provision for expansion to the east of George, has already commenced. George Substation is also being upgraded to service the Industrial area. Furthermore, various developments are planned for Pacaltsdorp and the upgrading of Protea Substation is required to ensure sufficient capacity to the developments. This substation will be upgraded from 20MVA to 40MVA to accommodate the growth. The Herolds Bay Substation will be upgraded from 11kV to 66kV by the commissioning of the 10MVA transformer. This project is currently underway. . The Upgrading of the Proefplaas Substation is also underway with the addition of 10MVA transformer capacity. George Municipality is also in the process of designing a second 120MVA transformer bay for Schaapkop Substation. This is one of the main substations for George and the upgrade will ensure a firm supply.

The municipality has also started a pilot for electrification of informal settlements using renewable energy. The findings that come from this pilot will inform the long-term plan of this method of electrification.

The above inflation increases in Bulk Supply (Eskom) tariffs coupled with load shedding, has necessitated George LM to



explore alternative energy sources. The Municipality has completed various studies and information gathering exercises.

The municipality has developed and approved Renewable Energy and Associated policies:

- Renewable Energy Strategy
- Renewable Energy Policy
- SSEG Policy
- Wheeling Policy
- Generation Pricing Policy

Load shedding is a big challenge and costs the municipality approx. R250 million p.a. in lost revenue and additional expenditure on diesel, overtime and repairs as a result of vandalism. Financial sustainability is a huge concern as many customers move towards alternative energy.

The municipality will have to scale the ongoing undertaking of putting up solar PV plants in municipal office buildings and facilities such as the water and wastewater treatment works. These will have to be coupled with battery energy storage systems to take care of the intermittent challenge associated with renewable energy systems and ensure reliable supply of power for at least 4 hours of load shedding. . The construction of the BESS (Battery Energy Storage Systems) is currently underway and is expected to be completed early in the new calendar year.

The Municipality is exploring various options to mitigate the effects of load shedding, such as:

- Own generation;
- BESS installations;
- Investigations to start buying power from IPP's.

George has also reached a substantial milestone when we met with the Transactional advisors that was appointed for George Municipality by the Western Cape Government in order to pave the way for George to procure energy from Independent Power Producers (IPP's) towards the end of 2024

The scope of Phase 1 of the 11kV Masterplan was limited to the 11kV distribution network within George Municipality in the substation zones of Heatherpark, Protea and Tamsui substations. Other areas outside of these boundaries were excluded from the scope and was included in the scope of Phase 2 of this masterplan.

Figure 27: 11KV distribution network



The study focuses on thermal and voltage violations on the conductors but excludes condition assessment of the network assets. Within the study, an evaluation was also conducted to analyse the effects of incorporating renewable energy into the municipal electricity grid. However, the scope of the analysis was restricted to focusing on:

- Impact of Renewable Energy on electrical demand. This task assesses the effect of renewable energy production on the load demand.
- Impact of Renewable Energy on the electrical network. This is a steady state study task, thus only considering the voltage levels and thermal loading impact of renewable energy.

Two new substations are planned for operation in George Municipality namely, Thembaletu and Herold’s Baai substations. Additionally, Proefplaas switching station is also planned to be converted into a HV/MV substation by moving the 10MVA transformer situated at SS Protea which in turn will be replaced with the 20 MVA transformer from Glenwood. Geographical layout of the substations included in the study below.

Figure 28: New Substation



Load flow software was used to simulate the electricity networks and to determine the required upgrades as will be needed over the next 20 years. The report summarises these upgrades. Phase 2 of the Masterplan is currently in process and will be presented to Council in June 2025.

#### **4.3.3.1 Renewable Energy Strategy**

Considering various factors, the need for a strategy regarding Renewable Energy is of utmost importance. This has a significant influence on the sustainability of the

Municipality. No entity can afford not to be efficient.

The factors that influence the need for this strategy can be summarized as follows:

- Ever-increasing energy Costs;
- Scarcity of resources;
- Unemployment;
- The current economic climate;
- Global Warming
- Load shedding.

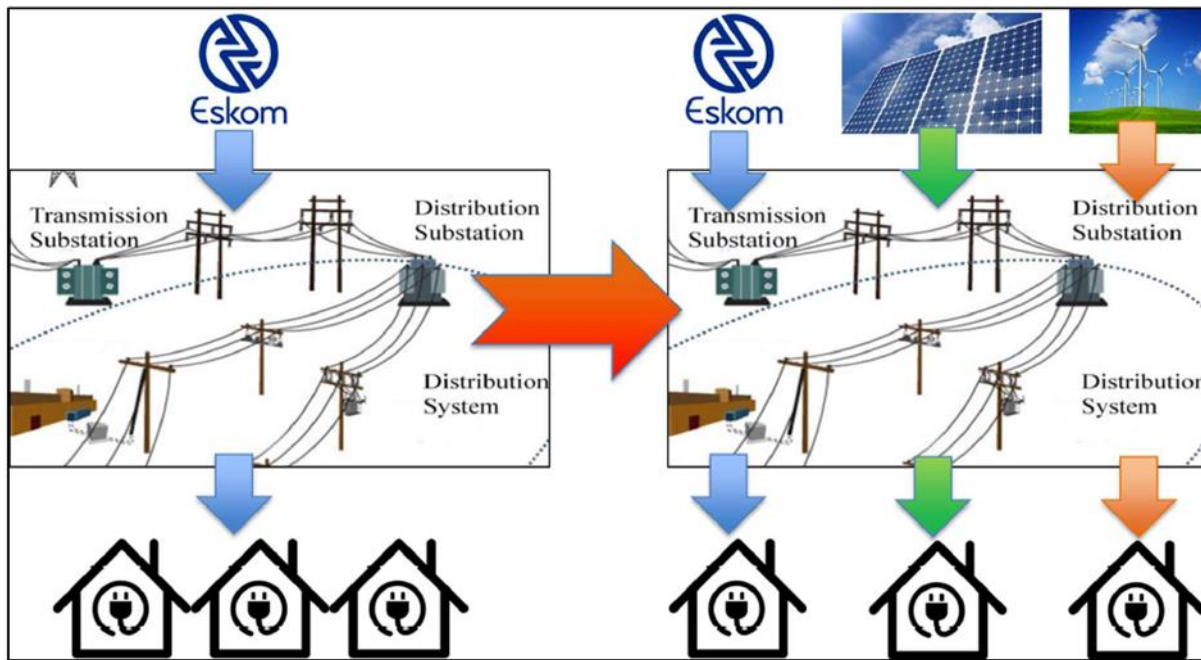
The Municipality need to look at alternatives and renewable energy sources as a solution to the energy problem. It is furthermore critical to maximize energy-efficient installations. These initiatives need to be rolled out in parallel to have an effective sustainable solution. This strategy summarizes, the problem statement for the Municipality, considers various options available in the market as well as identifies strategic objectives for the short, medium, and long term.

- Firstly, the Municipality cannot proceed to buy all of its energy from Eskom, which faces its own challenges.
- Secondly, the Municipality needs to counter the effects of ever-increasing tariffs to provide some relief to the communities in George.
- Thirdly, whilst the price of electricity keeps increasing, so does the unreliability of the network and load shedding. The Municipality needs to look at ways not to be as reliant on Eskom.

This may counter the death spiral caused by customers that are continuously grid defecting. The Eskom electricity prices are expected to continue increasing while the cost of wind, solar PV, and battery storage continue to decline. A study by the CSIR as well as proposals received from a recent RFP, confirms that renewable energy is a feasible alternative to energy requirements. The energy Strategy goes on to evaluate various energy sources and lists their advantages and disadvantages. The Municipality is furthermore governed by various regulations, relating to electricity distribution in South Africa. This is explained in this strategy.

The end game is to provide the customer with competitive alternatives. If there are no other options available in the market, own generation will be installed. This will lead to grid defection. From this it can be concluded that the energy space will be transformed in the coming years.

Figure 29: Energy distribution



Based on the strategy, the document includes the Municipalities way forward divided into a short- and medium-term strategy.

As Stated in the Renewable Energy Strategy, the end game is to provide the customer with competitive alternatives. George Municipality had changed the current tariff structure in order to be more cost reflective. The previous tariffs do not reflect the actual cost of supplying different consumers accurately and do not address the changing energy space. In view of this and as per the National Electricity Pricing Policy (EPP) and NERSA requirements a detailed cost of supply (COS) study was conducted and was approved by NERSA and Council.

One of the main reasons for the cost reflective tariff is therefore to open the energy market into a more competitive market where energy can be procured from various suppliers or generated by yourself, and the Municipality would still cover the basic cost to supply the power to the erf as needed.

A Cost reflective tariff was introduced consisting of:

- Fixed consumer costs (meter and service connection, meter reading and billing or vending for pre-payment, revenue management).
- Network (capacity / demand) costs. These costs include: The Eskom access charges and maximum demand charges as well as the George network costs including operational and maintenance costs.
- Energy costs. This is the actual energy consumed by the consumer in kWh.

#### 4.3.3.2 Wheeling

This is a new concept to electricity that has a lot of potential. This refers to energy that is being transferred from an independent generator to an end user or off-taker, via an established electricity network (may be Eskom and/or Municipal). This is primarily a financial transaction. In a wheeling transaction, the power purchase occurs between two (2) private parties in terms of a power purchase agreement (PPA). The ownership of the electrical energy does not transfer to the owner of the transmission or distribution system.

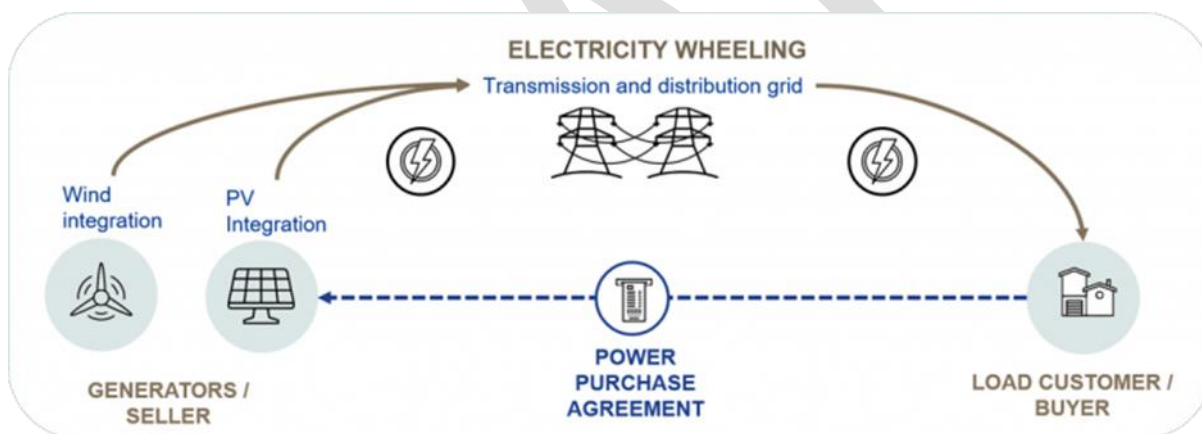
Wheeling can occur in one of the following configurations:

- Where a Generator is connected to the Municipality network without the involvement of a trader and supplies 1 off-taker on the Municipal grid.
- Where a Generator is connected to the Municipality network with the involvement of a trader allowing multiple off-takers on the Municipal grid.
- Where a Generator is connected to the Eskom network, without the involvement of a trader and supplies 1 off-taker on the Municipal grid.
- Where a Generator is connected to the Eskom network, with the involvement of a trader allowing multiple off-takers on the Municipal grid.

A simple example of wheeling could be an IPP solar farm based in the Northern Cape, selling its energy to a corporate company in Gauteng and the electricity is delivered using Eskom’s transmission network and the municipal distribution network.

Wheeling does not necessarily mean that the electrons entering the transmission network at point A will be used at point B – it’s rather the act of balancing the energy from the generator with the end user consumption within the time-of-use (TOU) period, thus wheeling is more of a financial transaction. The process is schematically shown below:

**Figure 30: Wheeling Distribution**



George Municipality has taken a huge step towards wheeling implementation with the Pilot project where the first wheeling transaction took place in May 2022, following the signing of the use-of-system agreements in July 2021. The wheeling pilot consists of trade between one generator and four off-takers.

**4.3.3.3 IPPs**

An IPP, Independent Power Producer is an entity, which is not a public electricity utility, but which owns and or operates facilities to generate electric power for sale to a utility, central government buyer and end users.

George Municipality is actively pursuing this option for diversifying energy Sources. This could therefore be any company with a generation plant that is willing to sell the energy to the Municipality or Eskom. It is crucial that the private sector plays a role in addressing the future electricity needs of the country.

The introduction of private sector generation has multiple benefits, such as:

- reduce the funding burden on Government;

- distributed generation; and
- Renewable technologies.

George Municipality is the licensed electricity distributor and was in the recent history supplied by Eskom. The Municipality therefore was mainly responsible for generation and is not geared to do generation on large scale without some changes to the structure or out-sourcing. It is therefore advisable to remain a distributor for the majority of the demand and keep the generation to a limit.

To this end, the option of maximizing the use of IPP's is the preferred option, since:

- All maintenance will be done by the IPP;
- All capital expenditure, will be for the IPP's account; and
- All approvals required as well as construction will be managed by the IPP.

The process to appoint an IPP, is however very complicated. The reason therefore is that in most cases, the IPP need to get a return on investment and in order to be competitive in the market, the contract that is needed between the IPP and the Municipality would exceed 3-5 years. This makes the signing of the contract by the Municipality a challenge in terms of the MFMA.

The Municipality's aim is to sign the first IPP before the end of 2026 or sooner.

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- Fixed consumer costs (meter and service connection, meter reading and billing or vending for pre-payment, revenue management).
- Network (capacity / demand) costs. These costs include: The Eskom access charges and maximum demand charges as well as the George network costs including operational and maintenance costs.
- Energy costs. This is the actual energy consumed by the consumer in kWh.

The 20A tariff was designed with a higher energy cost but with no basic and capacity charges. What is very important for this discussion is that the Municipality also need to be sustainable. It was recognised that if a customer installs PV at his house with a battery, minimal energy will be bought from the Municipality. The services and functions of the Municipality however remain the same as we still need to ensure that the service is available if needed.

It should be noted that the Cost of Supply study needs to be completed every 5 years. George Municipality is currently in the process of completing our latest Cost of Supply study, which will be presented to NERSA and Council early 2025.

One of the main reasons for the cost reflective tariff is therefore to open the energy market into a more competitive market where energy can be procured from various suppliers or generated by yourself and the Municipality would still cover the basic cost to supply the power to the erf as needed.

For any person to remain on 20A whilst obtaining energy from another energy source is not in line with the main goals of

the National Policy. This directly impacts the sustainability of the Municipality, and the customer is now receiving 2 parts of the tariff for free when only paying for the little energy needed.

#### 4.3.3.4 Informal Electrification Plan

Electricity is regarded as an essential service. There are various areas within the George Municipal area that does not have any electricity supplies. This results in the residents obtaining their own electricity connections by way of illegal connections on the Municipal network or a connection to an adjacent resident. This causes the following:

- Overloading of electricity networks;
- Unsafe installations;
- Damage to electricity infrastructure;
- Increased electricity losses.

George Municipality yearly allocate funding for the electrification of residential units to mitigate these risks. George Municipality has identified these areas and evaluated if these areas could receive electricity and if there is any restrictions or reasons why this is not possible.

The electrification of informal areas is done by overhead ABC networks, which require less capital and can be recovered once the areas are formalised in future. The estimated cost for electrification is R18,000.00 Excl. VAT depending on the “economy of scale” factor. The areas were identified by the housing department and the UISP Consultants for electrification.

Electrification of settlements should be considered taking the following into account:

- Property ownership:
- Provincial / National government property;
- Private property;
- Areas zoned for other land use purposes;
- Under electricity lines, which is a danger to the community;
- Areas in the Eskom area of supply – which will have to be done by Eskom.

The following is a summary of the areas identified, the quantity of residential units and the estimated budget requirement.

<b>Informal Settlement Name</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Estimated number of structures</b>	<b>Age of Settlement</b>	<b>No of existing installations</b>	<b>Required installations</b>	<b>Estimated cost to complete</b>
Dube (New area)	9	248	5 Years	40	208	R 3 536 000,00
Steybi-Steybi	9	228	18 Years Plus	40	188	R 3 196 000,00
Telkom	9	85	±11 Years	-	85	R 1 445 000,00
Mfuleni (New area)	11	160	±2.5 Years	-	160	R 2 720 000,00

Informal Settlement Name	Ward	Estimated number of structures	Age of Settlement	No of existing installations	Required installations	Estimated cost to complete
Mpoleni (New area)	11	90	±2.5 Years	-	90	R 1 530 000,00
Dameni (New area)	12	286	±5 Years	40	246	R 4 182 000,00
France (New area)	12	478	±4.5 Years	40	438	R 7 446 000,00
Mandela Village (New area)	12	1091	±4.5 Years	40	1051	R 17 867 000,00
New Valley (New area)	12	628	±2 Years	-	628	R 10 676 000,00
Bhekela (New area)	21	261	±3 Years	-	261	R 4 437 000,00
California (New area)	21	140	±1.5 Years	-	140	R 2 380 000,00
Genesis (New area)	21	249	±3 Years	-	249	R 4 233 000,00
Happy Valley (New area)	21	155	±1.5 Years	-	155	R 2 635 000,00
Red Cross (New area)	21	54	±2.5 Years	-	54	R 918 000,00
Robben Island (New area)	21	390	±2.5 Years	-	390	R 6 630 000,00
Moeggeploeg (Bluegum Erf 2732)	27	67	2 years	-	67	R 1 139 000,00
Katdoring	16	20	2 years	-	20	R 340 000,00
Crotonville	16	11	2 years	-	11	R 187 000,00
Haarlem	24	18	10 years	-	18	R 306 000,00
Mooivallei (Rosedale)	14	45	3 years	-	45	R 765 000,00
Skaapkopvallei	16	49	2 years	-	49	R 833 000,00

Council resolved that:

1. That the areas identified be prioritised or sequenced for electrification. This will enable the electrotechnical department to proceed to attend to the technical requirements and administration needed for this implementation based on an approved program.
2. That the areas for electrification be identified according to priority and available budget subject to no electrification be done on:
  - Provincial / National government property without prior approval;
  - Private property without prior approval;
  - Under 66kV electricity lines, which is a danger to the community. 11kV Lines could be relocated if required;
  - Areas in the Eskom area of supply – which will have to be done by Eskom.



- The electrification continues with the addressing of the oldest areas first.

A status update towards the end of 2024:

Due to various houses that was erected under the 66kV lines without permission that created an unsafe living situation for the community, the Thembaletu Substation could not yet be energised. The Municipality is please to indicate that an public awareness campaign have started as well as the construction of the risk mitigating “safety netting”. Once this is completed, the energising of the substation can commence.




















The informal electrification was effected by the delay in energising of the Thembaletu Substation, but as a result of the progress made, the electrification can now also commence.




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Figure 31: Electrical Master Plan Rating/Funding Type

Funding Type					Project Rating									
	Municipal Funding		Grant Funding		External Loan/ Funding		No funding required		Completed		In progress		Not completed / No budget available / District Function / Provincial Function	

Table 30: Electrical Master Plan Implementation

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: ELECTRICAL MASTER PLAN														
IDP Ref No	Key Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Initiative (measurable action)	Description of Unit of Measurement	5-year target 2022 -2027	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target	Funding Type	Progress Rating				
				2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
TBC	Conduct alternative energy feasibility study	Number of alternative energy feasibility studies conducted by 30 June	1	N/A	1	1	1	1						
TBC	Develop Energy Resilience Plan	Submit Energy Resilience Plan to Portfolio Committee by 30 June	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A		-				
TBC	Investigate Green Building improvements	Number of Green Building improvements investigations conducted by 30 June	5	1	1	1	1	1		-				
TBC	Own Power Generation	Number of Kilowatt own power generated by 30 June	30MWp	400 kWp	2MWp	10MWp	30MWp	N/A						
TBC	Facilitate Energy Wheeling Services to different stakeholders	Percentage of Energy Wheeling Services stakeholders assisted by 30 June	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%						
TBC	Procure power from Independent Power Producers (IPP)	Number of Kilowatts procured through IPP by 30 June	1	N/A	N/A	10MWp	20MWp	N/A						
TBC	Implement Informal settlement electrification	Percentage of informal electrification plans	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%						

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: ELECTRICAL MASTER PLAN														
IDP Ref No	Key Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Initiative (measurable action)	Description of Unit of Measurement	5-year target 2022 -2027	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target	Funding Type	Progress Rating				
				2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
	plan	implemented by 30 June												
TBC	Implement Solar Initiative in informal settlements	Number of Solar initiatives implemented in informal areas by 30 June	1	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A						

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#### 4.3.4 Air Quality Management Plan

The first version of an Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) was compiled for the George Municipality in 2012/13 as required by the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004 as amended (NEM: AQA). In 2019 the Council approved a second AQMP version. The George Municipality AQMP is aligned with the Garden Route District Municipality (GRDM) AQMP as well as the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA:P) 2016 version due to the requirements stipulated in NEM: AQA. The municipality is conducting a review of the current plan and a third version will be approved during the 2025 financial year for the next five years.

The Western Cape Government (WCG) AQMP was revised in 2016 and forms the backbone of the newly revised George AQMP and its goals will be used to strengthen the George Municipality's air quality management performance over the next five years.

The municipality designated an Air Quality officer (AQO) in terms of Section 14 of the Air Quality Act, 2004 as amended. An Air quality officer must perform the duties or exercise powers assigned to. The air quality officer is responsible to coordinate matters pertaining to air quality management in the Municipality, currently the municipality has three Environmental Health practitioners to render the function with the AQO. The Air Quality By-law for the George Municipality were promulgated in 2010 and was reviewed again in 2022. The By-law is available on the Municipality's website and copies are available from the Air Quality Officer.

Within the WCG context, GRDM issued 21% of the total number of Atmospheric Emissions Licenses (AELs) and 18% of industry registered on National Atmospheric Emissions Inventory System (NAEIS) within the WCG, second only to the City of Cape Town (CCT).

Industry in the George Municipality includes, but is not limited to:

- Agriculture
- Brick manufacturing
- Fisheries, rendering and related industry.
- Forestry and related timber industry
- Tourism

Within the Garden Route Districts context, the following apply to George:

- George is the most populous town in GRDM.
- Along with Mossel Bay, George has the highest number of industrial sources of air pollution in the region.

The following goals were recommended to the George Municipality to further improve the effectiveness of air quality management

- **Goal 1:** Ensure effective and consistent air quality management
- **Goal 2:** Ensure effective and consistent compliance monitoring and enforcement

- **Goal 3:** Continually engage with stakeholders to raise awareness with respect to Air Quality Management (AQM) and Climate Change Response (CCR)
- **Goal 4:** Support AQM and CCR programmes, including promoting and facilitating the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions (Compile a Climate Change Sector Plan)

**Figure 32: AQMP Rating Scale**

😊 Complete	😬 In Progress	😞 Not Complete
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**Table 31: AQMP items**

Objective	Activity	Rating
<b>Goal 1: Ensure effective and consistent air quality management</b>		
<b>Objective 1.1</b> Create awareness of AQMP implications	Present the AQMP to George Council for acceptance, approval and inclusion in IDP 6 months	😊
	Workshop the action plan with George municipal stakeholders, e.g. planning, traffic control, etc., to gain insight and buy-in	😊
<b>Objective 1.2</b> Promote cooperation amongst all spheres of Municipal government	WCG, GRDM together with all seven municipalities should initiate discussions with each other about sharing the responsibilities associated with air quality management. This is best achieved at municipal manager level so that the importance of air quality management and the cost implications are brought to the attention of the highest level of municipal management	😊
	Take notice of annual industry emission survey reports shared by GRDM	😊
	Participate in discussions and planning where problems exist	😊
	Cooperate with GRDM in all aspects relating to the identification and compliance monitoring of listed activities	😊
	Compile list of air quality monitoring equipment available at the George Municipality with the view of sharing equipment as and when necessary	😊
<b>Objective 1.3</b> Strengthen and build capacity in AQM, compliance and enforcement	Attend training on interpretation of air quality reports	😊
	Attend air quality management training with the view of becoming an inspector	😊
	Attend training sessions on air quality monitoring equipment	😊
	Maintain an emissions inventory and update on regular basis	😊
	Plan and procure a comprehensive dispersion model for use in the George Municipality	😞
<b>Objective 1.4</b> Develop institutional mechanisms to improve air quality and climate change response	AQO to present and host training to industry and business to introduce Electronic Information System platform and encourage participation by stakeholders	😞
	AQO to actively engage with stakeholders to ensure business owners and municipal stakeholders submit required information on Electronic Information System platform	😞
	Customise air quality by-laws in consultation with GRDM, e.g. including regular monitoring of small boiler emissions etc.	😊
<b>Objective 1.5</b> Develop, implement and maintain air quality management systems	Arrange a workshop with municipal stakeholders to discuss current poor air quality areas and develop strategies for information-sharing and inclusion in development and planning	😞
	Plan and execute short-term air quality monitoring projects, in consultation with GRDM, to verify the dispersion modelling results in potential problem areas	😞
	AQO must report back on short term air quality assessments and distribute findings through appropriate channels	😊

Objective	Activity	Rating
	Participate in development of pollution prevention plans, based on outcome of dispersion modelling and air quality monitoring programs as and when necessary	☹️
<b>Objective 1.6</b> Ensure adequate funding for the implementation of AQM by municipalities	AQO must plan and develop an air quality budget for submission to the George Council with the assistance of GRDM if needed	😊
	AQO must budget for the purchase of air quality monitoring equipment which could be shared between municipalities	😊
	Budget for calibration, maintenance and consumables of George owned monitoring equipment	😊
	Budget for dispersion modelling software and training	☹️
<b>Goal 2: Ensure effective and consistent compliance monitoring and enforcement</b>		
<b>Objective 2.1</b> Improve air quality compliance monitoring and enforcement	Develop customised air pollution control plans in conjunction with GRDM as and when required	😊
	Update and review emission inventory on Electronic Information System platform and highlight concerns for further investigation	😊
<b>Objective 2.2</b> Promote continuous improvement in respect of industry air quality compliance	Provide a reference framework to industry with approved emission survey methodology	☹️
	The AQO must undergo training to enable the incumbent to do random inspections at unlisted industries as and when required	😊
<b>Objective 2.3</b> Develop and implement air quality regulatory processes	Based on short term air quality assessments, amendments to the emission limits in some municipalities may be required. Liaise and coordinate amendments to municipal by-laws to bring revised limits into effect	☹️
	With the assistance of GRDM, incorporate emission limits for fuel burning appliances in the George Municipality's air pollution by- laws	☹️
	Develop a permitting system for fuel-burning appliances	😊
	Participate in the development of spot-fine system for vehicle emissions and implement system on completion	☹️
<b>Goal 3: Continually engage with stakeholders to raise awareness with respect to Air Quality Management (AQM) and Climate Change Response (CCR)</b>		
<b>Objective 3.1</b> Develop comprehensive education and communication mechanisms, strategies and programmes with respect to AQM and CCR	AQO must develop comprehensive database of interested and affected parties for distribution of information	☹️
	AQO must actively engage with stakeholders on regular basis, e.g. biannually	☹️
	Coordinate with DEFF and Working on Fire to educate the community on the health risk associated with burning of garden and other waste as well as wildfires	☹️
<b>Goal 4: Support Air Quality Management (AQM) and Climate Change Response (CCR) programmes, including promoting and facilitating the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions</b>		
<b>Objective 4.1</b> Reduce ozone depleting substances and greenhouse gas emissions, in line with National and International requirements	Identify the largest contributors to GHG emissions from the emissions inventory 6 months	☹️
	In collaboration with GRDM, initiate a project aimed at setting GHG emission limits on all unlicensed fuel-burning appliances to reduce such emissions in the George region	☹️
	If deemed necessary, revise municipal by- laws to allow the setting of GHG emission limits on fuel-burning appliances by municipalities	☹️
	Engage with the largest contributors to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through best practice frameworks	☹️
	Educate the community on greenhouse gas emissions from household	☹️

Objective	Activity	Rating
	fuel sources and poorly maintained vehicles	
	Develop a vehicle emission testing programme and a non-compliance system as service	⊖
	Partner with business and industry to roll out voluntary vehicle emission testing programmes	⊖

This Air Quality Management Plan promotes information sharing between various municipal departments whose activities impact directly on the community so that cognisance is taken of the impact of development decisions on the quality of air, specifically in residential areas. Funding of R150 000 was allocated for Air Quality purposes in the 2023/2024 financial year.

#### 4.3.5 Cemeteries

The Municipality has a total of eleven cemeteries and five are operational cemeteries, namely, York Street Cemetery, Thembalethu, Touwsrante, Uniondale and Haarlem Cemetery. There are also non-operational cemeteries, which are Uniondale, Rosemoor, Memorium, Thembalethu, Pacaltsdorp and Blanco. Shared services team maintains the cemeteries in Uniondale and Haarlem, and there is a team maintaining the cemeteries in George. The Municipality approved the by-laws for the cemeteries and crematoria in 2010. The Cemeteries and Crematoria By-law was reviewed in 2023.

Fencing of the cemeteries is one of the capital projects that have been prioritised for the dignity of the cemeteries and safeguarding the graves against vagrants and vandalism. The two Thembalethu cemeteries were fenced in 2022 in 2022/23. Memorium cemetery was also fenced in 2022/23. Blanco and Uniondale Cemetery were fenced in 2023/2024. Haarlem and Pacaltsdorp Cemetery planned to be fenced in 2024/25. Rosemoor cemetery and York cemetery will be fenced in 2025/2026.

The cemeteries have reached their capacity and George Municipality is currently investigating viable land for the expansion and additional land for cemeteries in George and Uniondale. Specialist studies are underway for both George and Uniondale to find suitable land for the establishment of new cemeteries. The development of cemeteries will include the construction of roads, ablution facilities, planting of trees and erecting chairs.

#### 4.3.6 Parks

George Municipality maintains the upkeep of playparks and open spaces. These are maintained on a regular basis (18 cutting cycles per year) by private contractors. Flowerbeds landscaping maintenance is an ongoing programme in the entry and main roads. There is new playpark and gym tri equipment that were phased in from 2023. Gym trim equipment was first installed as a pilot project in 2022, and the public has taken a liking to the gym trim equipment. In 2023/2024 more gym trim equipment and playpark equipment was rolled out. There are playpark and gym trim equipment to be installed in 2024/25 up to 2026/2027 as per the IDP ward priorities. There is Tree Management Policy that was approved in 2021. A masterplan needs to be developed for Tree Planting needs to be developed as a guideline for the prioritisation for planting and replacement of trees in road reserves and open spaces.

4.3.6.1 Air Quality Management Plan Implementation

Figure 33: Air Quality Management Plan rating/ Funding Type























Funding Type					Project Rating									
	Municipal Funding		Grant Funding		External Loan/ Funding		No funding required		Completed		In progress		Not completed / No budget available / District Function / Provincial Function	

Table 32: Air Quality Management Implementation Plan

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT														
IDP Ref No	Key Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Initiative (measurable action)	Description of Unit of Measurement	5-year target 2022 -2027	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target	Funding Type	Progress Rating				
				2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
TBC	Review the AQMP in conjunction with the Garden Route District Municipality (GRDM)	Number of AQMP reviewed in conjunction with the Garden Route District Municipality (GRDM) by 30 June	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A						
TBC	Review Air Quality Bylaw	Number of Air Quality Bylaws reviewed by 30 June	1	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A						
TBC	Procure calibration, maintenance and consumables of George owned monitoring equipment	Number of calibrations, maintenance and consumables of George owned monitoring equipment procured by 30 June	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A						
TBC	Update emission inventory	Number of Emission inventories updated by 31 March	1	1	1	1	1	1						
TBC	Develop a permitting system for fuel- burning appliances	Number of fuel burning appliances permitting systems developed by 30 June	1	1	1	1	1	1						



IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT

IDP Ref No	Key Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Initiative (measurable action)	Description of Unit of Measurement	5-year target 2022 -2027	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target	Funding Type	Progress Rating				
				2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
TBC	Conduct Passive air quality monitoring	Number of passive air quality monitoring conducted by 31 December	16	N/A	4	4	4	4						

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#### 4.3.7 Public Transport Plan

Transport plays an essential role in the Municipality of George by providing economic and social access to the community and facilitating commercial activities that are the lifeblood of the George economy. The transport network, which includes public transport, private cars, commercial vehicles, and active modes such as walking and cycling, is a primary spatial level for facilitating George's transformation from an agglomeration of separate urban areas into an integrated city underpinned by a thriving service economy.

Part B of the Constitution provides the Municipality with competence for public transport, which remains a priority objective given that a high-quality, affordable transportation system is key to overcoming spatial barriers and promoting inclusive accessibility, especially where it is challenging to redirect private investment patterns towards disadvantaged areas. It makes an important contribution to overcoming the marginalisation of the non-car owning population and ensuring participation in economic and social life in the community.

With this, the Municipality's immediate focus is to consolidate its key public transport responsibilities into a function that performs an integration role across the current municipal departments supporting public transport. The aim is to ensure that the Municipality delivers a sustainable and accessible integrated inter-modal public transport network, including pedestrians, cyclists and public transport services, enabling a transformed society through safe, reliable and affordable access to services and opportunities for work, learning and recreation. This focus is enabled by key functions, including: policy and strategy, planning, integrated public transport network oversight, regulation, liaison, and network operations.

The Municipality's vision for public transport is to provide safe, reliable, and accessible transportation options for the community through effective policy, planning, and management of transport operations and infrastructure in George. The following functional areas have been identified as part of realising this objective:

- **Integrated Planning:** Develop and implement policies, strategies and plans that support sustainable and equitable transportation options for all residents, visitors and tourists.
- **Contracted Services:** Implement and manage a reliable, safety, efficient and affordable scheduled public bus service that meets the needs of the community.
- **Network Operations:** Manage and optimize the use and development use of transport infrastructure to ensure safe and efficient public transport for all users, as well as the use of technology systems, development of travel demand measures and co-ordination with safety and security agencies
- **Regulation and Liaison:** Foster positive relationships with public transport stakeholders and the community to ensure effective communication and engagement on transportation issues and projects, as well as develop and implement the municipal operating license strategy as Planning Authority.

Public Transport remains a priority objective for the Municipality given that a high-quality, affordable transportation system is key to overcoming spatial barriers and promoting inclusive accessibility, especially where it is challenging to redirect private investment patterns towards disadvantaged areas. It makes an important contribution to overcoming the marginalisation of the non-car owning population and ensuring participation in economic and social life in the community.

The George Integrated Public Transport Network (GIPTN), which was formed through a partnership between the Municipality of George and the Western Cape Mobility Department (formerly known as the Department of Transport and Public Works),

has facilitated the implementation of the GO GEORGE bus service for the community of George. The first phase of the service was rolled out in December 2014, followed by two additional phases in February and May 2015. A subset of Phase 4 (Phase 4B) was successfully rolled out in March 2020, and first route under Phase 4A was successfully rolled-out in November 2023. Additional Phase 4A routes connecting Thembalethu to the rest of the GO GEORGE network are being implemented sequentially, with the latest roll-out becoming operational in October 2024. The delivery of the bus service is primarily funded through national and provincial grants, with fare revenue, interest on grants, and a rates contribution from the Municipality supporting the project's income source.

Integrated Public Transport Planning is a critical component of a comprehensive transport system in the Municipality. This includes inputs from land use and spatial development models that incorporate land value capture, transit-oriented development, urban renewal and densification, corridor development, economic opportunities, environmental and biodiversity sustainability, and activity nodes. The development of a transport model and register incorporating community mobility needs is also critical, including transport demand management strategy, public transport, scholar transport, staff and charter transport, freight management, modal integration, rural service, and non-contracted services.

Other components of integrated public transport planning and coordination include the development of a freight transport plan, transport, parking management plan, non-motorised transport plan, transport infrastructure plan, network operations management plan, integrated public transport plan, and transport funding plan. These plans cover a wide range of aspects of public transportation, such as freight routes, vehicle composition, hazardous material and management systems, parking guidelines, systems and facilities management, tariffs, surveillance, signage, pedestrian interventions, cyclist interventions, network design, operations plan, operating license plan, universal accessibility development, and funding sources.

Transport Network Operations covers the control and management of traffic signals, parking, congestion, road incidents, freeway management, wayfinding, transport technology solutions or ITS systems, road safety hotspots, safety initiatives, disaster management, events support, enforcement, by-laws, and parking enforcement related to Public Transport within the Municipality.

#### **4.3.7.1 Roll-Out of Phase 4A**

The roll-out of Phase 4A of the GO GEORGE Bus Service has been in the planning process for several years. The long-awaited expansion of the service to the community of Thembalethu is anticipated to provide additional capacity to the network and improve the revenue potential for the project.

Arrangements to roll out to Thembalethu by 30 March 2023 were hampered by unforeseen safety incidents, that required additional safety measures to be considered.

The Municipality, with support from the Provincial Government is undertaking additional efforts to further strengthen the security measures and ensure a safe environment for the operations of the service.

#### **4.3.7.2 Impact of Bus Service on Road Infrastructure**

The road infrastructure backlog remains an area of concern for the Municipality due to the limited (and declining) grant funding that is available for critical infrastructure projects.

Extensive engagements between the Municipality, Province and National Government are needed to determine the best approach to balance road rehabilitation and maintenance projects with funding allocation that will ensure the continued use

of road infrastructure by the GO GEORGE Bus Service

#### **4.3.7.3 Project Financial Sustainability**

The long-term financial sustainability of the project needs to be considered given that the PTNG funding has been sporadic, resulting in a larger operating deficit that is largely covered by the Provincial Government through annual allocations and adjustment funding.

Thus, the Municipality would require assistance from WCG to lobby the National Government to unlock additional and continued funding for the project.

#### **4.3.7.4 Institutional Arrangements**

With the project in its 8th year of 12 in terms of implementation, the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Municipality and Province is approaching its conclusion.

The Municipality would still value a continued partnership and continuing discussions related to the institutional arrangements with the Provincial Government for the project to ensure that GO GEORGE continues to benefit the people of George.

#### **4.3.8 Comprehensive Integrated Transport Plan**

Transport plays an essential role in the Municipality of George by providing economic and social access to the community and facilitating commercial activities that are the lifeblood of the George economy. The transport network, which includes public transport, private cars, commercial vehicles, and active modes such as walking and cycling, is a primary spatial level for facilitating George's transformation from an agglomeration of separate urban areas into an integrated city underpinned by a thriving service economy.

As provided for in Part B of the Constitution, the Municipality has competence for Municipal public transport, which remains a priority objective given that a high-quality, affordable transportation system is key to overcoming spatial barriers and promoting inclusive accessibility, especially where it is challenging to redirect private investment patterns towards disadvantaged areas. It makes an important contribution to overcoming the marginalisation of the non-car owning population and ensuring participation in economic and social life in the community.

With this, the Municipality's immediate focus is to consolidate its key public transport responsibilities into a function that performs an integration role across the current municipal departments supporting public transport. The aim is to ensure that the Municipality delivers a sustainable and accessible integrated inter-modal public transport network, including pedestrians, cyclists and public transport services, enabling a transformed society through safe, reliable and affordable access to services and opportunities for work, learning and recreation. This focus is enabled by key functions, including: policy and strategy, planning, integrated public transport network oversight, regulation, liaison, and network operations.

As a key priority is the George Integrated Public Transport Network (GIPTN), which was formed through a partnership between the Municipality of George and the Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works, and has facilitated the implementation of the GO GEORGE bus service for the community of George. The first phase of the service was rolled out in December 2014, followed by two additional phases in February and May 2015. A subset of Phase 4 (Phase 4B) was successfully rolled out in March 2020, and the first routes of Phase 4A were rolled out in November 2023. The delivery of this scheduled bus service is primarily funded through national and provincial grants, with fare revenue, interest on grants, and a rates

contribution from the Municipality supporting the project’s income source.

In addition to public transport, mobility in George comprises various modes, including private cars, commercial vehicles, air, rail and active transportation. The longer-term vision is to expand the public transport focus into a broader mobility function to ensure an integrated approach to planning and implementation of transportation services. The focus on mobility is intended to facilitate the development of solutions that enhance the ability of people to move freely regardless of the mode of transportation they use. The goal is to optimise individual and commercial travel by understanding the social, economic and environmental factors that influence travel behaviour.

The vision of the mobility function would ultimately be to provide safe, reliable, and accessible transportation options for the community through effective policy, planning, and management of transport operations and infrastructure in George.

The above objectives and actions are being captured in the Municipality’s updated Comprehensive Integrated Transport Plan (CITP)m which is currently being finalised in order to provide a strategic planning framework for the development of public transport and mobility solutions in George. As a legislative requirement, the CITP is intended to coordinate the comprehensive implementation of strategic objectives in accordance with the municipal functions stipulated through the National Land Transport Act. The updated CITP will include a renewed focus on accessibility, non-motorised transport and public transport and includes the development of a transport model, transport register and Operating License plan.

The updated CITP outcomes will be a foundational element in the development of policies and strategies to ensure the effective management and provision of transport services and infrastructure. The transport (mobility) policies would be intended to cover a wide range of areas, including institutional, enforcement, environmental, tourism, economic development, modal integration, and spatial planning.

A CITP including the development of a Transport Model (nearing completion in the first half of 2024) is under development. The transport model summary document is part of a suite of CITP documents which comprise of a CITP, Transport Register, Transport Model Strategy, and Operating License Plan.

The overall transport model has been developed on different levels of modeling (mesoscopic), focusing on the following two levels:

- Municipal wide strategic level model (covers George Municipal Area)
- Broad cordon area level model (focuses on the broader, built, area of George)

**Figure 34: Public Transport Plan Ratings**

😊 Complete	😬 In Progress	😞 Not Complete
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**Table 33: Public Transport Items**

Objective	Rating
<b>To co-ordinate and integrate all transport modes and services</b>	😬
To provide and maintain and operate efficient public transport infrastructure;	😬
To promote and integrate land use and public transport corridors;	😬
To ensure safety for all users of public transport	😬
To ensure continued short term and long terms planning of all public transport aspects;	😬
To ensure acquisition of funds and its effective expenditure on all transport expenditure	😬

To maximise empowerment opportunities for people using public transport;	☹️
To improve the general levels of service of public transport	☹️
To minimise adverse impacts on the environment	☹️
To promote and plan for the role of appropriate non-motorised forms of transport such as walking and cycling	☹️
To promote and plan for role of appropriate non-motorised forms of transport such as walking and cycling	☹️
To promote and plan for universal access in IPTN, including walking and cycling;	☹️
To promote travel demand management measures to encourage less car usage, to improve the environment and to improve road safety;	☹️
To promote walking, cycling and other non-motorised transport measures	☹️
To provide non-motorised transport facilities and include their requirements in traffic impact studies	☹️
To incorporate self-enforcing traffic calming measures in the design of new residential areas and to apply the traffic calming policy for existing areas.	☹️
















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**4.3.8.1 Public Transport Plan Implementation**

**Figure 35: Public Transport rating/Funding Type**

Funding Type					Project Rating									
	Municipal Funding		Grant Funding		External Loan/ Funding		No funding required		Completed		In progress		Not completed / No budget available / District Function / Provincial Function	

**Table 34: Public Transport Implementation Plan**

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: PUBLIC TRANSPORT														
IDP Ref No	Key Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Initiative (measurable action)	Description of Unit of Measurement	5-year target 2022 -2027	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target	Funding Type	Progress Rating				
				2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
TBC	Public Transport Bylaw Development and Implementation	Approval and implementation of the Public Transport Bylaw Improvement	100%	75%	100%	100%	100%	100%						
TBC	Implementation of Phase 4A of the George Integrated Public Transport Network	Roll-out of Phase 4A to the community of Thembaletu by 30 June	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%						
TBC	Implementation of the Traffic Signal Synchronisation programme	Percentage of the Traffic Signal Synchronisation programme capital budget spent	75%	-	25%	25%	25%	100%		-				
TBC	Facilitating mobility stakeholder engagements for mobility-related objectives	Percentage of planned number of engagements with all mobility stakeholders	90%		90%	90%	90%	90%		-				
TBC	Develop GIPTN Roads Rehabilitation	Ongoing improvement and upgrades of GIPTN infrastructure	50%	20%	30%	35%	40%	50%						
TBC	Comprehensive Integrated Transport Plan	Review, final public consultation process and	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%						

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: PUBLIC TRANSPORT														
IDP Ref No	Key Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Initiative (measurable action)	Description of Unit of Measurement	5-year target 2022 -2027	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target	Funding Type	Progress Rating				
				2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
	development and approval	obtain Council approval of 5-year plan and annual update												
TBC	Improvement of Public Transport facilities	Percent of facilities upgraded	100%	0%	20%	50%	75%	100%						



#### **4.3.9 Water Services Development Plan (WSDP)**

George Municipality is required in terms of Section 18 of the Water Services Act, 1997 (Act No.108 of 1997), as well as the “Regulations relating to compulsory national standards and measures to conserve water”, as issued in terms of sections 9(1) and 73(1)(j) of the Water Services Act, to report on the implementation of its WSDP during each financial year and to include a water services audit in such an annual report.

The WSDP Performance- and Water Services Audit is designed to monitor the compliance of George Municipality with these regulations. The Water Services Act allows the audit to be used as a tool to compare actual performance of George Municipality against the targets and indicators set in their WSDP. It also assists the communities within George Municipality’s Management Area and the DWS to assess how well the Municipality is performing relative to their stated intentions and their capacity. The WSDP Performance- and Water Services Audit Report can be seen as an annexure to the Municipality’s Annual Report. The Annual Report is compiled as required by the Local Government Municipal Systems Act, Act no 32 of 2000 (Section 46) and the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, Act no 56 of 2003 (Section 121).

George Municipality’s Vulnerability Index for 2023 was indicated as 0.26 “Moderate Vulnerability”. The only area of concern evident from the 2023 assessment was Financial Asset Management (Extreme Vulnerability).

The water and sanitation services of George Municipality is managed in a financially sustainable manner, with a surplus generated on the operation and maintenance budgets for water and sewerage services for the last thirteen financial years. The Operation and Maintenance budget allocated towards the refurbishment, replacement and maintenance of the existing water and sewerage infrastructure however needs to be increased. A budget of approximately 2% of the total asset value per annum should be allocated towards the replacement of the existing infrastructure. In the case of the operations and maintenance of the systems, a budget of approximately 1% to 2% of the value of the system is typically required to ensure that the systems remain in good condition.

George Municipality successfully completed various capital projects over the last financial year. The capital budget expenditure, for the 2023/2024 financial year, was R377.643 million (79% of the budget) for the water infrastructure projects and R121.591 million (64% of the budget) for the sewerage infrastructure projects.

The implementation of George Municipality’s Water Conservation and Water Demand Management (WC/WDM) Strategy assisted to reduce the overall water requirements of the towns significantly. The overall percentage of NRW was 32.13% (System Input – Revenue Water) and the percentage of water losses was 20.78% (System Input – Authorised Consumption) for the 2023/2024 financial year. The Municipality is also committed to reduce their current NRW and Water Losses to acceptable levels.

The Municipality continued with their WC/WDM measures to lower the current and future water requirements and actively plan for the augmentation of their existing water resources for the systems where the future water requirements will exceed the safe yields of the existing resources. The raising of the Garden Route dam spillway by 2.5 metres was started on the 13th of May 2019 and completed during December 2019. The total storage capacity of the Garden Route dam was increased by approximately 25% to 12.5 million m<sup>3</sup>. This project increased the safe yield of the George/Wilderness system. The Municipality is also busy with the planning for the rehabilitation of the Kaaimans raw water pump station and the refurbishment of the Outeniqua reclamation plant, which will further improve the assurance of supply. A groundwater

testing pilot project is also being implemented. George Municipality's Bulk Raw Water Resource Study was completed during June 2024, which investigated various augmentation schemes for the George, Wilderness, Uniondale and Haarlem systems. Comprehensive Operational and Compliance Water Quality and Final Effluent Monitoring Programmes are implemented by George Municipality. The industrial effluent of all industrial consumers are also monitored by George Municipality. The Municipality performed mostly "Excellent" with regard to their Water Quality Compliance for the last number of financial years, according to the SANS 241:2015 classification.

A comprehensive Performance Management System and Customer Services and Complaints system are in place. A Service Delivery Charter is also in place. George Municipality's WSDP was updated during the 2019/2020 financial year. The required Policies and Bylaws for water and sanitation provision are in place. The Municipality updated their Water Services By-laws during the 2022/2023 financial year. The updated Water Services By-laws went through a Public Participation Process, but still needs to be approved and promulgated.

The Water and Sewer Master Plans are regularly updated and used to guide all future water and sewerage infrastructure planning. WSDP Performance- and Water Services Audit Reports are compiled annually, as required by the Water Services Act, and approved with the Municipality's Annual Report. The Municipality compiled detail WTW and WWTW Process Audits for all their treatment plants during 2022/2023. The Water Safety Plans and Wastewater Risk Abatement Plans were also updated during the 2022/2023 financial year. The Water Safety Plans were again updated during the 2023/2024 financial year.

The Municipality has maintained a high and consistent level of service to its urban water consumers. After hours emergency requests are being dealt with by the control room on a twenty-four hour per day basis. Requests are furthermore captured on an electronic mail or works-order system to ensure the execution thereof.

George Municipality performed excellently with regard to DWS's 2023 Blue Drop Assessment, with an overall Blue Drop Score of 94.95%. The Blue Drop Risk Ratings for all four systems were in the low-risk category (<50%). The George System received Blue Drop status with a score of 95.15%. The Blue Drop scores were supported by an excellent site assessment score of 84% for the New George WTW.

George Municipality achieved a "Good" score of 82% for the 2023 No Drop Assessment and was acknowledged as one of the top performing WSAs in the country.

George Municipality is also performing well with regard to wastewater quality management, with an overall Green Drop Score of 74% for DWS's 2021 assessment. The Green Drop Scores for the six WWTWs and drainage systems were between 64% and 80%. The 2023 Green Drop Risk Ratings were also received in 2023. The overall Cumulative Risk Rating for George Municipality was 58.6% (Medium Risk). The Wastewater Risk Ratings were at low risk (<50%) for the Haarlem, Herolds Bay and Kleinkrantz WWTW and at medium risk for the Gwaing, Outeniqua and Uniondale WWTW (50% - <70%).

#### **4.3.10 Bulk Raw Water Resources Study**

George Local Municipality (LM) is responsible for the water supply to the town of George including Pacaltsdorp, Thembaletu, Herold's Bay, Wilderness, Kleinkrantz and Hoekwil as well as two outlying communities, namely, Uniondale and Haarlem among others, all located on the south coast of the country.

In order to address the growing raw water demands, the Municipality has initiated this Bulk Raw Water Resource Study (BRWRS) in 2022 with a view to investigate and identify the most suitable solution for the provision of bulk raw water to the

George LM. The broad aim is to secure raw water supply for a 50-year horizon.

#### Water Demand

##### Context

As per the the 2022-2027 Integrated Development Plan , the 2022 estimates were that the Municipality has a population of 224,015 residents in 57,793 households. The 2022 census data shows a considerably highly population figure closer to 300 000 and over 85,000 households. The international average gross water use is 173 liters per capita per day (lcd). The South African average is 237 lcd. At 173 lcd, George should have a total demand of less than 39 Mℓ/d, and at the national average of 237 lcd, it should have a total estimated demand of ±53 Mℓ/d. At the current AADD of 34 MℓD, the per capita consumption is thus well below the national average and within the national target.

##### George and Outling Areas

The current water demand in George is estimated at 34 Mℓ/d Average Annual Daily Demand (AADD) (12.4 Mm<sup>3</sup>/a), including ±33% distribution losses. This is approaching the available yield from the current supply system (16.7 Mm<sup>3</sup>/a), which includes the raising of the Garden Route Dam wall and the supporting Malgas and Kaaimans river pumping schemes. An analysis of the existing developed but unoccupied properties, and previous Spatial Development Frameworks (SDFs), with the assumption of a reduction in water losses to an aspirational 20%, indicates an additional 76 Mℓ/d AADD of supply may be required. At a historically matched growth rate of 2.7% - 3.0%, this can materialise in the next 40 to 50 years. The total estimated 45to 50 year horizon AADD for the entire George system (excluding Uniondale and Haarlem) is thus ± 110 Mℓ/d (40.2 Mm<sup>3</sup>/a).

##### Uniondale

The current AADD in Uniondale is ± 0.85 Mℓ/d. The known water consumption is ± 0.48 Mℓ/d, resulting in distribution losses of ± 44%. With the occupation of currently developed but vacant properties, the addition of anticipated future spatial developments, and a reduction in water loss to an aspirational 20% the total 45 to 50 year horizon AADD for the entire Uniondale system is estimated at 1.517 Mℓ/d.

##### Haarlem

The current AADD in Haarlem is ± 0.46 Mℓ/d. The known water consumption is ± 0.24 Mℓ/d, resulting in distribution losses of ± 48%. With the occupation of currently developed but vacant properties, the addition of anticipated future spatial developments, and the reduction in water loss to an aspirational 20% the total 45 to 50 year horizon AADD for the entire Haarlem system is estimated at 0.770 Mℓ/d.

##### Avontuur

The small community of Avontuur also falls within the study area, but they are self-sufficient in terms of water resources and thus not included in this study.

(Note: The theoretical unit water demands (AADDs) are inclusive of an aspirational 20% distribution loss, as agreed to for planning purposes by George LM Civil Engineering Services (CES) Directorate. In addition, treatment losses of 10% must be added for evaluation of water resource requirements.)

##### Other uses/users included in the study

Other water users that were included in the study, in the context of the regional hydrologic modelling done for this study,

are agriculture, environmental river releases, forestry and alien vegetation.

Existing bulk raw water sources

George system

Currently, the main surface water source for George is the Garden Route Dam (GRD), which is supplemented with river abstractions from the Kaaimans, Malgas and Touws Rivers. Alternative sources include the treated effluent plant located at the Outeniqua Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW) as well as a number of boreholes, both these sources however do not provide any raw water to the system currently.

There are three water treatment works in the system, namely: Old WTW's, New WTW and Ebb-and-Flow WTW in Wilderness.

The basic integration of the various raw water supply sources in George is as follows:

- The Garden Route dam, located on the Swart River, has a storage capacity of 12.5 million m<sup>3</sup>. Raw water from the dam is pumped to the balancing dams at the George New WTW at a maximum rate of 1000 L/s, however, the abstraction from the dam is limited to a licensed 16.4 Mm<sup>3</sup>/a (44.9 Mℓ/d), which includes the Kaaimans allocation described further below.
- The Kaaimans River pump station diverts flow from the Kaaimans river and transfers it into the Garden Route dam at a maximum rate of 230 L/s (20 Mℓ/d). The George LM currently has an abstraction license of 2.77 Mm<sup>3</sup>/a (7.6 Mℓ/d). The pump station is currently being refurbished.
- The Malgas River pump station abstracts flow from the Malgas River at a point just upstream of the Montagu Pass bridge and transfers it directly to the balancing dams at George New WTP at a rate of 230 L/s (20 Mℓ/d). The George LM currently has an abstraction license of 4.20 Mm<sup>3</sup>/a (11.5 Mℓ/d) in place.
- The 10 Mℓ/d Ultra Filtration effluent reuse scheme at the Outeniqua Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW) transfers treated effluent back to the Garden Route dam, as an indirect water re-use scheme. This plant requires upgrading and refurbishment and is currently not in operation.
- The Touw River abstraction provides water to Wilderness, Kleinkrantz, Hoekwil and Touwsrante via the Ebb and Flow WTW and is augmented by transfers from the Garden Route Dam as required.
- Groundwater has been used to a very limited extent by the George Municipality. Three boreholes drilled during the drought of 2009 / 10 were equipped and brought into production, with the idea of delivering their yields to the new WTW. Interference between the boreholes prevented the expected yields being realised and currently does not provide any raw water to the scheme.
- The Swart River Dam is a concrete arch dam with a net storage capacity of 0.73 million m<sup>3</sup>. The dam was in use until approximately 1995. Water was supplied by gravity to the old WTW via two pipelines, a 200/150 mm diameter cast iron pipe and a 300/225 mm diameter fibre cement pipe, both 5.4 km long. The dam is currently leaking significantly and is thus not being used due to its poor condition and the poor condition of the pipelines. This scheme is not considered further in this study.

## Uniondale and Haarlem

The Uniondale and Haarlem villages are supplied with bulk water from the broader Kammanassie and Kouga river systems respectively. The ephemeral nature of rainfall in these areas mean that water supplies are supported via bulk raw water storage in the form of the Uniondale Dam and the Haarlem Irrigation Dam.

The Uniondale water supply system relies on the Kammanassie weir and the Uniondale Balancing dam. Raw water gravitates from the inlet works at the Kammanassie Weir via a pipeline to the Uniondale Balancing Dam and WTW. Uniondale has an allocation of 0.57 Mm<sup>3</sup>/a from the Holdrif / Kammanassie River which is abstracted from the Kammanassie Weir. There is flexibility to accommodate additional water by making transfers from the Haarlem Dam when required to meet the water demands.

The Haarlem dam plays a crucial role in supplying water to the Haarlem community. The dam is owned and operated by the local irrigators who abstract water from the dam via a dedicated pipeline. A tee-off from this pipeline is used to supply the town of Haarlem's WTW at a limited rate of 10 L/s.

Additional bulk water resource schemes considered for this study.

The following augmentations of the bulk water resources for George LM were considered in this study:

- Dam on the Malgas River (Malgaskraal Dam)
- Dam on the Maalgate River
- Dam on the Kaaimans River
- Dam on an unnamed tributary of the Touw River (off-channel)
- Re-use of treated effluent (at Outeniqua WWTW with augmentation from Gwaing WWTW)
- Desalination at Kleinkrantz
- Desalination at Gwaing River mouth
- Groundwater scheme for George (Table Mountain Group Aquifer)
- Groundwater boreholes for Uniondale (Table Mountain Group Aquifer)
- Groundwater boreholes for Haarlem (Table Mountain Group Aquifer)
- Regional scheme with Mossel Bay (Wolwedans Dam)
- Regional scheme with Knysna
- Water Conservation & Water Demand Management (WCWDM has not been examined in any detail in this study as a new potential resource since it has already been effectively maximised by the George Local Municipality.)
- Clearing of alien vegetation (The impact of Invasive Alien Plants (IAPs) clearing on the system yield is marginal, due to recent veld fires, but is worth considering due to a low implementation cost and the consideration that letting alien vegetation unchecked will result in a negative incremental yield.)

The proposed sites and schemes were screened from an environmental perspective to provide confidence regarding the feasibility of the sites in terms of environmental risks and to inform future Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) or Basic Assessment (BAR) processes (if found to be applicable). The environmental screening was based on available desktop information and was not informed by site visits or any inputs from environmental specialists and detailed field studies. The desktop screening considered the following criteria:

- Protected/Conservation Areas
- Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA) and Ecological Support Areas (ESA)
- Aquatic features (watercourses and wetlands)
- Vegetation type according to the 2018 National Vegetation Map and ecosystem threat status
- Presence of settlements
- Heritage sensitivity (high level based on known information)
- Agriculture

Spatial screening was not considered a necessity in the context of this study for the desalination, ultra-filtration, groundwater sources or re-use options at waste-water treatment works, or pumping schemes already implemented.

#### Yield Analysis

Yield modelling was conducted to update and extend the available system analyses of the George, Uniondale, and Haarlem Water Supply Systems (WSSs). This is to reflect the current day situation and investigate future augmentation options to increase the system yield to meet future target water requirements within a 45 to 50-year planning horizon. System analyses were conducted by means of the Water Resources Yield Model (WRYM) developed for the George system and an in-house Excel-based water balance model for the smaller Uniondale and Haarlem systems.

#### **4.3.10.1 Water Master Plan**

##### **Background**

The Water Master Plan describes the study undertaken with respect to the updating of the master plan for the water distribution systems (bulk and reticulation) of the George Local Municipality (GLM).

The project entails the establishment of computer models for all the water networks in the municipal area (bulk and reticulation), the linking of these models to the stand/erf and water meter databases of the treasury's financial system, evaluation and master planning of the networks, and the posting of all information to the IMQS web viewer.

The existing models, master plan future models, and reports are continuously updated as part of a bureau service. The detailed reports that were completed in 2024 are available from the Civil Engineering Services Directorate.

The planning horizon of the water distribution system is aligned to the bulk raw water resource study, the associated water loss percentages and growth rates.

##### Water Treatment Works

The George system including Wilderness & surrounding areas, Pacaltsdorp, Thembalethu and Herold's Bay has three water

treatment works (WTW) serving two main zones, namely George main zone and Blanco main zone. The George main zone supplies 4 sub-zones namely Kraaibosch, Thembaletu, Pacaltsdorp, and Herold's Bay.

Part of Wilderness is supplied from the Kraaibosch sub-zone, and the rest from the Akela/Wilderness main zone which is fed by the Ebb-and-Flow WTW.

Uniondale, Haarlem and Avontuur are all supplied from their own WTW/filter via their own single main zone.

The current capacities of the various WTW's in the entire system are indicated below:

■ George Old WTW	:	18 Mℓ/d
■ George New WTW	:	20,00 Mℓ/d (being extended to 40MI/d)
■ Ebb-and-Flow WTW	:	1,700 Mℓ/d
■ Uniondale WTW	:	1,500 Mℓ/d
■ Haarlem WTW	:	1,000 Mℓ/d
■ Avontuur Filters	:	1,260 Mℓ/d
■ Total capacity	:	45,960ML/d

The main and sub-zones are also shown on Maps available at The Directorate: Civil Engineering Services.

The detailed analysis of the processes and hydraulic performances of the existing WTW's is not included in this study, however the future water demand as discussed in section 4.3.14 of this report will result in the proposed upgrades to the WTW's to provide adequate potable water to the system as follows:

■ George Old WTW	:	18 Mℓ/d (no change in capacity envisaged)
■ George New WTW	:	Upgrade from 20.0 to 115.0 Mℓ/d (4 phases)
■ Ebb-and-Flow WTW	:	1.7 Mℓ/d (no change in capacity envisaged)
■ Uniondale WTW	:	Upgrade from 1.5 to 2.3 Mℓ/d (1 phase)
■ Haarlem WTW	:	Upgrade from 1.0 to 1.2 Mℓ/d (1 phase)
■ Avontuur Filters	:	1.26 Mℓ/d (no change in capacity envisaged)
■ Total future capacity	:	141.96 Mℓ/d

#### Reservoirs, pump stations and pipelines

The entire George LM water system currently consists of 36 reservoirs (representing ± 50hours of the present AADD including ± 20% water losses), 3 water towers, 30 pump stations, 1 033km pressure pipelines (bulk and reticulation). These listed figures excludes reservoirs, towers and pump stations currently in construction.

#### 4.3.10.2 Water Treatment Works

The total WTW capacity of the systems in GLM treating, from own raw water resources, is roughly equal to 1.4 x the present annual average daily demand (AADD) of  $\pm 34$  Mℓ/d (incl.  $\pm 20\%$  UAW).

However, the analysis of the processes and hydraulic performances of the existing GLM WTP's is beyond the scope of the master plan, and the required future capacities of the WTP's resulting from this study are as follows:

- George Old WTP : Upgrade from 20.5 Mℓ/d (will remain)
- George New WTP : Upgrade from 20.0 to 112.0 Mℓ/d (4 phases)
- Ebb-and-Flow WTP : 1.7 Mℓ/d
- Uniondale WTP : Upgrade from 1.5 to 2.2 Mℓ/d (1 phase)
- Haarlem WTP : Upgrade from 1.0 to 1.1 Mℓ/d (1 phase)
- Avontuur Filters : 1.26 Mℓ/d
- Total future capacity : 143.26 Mℓ/d

#### Reservoirs (Tanks and Water Towers)

There are 36 reservoir/tank sites (55 reservoirs/tanks) in the GLM supply systems. The total storage capacity in the GLM reservoirs amounts to  $\pm 68.0$  Mℓ, which represents  $\pm 51$  h of the present estimated AADD (incl.  $\pm 20\%$  UAW).

The 3 water towers have a total capacity of  $\pm 1.5$  Mℓ.

The required works to reinforce the systems for existing and potential future deficiencies are shown on summarized below for the following distribution zones:

- Blanco main zone : 3 New reservoirs (additional capacity of 8.1 Mℓ)
- George main zone : 2 New reservoirs (additional capacity of 25.0 Mℓ)
- Herold's Bay sub-zone : 1 New reservoir (additional capacity of 1.3 Mℓ)
- Kraaibosch sub-zone : 2 new reservoirs (additional capacity of 8.0 Mℓ)
- Pacaltsdorp sub-zone : 3 New reservoirs (additional capacity of 31.5 Mℓ)
- Thembaletu sub-zone : 2 New reservoirs (additional capacity of 8.0 Mℓ)
- Akela and Wilderness main zone : 3 New reservoirs (additional capacity of 4.0 Mℓ)
- Uniondale main zone : 2 New reservoirs (additional capacity of 1.0 Mℓ)


















**4.3.10.3 Water Services Development Plan (WSDP) Implementation**

**Figure 36: Water Services Development Plan (WSDP) Implementation Rating/Funding Type**

Funding Type					Project Rating									
	Municipal Funding		Grant Funding		External Loan/ Funding		No funding required		Completed		In progress		Not completed / No budget available / District Function / Provincial Function	

**Table 35: Water Services Development Plan (WSDP) Implementation**

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: WATER SERVICES DEVELOPMENT PLAN (WSDP)														
IDP Ref No	Key Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Initiative (measurable action)	Description of Unit of Measurement	5-year target 2022 -2027	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target	Funding Type	Progress Rating				
				2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
TBC	Install new water connections within 20 working days of application received by the Department	Complete 90% of new water connections by 30 June	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%						
TBC	Install new sewerage connections within 10 working days of application received by Department	Complete 90% of new sewer connections by 30 June	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%						
TBC	Clear Sewerage blockages within 48 hours from reported	Complete 90% of sewage blockages reported by 30 June a	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%						
TBC	Obtain 95% water quality level as per SANS241 physical micro parameters by 30 June	Percentage of water quality compliance standards by 30 June annually	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%						
TBC	Obtain 90% compliance to general standards for wastewater effluent by 30 June	Percentage wastewater quality compliance standards by 30 June annually	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%						

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: WATER SERVICES DEVELOPMENT PLAN (WSDP)

IDP Ref No	Key Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Initiative (measurable action)	Description of Unit of Measurement	5-year target	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target	Funding Type	Progress Rating				
			2022 -2027	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
TBC	Ensure that SHE representatives of the sub-directorate submit monthly inspection reports w.r.t Health & Safety to the Deputy Director for sign-off on or before 13 <sup>th</sup> of each month	Completion of monthly inspection reports by 30 June annually	72	12	12	12	12	12						
TBC	Repair pipe burst within 48hours from when reported	Repair 95% of pipe burst reported within 48hours by 30 June annually	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%						
TBC	Replacement of analogue water meters with automated / smart water meters	Percentage of water meters replaced / total number of water meters	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%						
TBC	Limit water network losses to less than 25% by 30 June annually	Percentage water network losses by 30 June annually (Difference between water supplied and water billed)	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%						
TBC	Communicate 90% of planned interruptions in water supply to consumers at least 7 days prior to the interruption	Percentage Communication of planned interruptions in water supply to consumers at least 7 days prior to the interruption	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%						
TBC	Complete Bulk Raw Water Resource Study	Completion of Study by June 2025	100%	33%	83%	100%	N/A	N/A						
TBC	Water Infrastructure Audits	Percentage Completion of audits for all water infrastructure by June 2024	100%	75%	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A						
TBC	Completion of Sanitation Pump Station Audits	Percentage Completion of audit by June 2024	100%	75%	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A						
TBC	Social and Customer Service Requirements	Clear Sewerage blockages within 48 hours from	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%						

**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: WATER SERVICES DEVELOPMENT PLAN (WSDP)**

IDP Ref No	Key Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Initiative (measurable action)	Description of Unit of Measurement	5-year target 2022 -2027	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target	Funding Type	Progress Rating				
				2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
		reported												





















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4.3.10.4 Water Service Master Plan Implementation Rating




Figure 37: Water Services Master Plan Implementation Rating/Funding Type

Funding Type					Project Rating										
	Municipal Funding		Grant Funding		External Loan/ Funding		No funding required		Completed		In progress		Not completed / No budget available / District Function / Provincial Function		

Table 36: Water Services Master Plan Implementation

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: WATER SERVICES MASTER PLAN															
IDP Ref No	Key Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Initiative (measurable action)	Description of Unit of Measurement	5-year target 2022 -2027	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target	Funding Type	Progress Rating					
				2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	
TBC	Extension of Airport Pipeline	Percentage of budget spent at 30 June	100%	95%	95%	95%	95%	100%			-	-	-	-	
TBC	New Water Treatment works 20ML extension	Percentage of budget spent at 30 June	100%	95%	95%	100%	N/A	N/A							
TBC	Complete construction of Pacaltsdorp and Thembalethu Reservoirs, Towers and Pump stations	Percentage of budget spent at 30 June annually	100%	95%	95%	100%	N/A	N/A							
TBC	Complete construction of Uniondale 500kL reservoir	Percentage of budget spent at 30 June	100%	95%	95%	100%	N/A	N/A							
TBC	Rehabilitate and Upgrade Water Networks in terms of the approved capital budget	Percentage of budget spent at 30 June	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%							
TBC	Commission Kaaimans Raw Water Pump Station	Percentage of budget spent at 30 June	100%	95%	95%	100%	N/A	N/A							
TBC	Complete construction of 30ML raw water balancing dam	Percentage of budget spent at 30 June annually	100%	95%	95%	100%	N/A	N/A							

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: WATER SERVICES MASTER PLAN

IDP Ref No	Key Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Initiative (measurable action)	Description of Unit of Measurement	5-year target	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target	Funding Type	Progress Rating				
			2022 -2027	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
TBC	Spend 95% of Directorates Capital Budget by 30 June annually	Percentage of budget spent at 30 June	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%						

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#### 4.3.11 Sewerage Master Plan

##### Background

The Sewer Master Plan describes the study undertaken with respect to the updating of the master plan for the sewer distribution systems (bulk and reticulation) of the George Local Municipality (GLM).

The project entails the establishment of computer models for all the sanitation networks in the municipal area, the linking of these models to the stand and water meter databases of the treasury's financial system, evaluation and master planning of the networks, and the posting of all information to the IMQS viewer.

The existing models, master plan future models and reports are continuously updated as part of a bureau service. The following detailed reports that were completed in 2024 are available at the Civil Engineering Services Directorate.

##### Wastewater Treatment Works

The GLM sewer system can be divided into 8 main drainage areas. There are 5 WWTWs in the George system excluding the privately owned Oubaai WWTW and 1 each in Uniondale and Haarlem with the following capacities:

■ Gwaing WWTW	:	11.00 Mℓ/d (planning underway to upgrade to 22Mℓ/d)
■ Outeniqua WWTW	:	25.00 Mℓ/d
■ Herold's Bay WWTW	:	0.300 Mℓ/d (Maturation ponds, estimated)
■ Breakwater Bay WWTW	:	0.170 Mℓ/d
■ Kleinkrantz WWTW	:	2.500 Mℓ/d
■ Uniondale WWTW	:	0.800 Mℓ/d
■ Haarlem WWTW	:	0.156 Mℓ/d
■ Total capacity	:	39.926 Mℓ/d (excl. private capacity)

The present annual average daily demand (AADD) for the existing even in the GLM system that contributes to the domestic sewer flow is  $\pm 29$  Mℓ/d, which includes 10% unaccounted-for-water (UAW).

From this, the peak daily dry weather flow (PDDWF) for the George system is estimated at  $\pm 28.9$  Mℓ/d, (excl. WTP sludge flow) or roughly 89% of the AADD. The sewer flow is distributed as follows in the 8 main drainage areas:

■ Gwaing WWTW	:	10 Mℓ/d
■ Outeniqua WWTW	:	18.20 Mℓ/d (incl. WTP sludge flow = 1.26 Mℓ/d)
■ Herold's Bay WWTW	:	0.25 Mℓ/d
■ Breakwater Bay WWTW	:	0.08 Mℓ/d
■ Kleinkrantz WWTW	:	0.82 Mℓ/d
■ Uniondale WWTW	:	0.30 Mℓ/d
■ Haarlem WWTW	:	0.11 Mℓ/d
■ Oubaai WWTW	:	0.49 Mℓ/d (Private)

- Total PDDWF : 29.76 Mℓ/d (excl. private flow)

The detailed analysis of the processes and hydraulic performances of the existing WWTW's is not included in this study, however the future sewer flows linked to the potwble water demand will result in the proposed upgrades to the WWTW's to provide efficien caacity to treated wastewater as follows:

- Gwaing WWTW : 33.7 Mℓ/d
- Outeniqua WWTW : 41.7 Mℓ/d
- Herold's Bay WWTW : 0.8 Mℓ/d
- Breakwater Bay WWTW : 0.1 Mℓ/d
- Kleinkrantz WWTW : 2.37 Mℓ/d
- Uniondale WWTW : 1.09 Mℓ/d
- Haarlem WWTW : 0.65 Mℓ/d
- Oubaai WWTW : 0.51 Mℓ/d (Private)
- Total PDDWF : 80.41 Mℓ/d (excl. private flow)

Pumping Stations, rising mains and gravity pipelines

The entire George LM sewer system currently consists of 113 pump stations, 71km rising mains (pressure pipelines) and 857km gravity pipelines. These listed figures excludes pump stations, rising mains and gravity pipelines currently in construction.

The proposed infrastructure required to reinforce the systems for existing deficiencies and potential future demands are summarized below:

- Upgrade gravity sewers : 20.5km
- Upgrade existing pump stations : 38 (24 pump stations to be decommissioned)
- Upgrade existing rising mains : 13.5km
- Construct new gravity sewers : 149.3km
- Construct new pump stations : 37
- Construct new rising mains : 52.1km

#### **4.3.11.1 Municipal Strategic Self-Assessment (MuSSA) for Water Services**

Overseen by the DWS the MuSSA conveys an overall business health of municipal water business and serves as a key source of information around municipal performance. The MuSSA also identifies key municipal vulnerabilities that are strategically important to DWS, the Department of Cooperative Government (DCoG), National Treasury, the planning Commission/Office

of the Presidency, the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) and the municipalities themselves. The MuSSA team continues to engage (1) DWS directorates and their associated programmes (e.g. Water Services Development Plan, Water Services Regulation), and (2) other sector departments and their associated programmes (e.g. LGTAS, MISA) to minimize duplication and ensure alignment. Through the tracking of current and likely future performance, the key areas of vulnerability identified, allow municipalities to effectively plan and direct appropriate resources that will also enable DWS and the sector to provide more effective support.

George Municipality's Vulnerability Index for 2023 was indicated as 0.26 "Moderate Vulnerability". The only area of concern evident from the 2023 assessment was Financial Asset Management. The capital expenditure relative to the Capital and Operation Expenditure (Combined expenditure) is influenced by the high capital budget. The George Council is committed towards investing in Water and Sewer Services Infrastructure to cater for future development and growth requirements. The George Municipality also mainly rely on Grant Funding. George Municipality recently received a BFI Grant fund from the Department of Water and Sanitation for the upgrading of the new water treatment facility and three of our main sewer pump stations.

























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Figure 38: Sewerage Master Plan Rating/Funding Type

Funding Type					Project Rating										
	Municipal Funding		Grant Funding		External Loan/ Funding		No funding required		Completed		In progress		Not completed / No budget available / District Function / Provincial Function		

Table 37: Sewerage Master Plan Implementation

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: SEWERAGE MASTER PLAN															
IDP Ref No	Key Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Initiative (measurable action)	Description of Unit of Measurement	5-year target	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target	Funding Type	Progress Rating					
			2022 -2027	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	
TBC	Upgrade Thembalethu Pump Station no. 6	Percentage of budget spent at 30 June	100%	95%	95%	95%	100%	N/A							
TBC	Complete construction of Outeniqua WWTW by 30 June 2023	Percentage of budget spent at 30 June	100%	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A							
TBC	Gwaing WWTW 10ML capacity upgrade	Percentage of budget spent at 30 June	100%	95%	95%	95%	95%	100%							
TBC	Rehabilitation and upgrade the sewage network in terms of the approved capital budget	Percentage of budget spent at 30 June	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%							
TBC	Elimination of septic tanks in Uniondale and Haarlem	Percentage of budget spent at 30 June	100%	95%	95%	95%	95%	100%							
TBC	Wilderness / Kleinkrantz main Sewer line upgrade	Percentage of budget spent at 30 June	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%							
TBC	Upgrade Meul, Eden and Schaapkop Pump Stations	Percentage of budget spent at 30 June	100%	95%	95%	100%	N/A	N/A							
TBC	Commission Kleinkrantz Dewatering Facility	Percentage of budget spent at 30 June	95%	95%	95%	95%	N/A	N/A							

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: SEWERAGE MASTER PLAN

IDP Ref No	Key Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Initiative (measurable action)	Description of Unit of Measurement	5-year target	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target	Funding Type	Progress Rating				
			2022 -2027	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
TBC	Spend 95% of Directorates Capital Budget	Percentage of budget spent at 30 June	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%						

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#### **4.3.12 Roads Master Plan**

The Roads Master Plan for George was developed in 2005 for a period of 15 years to address short- and medium-term needs to be implemented through 9 phases driven by budgets and development.

The updating of the roads master plan for the George Municipality commenced at the end of 2023 and will be developed for a short-, medium-, and long-term horizon considering the municipal road network, strategic road links, assess environmental and social impacts for identified links and incorporating all transportation modes including non-motorised transport. The plan follows the development of the Comprehensive Integrated Transport Plan (CITP) to inform on the prioritization of important road linkages, considers road classification and re-classification, strategic environmental and social assessments of proposed roads, spatial planning consideration and focus area determination, scheduling of future road infrastructure, and cost estimates.

The first order municipal stakeholder workshops will be held at the end of 2024 and early 2025 to discuss strategic road linkages in developing the roads master plan over the next 2 years, with a planned completion date towards the end of 2025.

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Figure 39: Roads Master Plan Rating/Funding Type






















Funding Type					Project Rating									
	Municipal Funding		Grant Funding		External Loan/ Funding		No funding required		Completed		In progress		Not completed / No budget available / District Function / Provincial Function	

Table 38: Roads Pavement Management Plan Implementation

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: ROAD MASTER PLAN															
IDP Ref No	Key Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Initiative (measurable action)	Description of Unit of Measurement	5-year target 2022 -2027	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target	Funding Type	Progress Rating					
				2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	
TBC	Rand street extension design development	Percentage of budget spent at 30 June	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	N/A							
TBC	Upgrade Rooidraai streets and stormwater in terms of approved capital budget	Percentage of budget spent at 30 June	95%	95%	95%	95%	N/A	N/A							
TBC	Upgrade Ngcakani streets and stormwater in terms of approved capital budget	Percentage of budget spent at 30 June	95%	95%	95%	95%	N/A	N/A							
TBC	Upgrade streets and stormwater in terms of approved capital budget	Percentage of budget spent at 30 June	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%							
TBC	Upgrade streets and stormwater in terms of approved capital budget	Percentage of budget spent by 30 June	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%							

#### 4.3.13 Roads Pavement Management Plan

The road asset management guides the development of the road network maintenance strategies within the background of a technically sound prioritisation approach. The road asset management provides a framework within which the road network maintenance planning may be carried out. Road asset management is essentially a road network planning tool which offers a prospect of significantly improving road networks by development of decision-making tools to assist roads agencies and local municipalities. Key areas include assessment of the effects of constant road use on the road network in terms of road condition both from the technical and from the road user's perspective. The plan provides a systematic approach to the management of transportation networks, including new networks. The plan includes gravel, flexible and rigid paving throughout the municipal roads network and provides recommendations. Prioritisation of the 5-year budget is compiled from the plan and includes road resealing, rebuilding, surfacing of existing gravel roads etc.

The George municipality Roads Pavement Management Systems was completed in February 2020 and will be tabled at the next Section 80 Committee for final approval and before approval of the 2020/21 IDP and budget.

This condition assessment report will serve at the Civil Engineering Services Section 80 Committee in April 2020 for approval. It is done at network level, flagging the most urgent surface and rehabilitation priorities on the routes. The information is intended to support further project level assignments that will include more detailed investigations to come up with pavement rehabilitation and surfacing designs. The data also assist to focus further testing requirements, which would be costly if done at a network level.

The project brief accepted the following for the pavement assessments:

- Visually inspect the pavements within the George Local Municipality in a phased manner Starting with the Go George Bus routes and ending with the peri-urban towns.
- Assess the condition of the mostly lower order residential streets.
- Report on the above to inform project level planning of rehabilitation strategies and actions.
- Table: Road length by road surface type in the George LM (Excl. bus routes)

The present status of the road inventory is shown in the table below. It shows the length of the various roads by surface type. This is a common way of representing the roads inventory as the maintenance actions are also grouped per road surface type

**Table 39: Roads by surface type**

Town	Road Type					Grand Total
	Paved-Flexible	Paved Block	Paved Concrete	Gravel	Earth	
George	223.4	21.8	3.3	3.0	0.0	251.5
Haarlem	0.3	3.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	20.1
Herolds Bay	5.1	1.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	7.0
Kleinkrans	7.3	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	8.6
Pacaltsdorp	27.6	20.5	0.0	3.7	0.0	51.8
Thembaletu	13.7	21.0	0.4	31.3	0.0	66.3
Touwsrante	4.5	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.9
Uniondale	5.8	3.2	0.0	12.3	0.0	21.4
Wilderness	16.9	7.6	0.2	23.6	0.0	48.3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>304.6</b>	<b>80.0</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>91.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>480.8</b>

**Table 40: Overall Road Replacement cost and % remaining life**

Town	Sum of Area	Sum of CRC	Sum of DRC	Ratio DRC/CRC
George	5 271 869	R 931 765 102	R 600 961 303	64%
Haarlem	275 173	R 64 347 277	R 31 160 401	48%
Herolds Bay	235 064	R 43 180 940	R 25 709 199	60%
Kleinkrans	223 755	R40 350 079	R 21 207 443	53%
Pacaltsdorp	1 337 597	R 251 912 566	R 165 759 828	66%
Thembalethu	1 174 057	R 242 071 400	R 138 674 121	57%
Touwsrante	187 921	R 34 165 316	R 22 471 163	66%
Uniondale	415 588	R 85 886 536	R 43 207 666	50%
Wilderness	1 059 660	R 214 21 079	R 115 530 024	54%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>10 180 684</b>	<b>R 1 908 000 298</b>	<b>R 1 164 681 147</b>	<b>61%</b>

The total asset replacement cost of roads in the George is some R 1.908 billion. At an industry recognised asset maintenance tempo of 2.5% per year the road maintenance budgets should be of the order of R47.7 million per year. The total operational budget for street and stormwater combined was approximately R100.3 million and well above the recommended 2.5%. The detailed report is available from the Civil Engineering Services directorate.

#### 4.3.14 Stormwater Master Plan

##### Objectives

The purpose of the stormwater master plans is to address stormwater issues whilst considering the impact of both the public and natural environment. Operational and hydraulic deficiencies are to be identified and remedied where possible.

The objectives of the master plans are to:

Evaluate the effectiveness of existing stormwater infrastructure located within the focus areas under both minor (1:5 year) and major (1: 50 year) rainfall events

Liaise with relevant municipal officials and local residents as to historical events and maintenance issues.

Incorporate documentation and available data

Identify tributary drainage areas and discharge routes

Performing a desktop study on factors impacting catchment characteristics (land use, infiltration & future developments)

Develop a hydrologic model incorporating the conceptual design of infrastructure upgrades

Perform floodline analysis where development border water courses

##### Status Quo

This stormwater masterplan for various areas within the George Local Municipality was developed in 2011 and 2018. The master plans developed did not include Herolds Bay, Thembalethu zones 3 to 8, Uniondale, Haarlem, Wilderness, and Kleinkrantz. Masterplans have been developed during 2022 and 2024 for portions of Herold's Bay as well as for Thembalethu zones 3 to 8, Uniondale, Haarlem, Wilderness, and Kleinkrantz

The development of the master plans addresses the following topics:

#### Catchment and sub-catchment determination

- Stormwater system analyses per catchment and sub-catchment (i.e. modeling)
- Existing Stormwater management system information capturing
- Noting problematic areas
- Preliminary concept of new stormwater infrastructure required and the associated cost
- Preliminary concept of upgrades to the existing stormwater system and associated cost

#### Methodology and Planning Philosophy

The methodology and the study were executed (i.e. the methods employed) and what the various investigations and analyses yielded (i.e. the findings). The conclusions reached from the various investigations are presented as the Stormwater Master Plan.

In general, the philosophy seek to provide an optimal design which maintains a balance between the cost of infrastructure and the cost of potential damage. In some cases, localized incidences of the past or on-site conditions may require a deviation to the norm such as enlarged or mitigating structures.

It should be noted that the methodology for each area has a site-specific strategy that is developed to perform modelling on each catchment and sub-catchment.

#### Master plan outcome


















In general, the plan includes upgrades necessary to address stormwater issues related to the upgrade of current infrastructure, implementation of new infrastructure to address upgrades generally in the system or for future development, upgrading for the protection of property and human life, registration of servitudes and problematic areas noted during investigations.

In addition, the master plan for each area and its associated catchments and sub-catchments includes the cost estimate for all upgrades proposed in the master plan to inform planning and capital budget requirements. The principles behind the cost is identified as either high or low priority, higher priority being to address operational issues typically where flooding of properties or damage to infrastructure may occur and low priority items which in most cases would be located upstream of high priority areas.

Figure 40: Stormwater Master Plan Rating

Funding Type					Project Rating									
	Municipal Funding		Grant Funding		External Loan/ Funding		No funding required		Completed		In progress		Not completed / No budget available / District Function / Provincial Function	

Table 41: Stormwater Master Plan Implementation

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: STORMWATER MASTER PLAN															
IDP Ref No	Key Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Initiative (measurable action)	Description of Unit of Measurement	5-year target 2022 -2027	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target	Funding Type	Progress Rating					
				2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	
TBC	Completion of Stormwater Masterplan development	Completion and adoption of remaining stormwater Masterplans	100%	13%	50%	100%	N/A	N/A							
TBC	Upgrade streets and stormwater in terms of approved capital budget	Percentage of budget spent at 30 June annually	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%							
TBC	Upgrade George South Stormwater	Percentage of budget spent at 30 June annually	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%							
TBC	Delville Park stormwater system upgrade in terms of masterplan	Percentage of budget spent at 30 June	100%	95%	95%	100%	N/A	N/A							
TBC	Endeavour to improve operations of the stormwater system to an extent that damage to critical infrastructure and private properties be prevented or limited altogether	Percentage of budget spent at 30 June annually	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%		  					



#### **4.3.15 Environmental Management and Conservation**

##### **4.3.15.1 Environmental Situational Analysis**

The George Municipal area covers an area of approximately 5191 km<sup>2</sup> and spans the Southern Cape and Little Karoo regions of the Western Cape Province. The Outeniqua Mountains is an important geographical feature and is a natural barrier that creates distinct climate zones within the municipality which is relevant to climate change impacts. The southern region of the mountain range receives year-round rainfall, resulting in a Mediterranean climate with lush vegetation and rich biodiversity. In contrast, the northern regions experience a semi-arid climate, with higher temperatures and lower rainfall due to the rain shadow effect caused by the mountains.



**Figure 41:** *Satellite image of George Municipal Area*

##### **4.3.15.2 Outeniqua Strategic Water Source Area**

The George Municipal area has many natural assets that are of regional, national and international importance. The Outeniqua Mountains is a natural ‘water tower’ that stores and releases water to downstream areas to sustain environmental and human water demands. The Outeniqua mountain range and its catchments is a water source for agricultural domestic, and industrial activities in the municipality but is also of national importance as a strategic water source area for the country.

##### **4.3.15.3 Garden Route National Park**

The Garden Route National Park (GRNP) is a cornerstone of the natural landscape in the George Municipal area. The park includes ecosystems such as Afrotemperate forests, fynbos-dominated landscapes, estuaries, and coastal zones. The Park contributes to biodiversity conservation as part of the Cape Floristic Region (CFR), a UNESCO World Heritage Site and global biodiversity hotspot. The ecosystems in the GRNP contribute to ecosystem stability through their roles in soil stabilization, nutrient cycling and pollination. The GRNP also contributes to regional hydrology by regulating water flow and quality in catchment areas of the Outeniqua Strategic Water Source Area. The wetlands and forested catchments mitigate the impacts of extreme hydrological events such as floods and droughts, while simultaneously ensuring water provision for downstream urban

and agricultural communities. The GRNP's extensive indigenous forests are significant carbon sinks, contributing to climate regulation by sequestering atmospheric carbon dioxide. The Wilderness Lakes which falls within the GRNP, was designated on 28 June 1991 as a Ramsar Site (site no 524). A Ramsar site is a wetland that has been designated as internationally important under the Ramsar Convention. The Wilderness Lakes area covers 1,300 ha and includes the estuarine lakes of Rondevlei, Langvlei and Eilandvlei, and the Serpentine channel as well as a dune system with associated thickets, woodlands, marshes, and reedbeds. Important locally migrant resident birds as well as staging and breeding birds use the site, which supports at least 285 native plant species, 32 fish species (several of which use the site as a nursery area), and a diverse array of marine and estuarine invertebrate fauna.

#### **4.3.15.4 Cape Floristic Region**

The majority of the George Municipal area is located in the Cape Floral Region, which is recognised as one of the most special places for plants in the world in terms of diversity, density and number of endemic species. The CFR is a highly distinctive phytogeographic unit which is regarded as one of the six Floral Kingdoms of the world and is by far the smallest and relatively the most diverse. The Cape Floral Region is one of the richest areas for plants when compared to any similar sized area in the world. It represents less than 0.5% of the area of Africa but is home to nearly 20% of the continent's flora.

#### **4.3.15.5 Garden Route Biosphere Reserve**

The Garden Route Biosphere Reserve (GRBR) is located along South Africa's southern coastline, spanning parts of the Western and Eastern Cape provinces. It includes areas around George, with the town itself lying near the heart of the biosphere reserve. George is surrounded by key features of the GRBR, such as the Outeniqua Mountains, indigenous forests, and the Garden Route National Park, making it an integral part of this globally significant region.

The GRBR was officially designated by UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, in 2017. UNESCO is an international body that promotes peace and sustainable development by fostering global collaboration in education, science, culture, and environmental conservation. Biosphere reserves are areas recognized by UNESCO for their ecological value and are managed to balance conservation, development, and education.

The GRBR aims to protect the region's rich biodiversity, promote sustainable land use, and foster climate resilience. Its zones include protected core areas, buffer zones for low-impact activities, and transition zones where communities engage in eco-friendly practices. This balance ensures the long-term preservation of the natural and cultural heritage that makes the Garden Route unique.

#### **4.3.15.6 Coastal Environment**

The municipality's coastline is characterised by steep cliffs, rocky shores, sandy beaches, and dunes that provide habitat for marine species and protection against coastal erosion. The rocky outcrops between Herolds Bay and Victoria Bay belong to the Table Mountain Group, which originated from the late Proterozoic to early Paleozoic periods (around 500 million years ago). The region's tectonic history has contributed to the uplift of these rock layers, which have since been shaped by erosion, wave action, and coastal processes.

In contrast, the coastline between Wilderness and Sedgefield is characterized by a low-relief wave-cut platform, formed during the Pleistocene high sea stand approximately 125,000 years ago. This area is now characterized by Quaternary sand and dune systems. Quaternary sand and dune systems are inherently unstable over short timescales due to ongoing wind action and occasional storm events. Wind continuously shapes and reshapes dunes, redistributing sand within the system. These systems are sensitive to climate variations. Changes in precipitation patterns and wind strength can significantly impact dune stability.

Dunes can expand during periods of increased sand supply and stabilizing vegetation or erode during drier, windy periods.

Threats to the natural environment

The George Municipal Area is characterised by its unique and ecologically sensitive natural environment, which provide valuable ecosystem services. At the same time, the city faces significant environmental challenges, which are exacerbated by urban growth and the pressures of development.

- The city is experiencing substantial urban and rural growth, driven by population growth and increased demand for housing and business opportunities. As a consequence, substantial pressure on finite natural resources, including water, energy and land. The demand for development competes and often conflicts with the need to conserve critical natural spaces, which results in unsustainable resource use and loss of biodiversity.
- The municipal is vulnerable to natural hazards like wildfires, coastal erosion, flooding, and extreme weather events. Climate change exacerbates these risks, particularly along the coast where rising sea levels and storm surges threaten communities, infrastructure and biodiversity. The George MSDF documents the need for adaptive management strategies to mitigate these risks and protect the environment.
- George's natural and cultural landscapes are part of its identity and economic attraction. However, balancing conservation with the demand for urban expansion remains a challenge. The MSDF highlights the need to protect key biodiversity areas and cultural heritage sites while facilitating responsible development for economic growth.

To address these challenges, the George Municipality must pursue integrated planning approaches that promote sustainable land use, protect biodiversity and enhance the resilience of its natural and built environments. This includes protecting high biodiversity areas, restoring degraded areas and implementing green infrastructure projects that support long-term ecological and community health. In this vein several projects have been initiated for the 2024/2025 financial year and additional projects are proposed in the 2025/2026 financial year.

#### **4.3.15.7 Environmental Management Strategy**

Environmental Management must give effect to Section 24 of the Constitution of South Africa, which states:

“Everyone has the right to have the environment protected, for the benefit of present and future generations, through reasonable legislative and other measures that prevent pollution and ecological degradation [and] promote conservation”.

An effective and appropriate strategy is central to city governance, long term planning and optimising resources to sustainably manage growth and urbanisation. Without an effective strategy, environmental governance becomes an ad hoc process without appropriate structure and frameworks. A strategy sets the principles within which an organisation itself wishes to operate and perform and the primary means through which an organisation outlines, articulates and communicates its position and direction to its employees, its customers (in the City's case its communities) and those it wishes to do business with (developers, investors and the global community). In addition, the strategy sets a transparent framework for the mechanisms and regulations required to achieve the organisation's articulated desired outcomes related to long-term environmental management.

The George Municipality at present does not have an environmental strategy. In the absence of this, the MSDF primarily guides sustainable development in the Municipality.

There are cross cutting local and regional environmental challenges and opportunities recognised in the MSDF. These include:

- The need to preserve the natural environment and scenic landscapes of the Southern Cape, together with the free

goods and services that it provides to people and the economy through appropriate and contained management of urban development within Municipality.

- Ensuring water and food security, agriculture and forestry preservation.
- The need to reduce waste generation at a regional scale.

#### **4.3.15.8 Environmental Informants to planning**

Land use planning and decision-making in the Municipality is informed and influenced by spatial data for natural resource management. The spatial data for natural resource management is derived from Environmental Legislation implemented by National and Provincial Departments. For George Municipality the responsible sphere of Government are the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment and the WCG: Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, respectively.

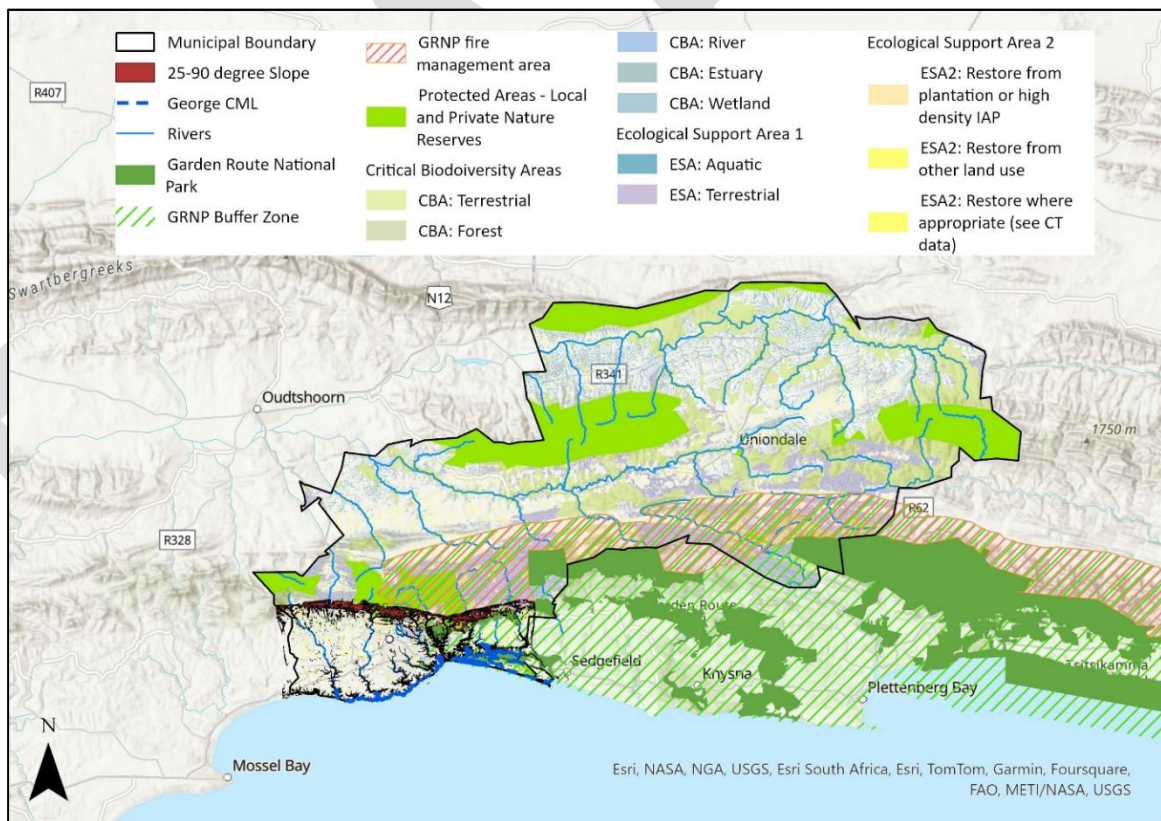
The following spatial data is captured on the George Municipal Viewer and used by Municipal Officials.

- i. The Western Cape Spatial Plan Handbook (2023) provides guidelines for land use planning and decision-making, and for land and resources management within the Western Cape. The aim of the handbook is to management biodiversity as required in Section 41(a) of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act 10 of 2004 and the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998. The 2023 Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan (WC BSP) was formally adopted into law on the 13th of December 2024 (Gazette Extraordinary 9017) in accordance with the Western Cape Biodiversity Act (No. 6 of 2022) and replaces the 2017 WC BSP. The 2023 Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan data was added to the George Municipal GIS on 24 February 2025. The Land use Guideline containing the Desired Management Objectives of each map category in the WC BSP was circulated to all Planning staff in the Municipality.

The following BSP categories are included:

- Protected Areas
  - Critical Biodiversity Areas
  - Ecological Support Areas
  - Other Natural Areas
- ii. The Garden Route National Park (GRNP), GRNP Buffer Zone and expansion areas. The GRNP is regulated by the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act (NEM: PAP) 57 of 2003 and managed in accordance with the Garden Route National Park Management Plan 2020–2029. All activities within the park is managed by the South African National Parks -Wilderness Lakes Section. The buffer zone of the GRNP represent show areas outside the park within which functional ecological corridors can improve the ecological integrity of the park or where activities i.e. transformation resulting from land use change, inappropriate development, invasive alien species, pollution and unmanaged fuel loads, can negatively affect the ecological integrity of the park. The George Municipality must ensure that all development within the buffer zone aligns with the management objectives of this zone.
  - iii. Protected areas (local conservation areas and private nature reserves) shows properties that are managed according to requirements set out in the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act (NEM: PAP) 57 of 2003.

- iv. The Outeniqua Strategic Water Source Area provides 100% of water supplied to George and 94% of water in the Mossel Bay water supply scheme. The National Protected Areas Expansion Strategy seeks to fully protect (100%) the Outeniqua water source area. Land use transformation must therefore not adversely affect the ecological functioning of the area, and the George Municipality must ensure that it manages all alien invasive species on its properties to restore the hydrological functioning of the area.
- v. Rivers, floodplains and wetlands are derived from data generated by National Department of Water and Sanitation. This data is used to deter development in sensitive riparian areas and buffers.
- vi. George Coastal Management Line for the Garden Route District Municipality was developed by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning in terms of Section 25(3) of the National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act 24 of 2008. The CML line is used to assess coastal risk in land use decisions. DEA&DP is currently in the process of publishing the CML line Regulations for the Garden Route District in terms of Section 25(3) of the NEM:ICMA.
- vii. The Garden Route National Park Coastal Management Line has been published in Government No. R3668 of 14 July 2023. All new and existing infrastructure seaward of the CML are regulated to different extents by the Regulations.
- viii. Steep areas with a slope gradient of 25% or more are used to identify areas where development is not supported due to risk of soil erosion, which can cause flooding, stream sedimentation, and slope instability.



**Figure 42:** shows the environmental spatial data used in municipal decision making.

The map above shows the environmental spatial data used in municipal decision making. The data for the Western Cape Biodiversity Plan reflects the 2017 map and not the updated 2023 map.

#### **4.3.15.9 Biodiversity Management**

In addition to development restrictions, the Environmental Spatial Data on the Municipal GIS guides the conservation and restoration of ecosystems for both Municipal and Private Property. The George Municipality also regulates scheduled activities in the Outeniqua Sensitive Coastal Area, commonly known as the OSCA or OSCAE.

The Outeniqua Sensitive Coastal Area (OSCA) and Outeniqua Sensitive Coastal Area Extension (OSCAE) are designated coastal regions in the Garden Route District, which are characterised by unique and sensitive environmental features that require special management and protection.

The OSCA and OSCAE are regulated, respectively, by the:

- i. Regulations Regarding Identified Activities Concerning the Outeniqua Sensitive Coastal Area (GN R881 in Government Gazette 17213. Commencement date: 31 May 1996).
- ii. Identification of Activities Which May Have a Detrimental Effect on the Environment: Outeniqua Sensitive Coastal Area Extension Coastal Area

(GN R1526 in Government Gazette 19493. Commencement date: 27 November 1998).

The OSCA and OSCAE Regulations are published under Section 26 of the Environment Conservation Act 73 Of 19891. The Regulations have been promulgated to give effect to Section 21 of the ECA to control activities which may have detrimental effects on the environment.

These activities, legislated as Schedule 1 Activities, comprise the following:

- Disturbance of vegetation: Trampling, cutting or removal of vegetation.
- Earthworks: Excavation, moving, removal, depositing or compacting of soil, sand, rock, or rubble.
- Dredging: Dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand or rock from a river, tidal lagoon, tidal river, floodplain or wetland.
- Dune stabilisation: Planting on, or covering with any vegetative, natural or synthetic material of, dunes or exposed sand surfaces, or the erection of structures and walls thereon with the purpose of preventing the sand from being eroded, accreted or moved by wind or water.

The Regulations prescribe a structured process for authorising Schedule 1 activities in the OSCA and OSCAE to ensure that potential environmental impacts are carefully assessed and mitigated.

In the 2025/2026 Financial Year, the Municipality intends to develop a Green Infrastructure Programme, which will incorporate current projects and initiate planned projects that have been identified in the previous IDP.

The Green Infrastructure Programme aims to:

- i. Be an informant to land-use planning and decision making; and
- ii. Become an approach that is integrated with traditional methods, to improve the impacts of urbanisation;
- iii. Develop best practice guidelines in support of green infrastructure;
- iv. Identify and map the city's green infrastructure assets and sites;
- v. Incorporate green infrastructure principles and approaches into Municipal policies and by-laws;

vi. Promote and implement projects to protect, enhance or create green infrastructure;

vii. Promote the reconnection of people and nature to endorse health and wellbeing.

Some of the current projects in development that will be included in the programme include the Wilderness Wildlife Corridors and George Stormwater Guidelines.

The stormwater management guidelines for the municipality aim to achieve the following, inter alia:

- Sustainable infrastructure promotion: Promote the integration of green infrastructure and a combination of green/grey infrastructure to reduce stormwater quantity and improve surface water quality for environmental and socio-economic co-benefits.
- Water sensitive urban design: Facilitate the development towards "sponge city" through water sensitive urban design principles.
- Reduce pressure on municipal systems: Reduce the pressure on municipal stormwater systems by promoting onsite retention, use, and infiltration of stormwater.
- Resource optimization: Encourage the efficient use and management of stormwater as a resource to support local water needs and ecosystem services.
- Community engagement and awareness: Enhance community understanding and involvement in sustainable stormwater management practices.

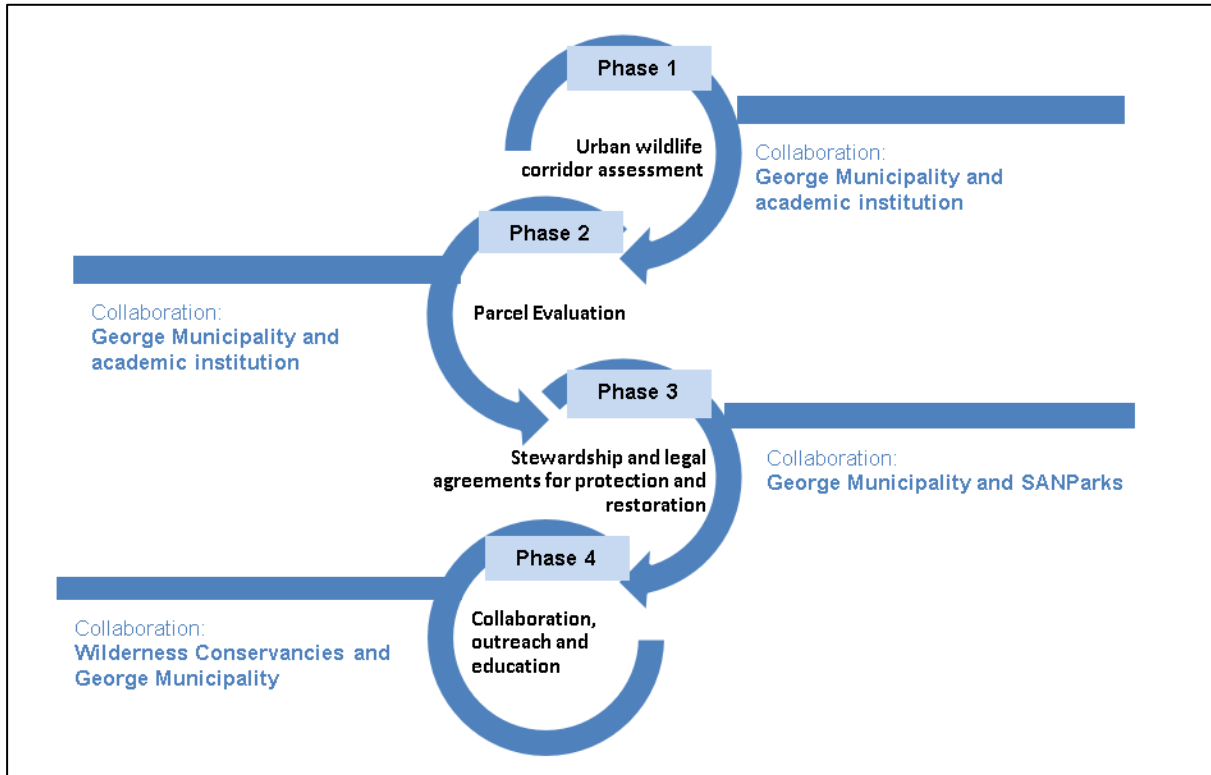
Residential development and small-scale farming within natural areas presents a critical challenge to the integrity of wildlife corridors. As urban areas expand, fencing becomes a ubiquitous feature aimed at demarcating property boundaries and securing developments. However, the unintended consequence of this practice is the fragmentation of wildlife habitats and migration routes.

Fencing is a barrier to the natural movement of fauna, impeding species' ability to forage, breed and migrate across landscapes. This fragmentation isolates populations, diminishes genetic diversity and increases the susceptibility of wildlife to ecological pressures and anthropogenic threats such as such as habitat loss, roadkill and predation by domestic animals.

To respond to this, the Touw River Conservancy convened a workshop in April 2022, bringing together landowners and relevant authorities, to map potential wildlife corridors in the Wilderness area. The primary objective of this gathering was to foster connections among residents residing around the 'Fence Scape' of Wilderness and to generate valuable information essential for the collaborative design of potential wildlife corridors. During the workshop, participants addressed the issue of fencing, considering factors such as height, length, material, and penetrability, which were identified as significant obstacles hindering the free movement of wildlife throughout the area. While the Fence Scape presented a notable challenge, it was recognized that additional factors impede the safe passage of wildlife. Consequently, the focus of the second workshop shifted toward identifying and mapping wildlife-friendly corridors, safe spaces and dedicated wildlife areas. Seven primary corridors were identified and mapped across the Greater Wilderness area. Table 1 lists the descriptions of each corridor.

George Municipality was presented with the Final Report for the Corridor Mapping Workshop 2, which occurred on 10 September 2022. The report included a map of established corridors, potential corridors and areas of concern. George Municipality was approached to determine what actions they can take to protect these wildlife corridors

The strategy for protecting wildlife corridors will be done in over four phases, shown in Figure X. A phased approach is beneficial for managing complexity as it divides the work into manageable segments, allowing for better scope management and risk mitigation. Developing a project plan with timelines for each phase is required for setting clear objectives, allocating resources effectively and tracking progress throughout the project lifecycle. By breaking down the project into distinct phases with defined timelines, George Municipality and stakeholders can maintain clarity, accountability and flexibility in achieving the project goals.



#### 4.3.15.10 Local Nature Reserves

There are three declared Local Nature Reserves within the Municipal boundaries of George, Gazetted in terms of the Nature and Environmental Conservation Ordinance, 1974. These Inr's lie within the zone of influence of the Witfontein Nature Reserve and play an important role to support buffering of the provincial nature reserve from urban impacts. The municipality is in the process of developing Protected Areas Management Plans for each of these conservation areas and have undertaken a process of verifying and validating the protected areas. Determination of the Vision, Purpose and Objectives for the areas, which inform the Key Performance Areas. The process includes the design of achievable deliverables and budget allocation to ensure the deliverables are achieved over the year cycle of the PAMP, once approved. These include:

##### 4.3.15.10.1 The Kat River Nature Reserve

The Katrivier Nature Reserve is located on the north-eastern edge of the City of George and falls within the Kaaimans Quaternary System. The vision for the Kat Rivier Nature Reserve should provide the overall long-term goal for the reserve, which provides stakeholders an expectation of the future of the reserve. The Kat River forms the core of the nature reserve, and the vision is for a resilient landscape that provides socio-economic and cultural benefits to the community whilst providing improved water quality benefits to the Garden Route Dam.

The Kat River flows into the Garden Route Dam and the reserve extends as a buffer on either side of this ingress. The boundaries of the reserve follow the Kat River, a perennial tributary of the Swart River. It is a supplier watercourse of the Garden Route Dam, which is the main water source for George. The Garden Route Dam is the major source of drinking water in George. It is



fed by the Swart and Kat Rivers and is managed by the Department of Water & Sanitation, George Municipality and the MTO Forestry. The nature reserve is zoned as Open Space Zone IV in terms of the George Municipality Integrated Zoning Scheme of 2017. This zoning allows for some consent uses, of which Utility Services is applicable to the Kat Rivier Nature Reserve.

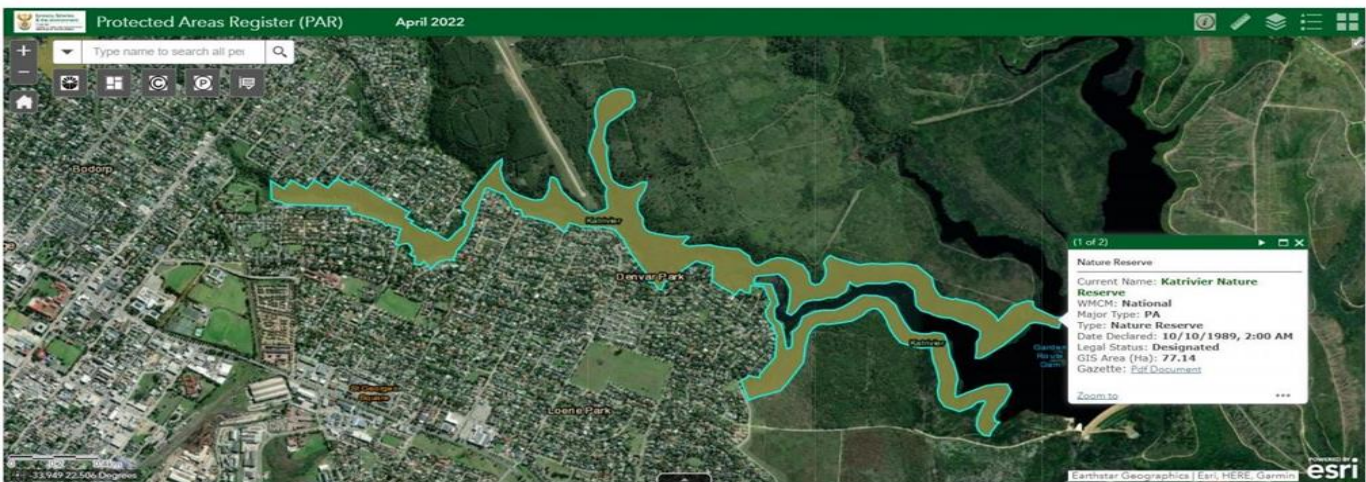
One of the primary reasons assumed for the declaration of the Kat River as a nature reserve is to ensure hydrological health and functioning of the river and in turn the Garden Route Dam. Thus, the river itself is deemed to be the core conservation area, extending into its riparian areas. Currently there are several impacts on the watercourse that have led to the degradation of the system and severely impact on the water quality and functionality of the Kat River. Management of these will be a priority in order to comply with the NEM: PAA expectations of a protected area:

The Kat River NR currently falls under the municipal Parks & Recreation department. There is no management structure or budget for the reserve, and essentially the only “management” that takes place is mowing open areas adjacent to roads. To implement this PAMP and to comply with NEM: PAA requirements, the management structure must be improved. This may include entering partnerships with NGO’s and organs of state.

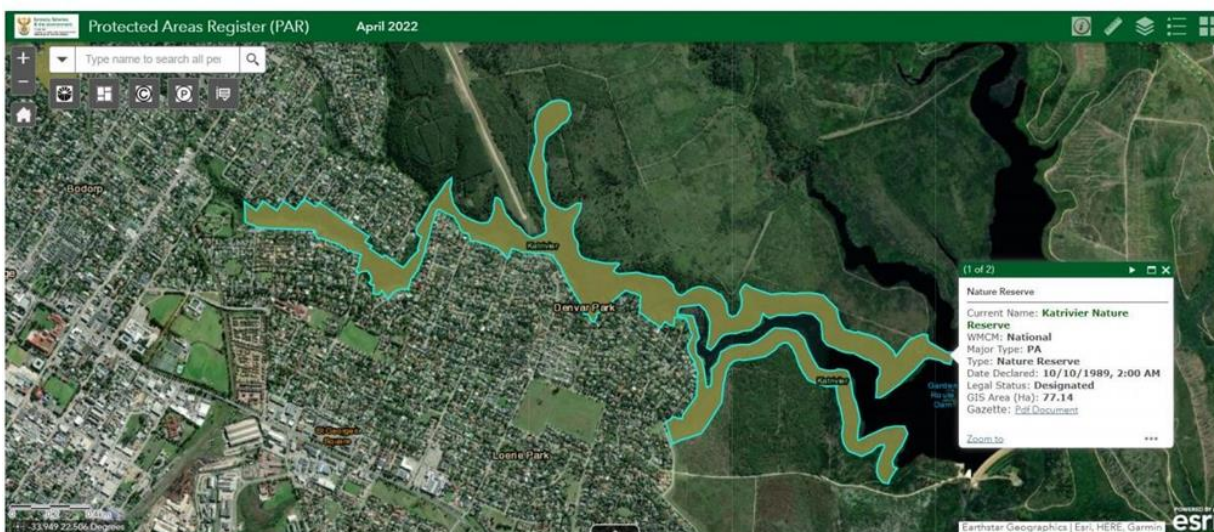
- The Kat River Nature Reserve is indicated on spatial maps and in the municipal plans, however there is no demarcation of the protected area. This lack of awareness has probably led to much of the encroachment problems. For this reason, this aspect has been flagged as a critical management objective and immediate efforts should be undertaken to rectify this.
- The protected area forms an important role in that it is almost entirely within an urban area and is predominantly a riparian system. It is thus a sensitive and important biodiversity corridor. The riparian area is being significantly eroded due to encroachment of gardens and infrastructure to the edge of the watercourse. This also causes potential threats to the existing municipal service infrastructure located within the reserve. There are several management goals that are being investigated to support biodiversity conservation in the reserve.
- Flooding and fire disasters have occurred with increasing intervals in the Southern Cape. The Kat River is not immune to these events, however improved management of the protected area can have a beneficial impact on the biodiversity and the urban interface about disasters. The encroachment by landowners and the infestation of alien invasive vegetation left unchecked, will exacerbate the negative impacts and degrade the system’s ability to be resilient to these events. As a starting point, the Kat River needs to be remediated and rehabilitated and the strategies for achieving this is expressed in the PAMP.
- The Kat River is located within the fynbos biome of the Western Cape which provides for a wealth of botanical species that can be utilised. In conjunction with the Garden Route Botanical Gardens, the identification of species should be encouraged within the protected area.

Measures for improving the sustainability of the conservation areas will be submitted to the Municipal Council for adoption to commence implementation.

#### 4.3.15.10.2 The Katrivier Nature Reserve, George



#### 4.3.15.10.3 The Van Kervel Nature Reserve, (also known as George Botanical Gardens)

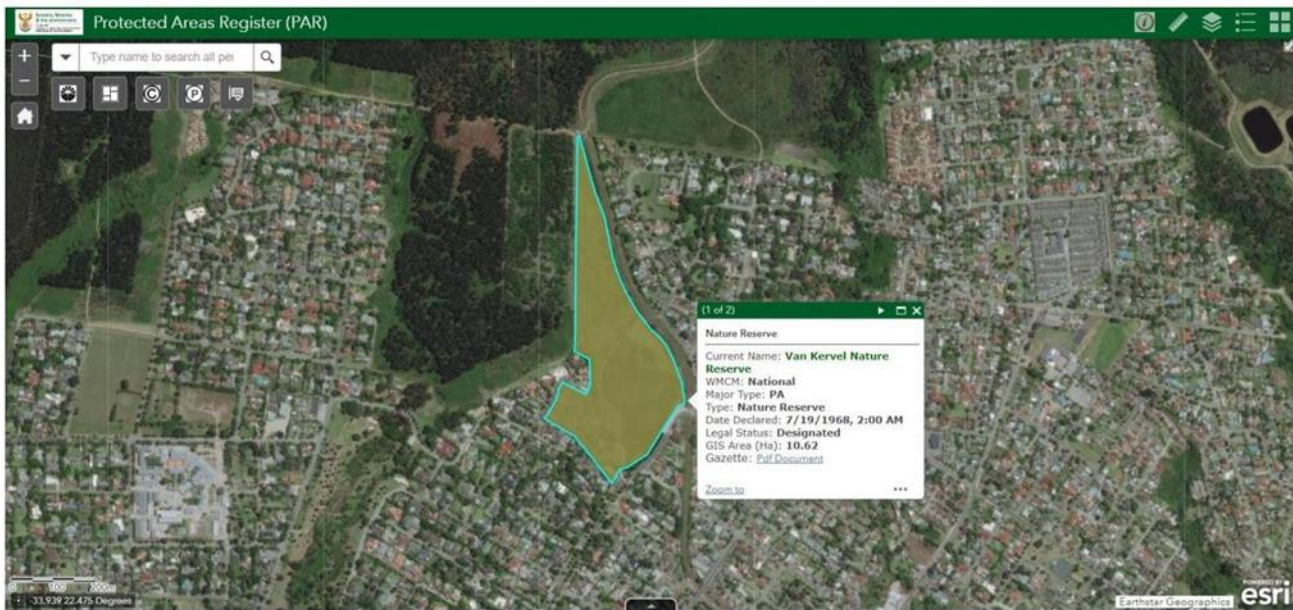


The Garden Route Botanical Gardens are situated at the foot of the Outeniqua Mountains and is less than 2 km's from the CBD of George. The site is approximately 12 hectares in extent and is leased by the Garden Route Botanical Garden Trust and maintained as the local Botanical Garden. The Trust also leases a portion of land from the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment, where forest rehabilitation has been undertaken. The GRBG was proclaimed as a Local Nature Reserve in 1986 and came under the custodianship of the Trust in 2001. The GRBG is host to a wealth of faunal and floral species and historical features of the garden are maintained.

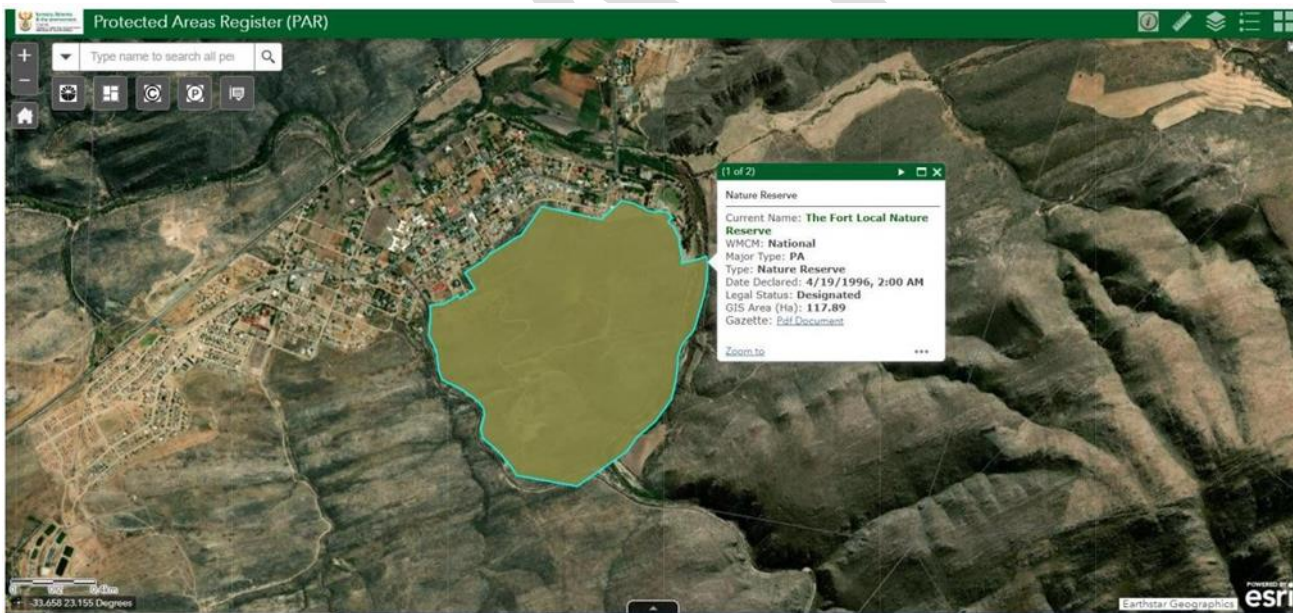
The GRBG offers basic facilities to guests and offers training programmes from its facilities, including a rescue centre for birds of prey. The accessibility of the facility supports awareness about the wealth of the flora as well as the threats to vegetation and biodiversity.

The Trust has not advanced in adopting a PAMP for the LNR and in this regard the municipality is investigating options to ensure feasible management and maintenance of the PAMP

#### 4.3.15.10.4 Van Kervel Nature Reserve (George Botanical Garden)



#### 4.3.15.10.5 The Fort Local Nature Reserve



#### 4.3.15.11 Riverine and coastal Management

##### River Management

The George Municipality appointed a service provider to develop Riverine Management Plans(RMPs) for three of its urban rivers in the 2024/2025 Financial Year. The RMPs have two components:

- To maintain existing infrastructure along the watercourses through approved Maintenance Management Plans (MMPs). Approved MMPs will allow the Municipality to undertake infrastructure maintenance and repairs along the watercourses without having to undertake an environmental impact assessment. The approval for the MMPs in issued in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107 of 1998) (“NEMA”) and Environmental

Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 as amended.

- To identify interventions that will improve the ecological functioning of the watercourses to secure and improve the benefits provided by the ecosystem services of the watercourses.

#### **4.3.15.12 Coastal Management**

The National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act (ICMA) 24 of 2008 is the legislative framework for managing South Africa's coastal and estuarine areas and sets the norms, standards, and policies to promote conservation and maintain the country's coastal zone.

The Act aims to ensure that development and resource use in these areas are socially and economically fair, as well as ecologically sustainable. It defines the rights, duties, and responsibilities of government spheres regarding coastal areas, restricts harmful activities such as incineration and dumping at sea, controls coastal pollution, and addresses inappropriate coastal development. In addition, it fulfils South Africa's international coastal management obligations. The responsibility for implementing the ICMA is shared across the three government spheres.

Municipalities, like the George Municipality, have a specific role in managing the coastal zone at the local level. The following sections of the ICMA identify their duties:

- Section 48 – Coastal Access Land: Municipalities must ensure public access to coastal areas and maintain access points as part of local development planning. This includes identifying, designating, and managing land to secure equitable public access.
- Section 49 – Establishment of Coastal Management Lines: Municipalities are responsible for establishing and enforcing coastal management lines to regulate development and other activities that could impact coastal areas.
- Section 51 – Management of Coastal Public Property: Municipalities must manage and protect designated coastal public property in their areas, ensuring sustainable use and preventing encroachment.
- Section 52 – Local Coastal Management Programs: Municipalities are required to develop and implement local coastal management programs that align with national and provincial policies. These programs must address local coastal issues and outline strategies to manage and protect the coastal environment.

The George Municipality developed an Erosion Response Guideline in 2024 to assist affected landowners to respond to coastal erosion appropriately and legally. The Municipality will appoint a service provider in the 2024/3035 Financial Year to develop a Dune Rehabilitation and Maintenance Management Plan for Wilderness.

The WCG: Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Plan published the Gwaing River Estuary Management Plan and Kaaimans River Estuary Management Plan in 2024. The Municipality has a shared responsibility to contribute to the outcomes of these plans. The provisions set out in these plans will be integrated into the next revision of the MSDF.

#### **4.3.15.13 Climate change**

Our collective responses to climate change, poverty and inequality are the defining challenges of our time. Addressing these issues collectively is essential, as climate change disproportionately impacts vulnerable populations, exacerbating poverty and deepening inequality. Effective responses must prioritize equitable and sustainable strategies to ensure that mitigation and adaptation efforts benefit all communities, particularly those most at risk.

The George Municipality is developing a Climate Action Plan grounded in the understanding that climate response and

development must be integrated to enable effective mitigation and adaptation, while ensuring that economic growth occurs within the limits of ecosystem services. The Climate Action Plan will be implemented on the principles of people, nature and collaboration to advance green, resilient and inclusive development in the George Municipal area.

To achieve this, the Municipality will:

- i. embed climate-responsive strategies and assessments into municipal planning, decision making and operations;
- ii. promote climate action in community projects to increase resilience and awareness; and
- iii. secure access to domestic public funds and mobilise private and international climate financing to support high-return mitigation and adaptation efforts in the Municipality.

The Municipality has identified transformative climate actions in five key sectors: (i) human settlements and spatial planning; (ii) natural capital and biodiversity; (iii) infrastructure; (iv) disaster management; and (v) water and sanitation.

These sectors are prioritised because of their high climate vulnerability – as identified in the Garden Route District Municipality's Vulnerability Assessment – and/or their significant contribution to greenhouse gas emissions.

Municipalities and the communities they serve are at the forefront of the consequences of extreme weather events, rising sea levels, and shifting biodiversity patterns. Planning for these anticipated impacts will improve the communities of George Municipality to absorb the shocks and stressors from climate change. By proactively addressing climate risks, the municipality can reduce economic losses, protect vulnerable populations, and safeguard critical natural resources. Moreover, incorporating climate considerations into decision-making supports long-term sustainability, improves disaster preparedness, and actions national and global climate commitments. Without proactive planning, the municipality risks increased economic costs and a reduced quality of life for residents.

Changes in rainfall patterns could reduce the water yield from the catchments of the Outeniqua Mountains, impacting water availability for agriculture, domestic use, and ecosystems downstream. In addition, increased rainfall intensity and reduced vegetation cover (due to drought or fire) could accelerate soil erosion, degrading the mountain ecosystems and the services they provide.

Climate change is anticipated to adversely impact the GRNP through sea level rise, increasing flooding and increased temperatures. The estuarine lakes may experience salinization and inundation, altering the species composition and reducing habitat availability for freshwater-dependent species. Intensified storm events could further damage estuarine ecosystems by impacting the sedimentation cycles, thereby reducing their ability to act as buffers against floods. Sedimentation from upstream erosion could also disrupt aquatic habitats. Rising water temperatures may affect fish and bird populations, particularly species reliant on specific thermal or ecological conditions.

Agriculture and urban expansion are the primary threats to the biodiversity of the CFR. However, climate change impacts further threatens ecosystems by increased temperatures and reduced rainfall. Fynbos species, which are already restricted to climatic conditions, may experience range contractions as temperatures rise. Lower elevations may become unsuitable for many species. In addition, altered fire regimes and climate conditions may favour invasive plants like Acacia and Eucalyptus, which outcompete native fynbos and reduce biodiversity. More frequent and intense wildfires, driven by prolonged dry periods, could harm forest ecosystems and fynbos biodiversity. While fynbos is fire-adapted, too frequent fires may disrupt regeneration cycles and allow invasive species to outcompete indigenous flora.

Coastal erosion along sandy beaches is a natural and dynamic process driven by complex interactions between physical,

geological and environmental factors. While human activities can exacerbate erosion rates through activities such as coastal development, erosion remains an inherent feature of sandy coastal environments and must be managed with an understanding of its underlying natural processes. Coastal erosion is worsened by climate change-related stressors such as sea level rise, increased storm surges and increased coastal flooding. As these stressors intensify, erosion rates may accelerate, leading to more severe and widespread impacts on coastal environments.

The Climate Action Plan being developed for the George Municipality will address these climate challenges by implementing proactive strategies that enhance resilience and sustainability of the Municipality. The 2023 Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan (WC BSP) was formally adopted into law on the 13th of December 2024 (Gazette Extraordinary 9017) in alignment with the Western Cape Biodiversity Act (No. 6 of 2022) and marks the replacement of the 2017 WC BSP with the 2023 WC BSP.

The 2023 Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan data was added to the George Municipal GIS on 24 February 2025. The Land use Guideline containing the Desired Management Objectives of each map category in the WC BSP was circulated to all Planning staff in the Municipality.

The following BSP categories are included:

- Protected Areas
- Critical Biodiversity Areas
- Ecological Support Areas

Other Natural Areas

#### **4.3.15.14 Garden Route National Park**

The Municipality is in the process of updating its Municipal GIS with the most current spatial data for the Garden Route National Park.

#### **4.3.15.15 Conservancies in George Municipal Area**

A conservancy is a voluntary agreement between two or more landowners to cooperate towards the conservation of the environment on their combined properties. In the Western Cape, CapeNature is responsible for the registration of conservancies and issuing of registration certificates. The George Municipality is in the process of updating Municipal GIS with registered conservancies in the Municipal area.

#### **4.3.15.16 George Municipal Environmental Spatial Data**

- a) Flood risk lines: The George Municipality commissioned a hydrological study as part of the development of River Management Plans for the Gwaing, Schaapkop and Meulen Rivers. The scope of work included the completion of 50-year and 100-year flood risk lines for the subject rivers. The flood risk lines for the Gwaing, Schaapkop, and Meulen Rivers provide critical data for spatial planning, infrastructure maintenance and development, and river management. They support risk-based land use zoning and guides sustainable development by identifying areas prone to flooding. This information supports disaster risk reduction efforts by informing emergency preparedness and climate adaptation strategies. In addition, the flood lines will aid in identifying riparian buffers needed for ecosystem protection. The flood lines will be uploaded onto the Municipal viewer in Q2 of 2025.
- b) River Management Units: River management units (RMU) were created and mapped as part of the status quo study for the River Management Plans. A spatial database was created to capture baseline ecological and environmental

conditions, including the present and desired ecological states. This data will support informed decision-making for river management and rehabilitation priorities. It will also allow the public and interested parties to access the ecological data and planned interventions for each RMU. The RMU data will be uploaded onto the Municipal viewer in Q2 of 2025.

#### **4.3.15.17 Estuarine Management Plan**

In September 2024, the Western Cape's Minister of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning approved the Estuarine Management Plans for the Gwaing River Estuary and Kaaimans River Estuary. As an outcome of EMPs, the George Municipality must incorporate the EMP and spatial zonation plans into all municipal and relevant government department planning documents and processes, including the IDP, SDF and Zoning Scheme.

#### **4.3.15.18 Local Planning for Climate Change**

The George Municipality will complete its first Climate Action Plan in Q2 of 2025. The focus of the action plan is the list of actions the municipality will plan for and implement over the 2025-2030 period to increase climate change resilience in municipal operations and planning. The CAP is informed by climate change projections for the George Municipal Area, as modelled by the Climate Systems Analysis Group at the University of Cape Town in partnership with the Western Cape Government Department of Agriculture. A summary of the Climate Change Projects for George is listed in Table Xx. Relevant outcomes of the CAP will be added to the SDF as identified.

By 2050, the George Municipality is projected to experience noticeable changes in its climate, which will have wide-ranging consequences for water security, ecosystems, infrastructure and community well-being. The key trends as reported by CSAG include:

- Drought risk: Increasing from 2 to 3 drought years per decade.
- Sea-level rise: A projected 42cm rise in sea level, which will accelerate coastal erosion.
- Rising temperatures: An increase of 1.2°C annually, resulting in 19 additional hot days (number of days above 30°C) per year.
- Rainfall patterns: Slight decrease in total annual rainfall (-8mm), with intensified rainfall in summer (+17mm) and winter (+16mm) but reduced precipitation in spring (-28mm) and autumn (-15mm).
- Extreme weather events: Increased rainfall intensity during some seasons.

#### **4.3.16 Heritage Studies**

The George Heritage Strategy and Action Plan/Road Map was adopted by Council in 2023.

The first priority areas, being Pacaltsdorp and the George CBD were investigated, and Heritage Precincts were identified and protection and enhancement guidelines derived. The intension is to adopt Special Character Overlay Zones, to be incorporated in the GIZSB for these areas. The process is not completed, with participation input still underway.

Figure 43: Biodiversity and Conservation Rating/ Funding Type






















Funding Type					Project Rating									
	Municipal Funding		Grant Funding		External Loan/ Funding		No funding required		Completed		In progress		Not completed / No budget available / District Function / Provincial Function	

Table 42: Biodiversity and Conservation Implementation Plan

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: BIODIVERSITY AND CONSERVATION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION														
IDP Ref No	Key Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Initiative (measurable action)	Description of Unit of Measurement	5-year target 2022 -2027	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target	Funding Type	Progress Rating				
				2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
TBC	Develop a Climate Action Plan for the period 2025-2030	Number of Climate Change Action Plans developed by 30 June	1	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	N/A		-	-			
TBC	Source funding for climate change projects-implementation	Number of funding proposals submitted for climate change projects by 30 June	3	N/A	N/A	1	1	1		-	-			
TBC	Develop a Coastal Management Plan to implement the municipality's responsibilities as identified in the Garden Route District Coastal Management Programme	Number of Coastal Management Plans developed by 30 June	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	N/A		-	-	-		
TBC	Develop a Biodiversity Management and Conservation Programme	Number of Biodiversity Management and Conservation Programmes developed by 30 June	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	N/A		-	-	-		
TBC	Develop invasive Alien vegetation removal Plan	Number of invasive Alien vegetation removal Plans developed by 30 September	1	N/A	1	N/A	1	N/A		-				
TBC	Comply to the SANS 10090 code in responding to fires within the George Area	Percentage compliance to SANS 10090 for fires in the George area by 30 June	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%						
TBC	Submit Disaster Management Plan to Council	Number of Disaster Management Plans submitted to Council by 31 March 2023	1	1	1	1	1	1						



#### **4.3.17 Integrated Waste Management Plan**

The George Local Municipality (GLM) is required to develop an Integrated Waste Management Plan (IWMP) as per the requirements of the National Environmental Management Waste Act (59 of 2008) as amended (hereafter referred to as the Waste Act). The IWMP must be endorsed by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) after approval by the George Municipal Council and thereafter incorporated into the municipal IDP.

In terms of the Municipal Systems Act, a municipality must give effect to the provisions of the 152(1) and 153 of the Constitution and must:

- Give priority to the basic needs of the local community.
- Promote the development of the local community.
- Ensure that all members of the local community have access to at least the minimum level of available resources and the improvement of standards of quality over time.

##### **4.3.17.1 Municipal Integrated Waste Management Plan History**

This is the third generation IWMP for the GLM and this plan will cover the period 2020 -2025. The first generation IWMP for GLM was developed in 2006 and was then subsequently revised in 2014. An IWMP is typically revised every 5 years to parallel the municipal IDP planning process, and to take into cognisance changes in the status quo of waste management and changes in legislation and guidelines related to waste management.

The development of the IWMP is currently out of sync with the GLM IDP cycles. The current GLM IDP (4th generation) covers the period 2017 -2022. The IDP is however reviewed on an annual basis, all the projects listed in the implementation plan of this IWMP should be included in the next annual review of the IDP to ensure budget is allocated for the implementation of the projects.

The Integrated waste management bylaw has been aligned to the NEM: Waste Act and will be tabled in the 2024 financial year. Furthering their quarterly internal audits are conducted at all waste facilities. External audits are also conducted, and the reports are submitted to the Provincial waste management officer, DEA and DP.

A Waste Minimisation Plan was approved by council during the 2021 financial year this includes initiatives such as the first home composting bins which is set to start during the 2023/2024 financial year which is specifically targeted at organic waste diversion. Notwithstanding the municipality also focusses on diverting construction and demolition waste from the landfill. Therefore, currently construction and demolishing waste is diverted to the construction for the compost facility and some of the construction and demolishing waste is used as cover material at the landfill.

The Municipality has transfer stations and is constructing a composting facility for the diversion of organic waste. A three-bag system is used to separate recyclables and green waste from general waste (used for clean-ups). The Municipality also has a blue bag system for the separation at source (S@S) program that was rolled out in low-, middle- and high-income areas. The participation rates in some high-income areas can reach 60 per cent whereas in the middle-income areas the participation rate ranges between 10 - 20 per cent. The Municipality is currently busy with the construction of a composting facility.

Furthering thereto the municipality collects waste in the formal, informal and rural areas once a week. The municipality registers all waste facilities on the GRWMIS and reports monthly on the IPWIS.

#### **4.3.17.2 Integrated Waste Management Plan Objectives**

The aim of an IWMP is to determine the status quo of waste management and identify measures to improve waste management in the municipality. The objective of this IWMP is to present a vision of waste management in the GLM over the next 5 years. The majority of the project identified in this IWMP will be conducted over a five-year timeframe, however some longer-term projects have also been identified. The National Waste Management Strategy of 2011 (NWMS) identifies the primary objective of integrated waste management planning as being to: “integrate and optimize waste management so that the efficiency of the waste management system is maximised, and the impacts and financial costs associated with waste management are minimised, thereby improving the quality of life of all South Africans. “The NWMS also presents the waste management hierarchy which outlines the preferred methods for management of waste.

#### **4.3.17.3 Integrated Waste Management Plan Goals**




























A total of seven goals were identified for the George Local Municipality.

1. Effective waste information management and reporting
2. Improved waste education and awareness
3. Improved institutional functioning and capacity
4. Provision of efficient and financially viable waste management services
5. Increased waste minimisation and recycling
6. Improved compliance and enforcement
7. Improved future planning

Figure 44: Integrated Waste Management Plan Rating/ Funding Type

Funding Type					Project Rating									
	Municipal Funding		Grant Funding		External Loan/ Funding		No funding required		Completed		In progress		Not completed / No budget available / District Function / Provincial Function	

Table 43: Integrated Waste Management Plan Implementation

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: INTERGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION														
IDP Ref No	Key Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Initiative (measurable action)	Description of Unit of Measurement	5-year target 2022 -2027	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target	Funding Type	Progress Rating				
				2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
TBC	Register all waste facilities on the GRWMIS	Percentage of waste facilities registered on the GRWMIS	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%						
TBC	Ensure new gate controllers undergo DEA&DP waste calculator training	Percentage of new gate controllers receiving DEA&DP waste calculator training 30 June	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%						
TBC	Conduct annual IWMP review	Number of annual IWMP implementation reviews conducted by 30 June	1	1	1	1	1	1						
TBC	Develop internal waste related data sets	Number of waster related data sets developed by 30 June	2	2	2	2	2	2						
TBC	Conduct waste awareness campaigns	Number of waste awareness campaigns conducted by 30 June	2	2	2	2	2	2						
TBC	Review Solid Waste and Environmental Health Services organogram	Number of Solid Waste and Environmental Health Services organograms reviewed by 30 June	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A						
TBC	Implement vehicle replacement plan	Percentage of vehicle implementation plans implemented by 30 June	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%						

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: INTERGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

IDP Ref No	Key Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Initiative (measurable action)	Description of Unit of Measurement	5-year target 2022 -2027	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target	Funding Type	Progress Rating				
				2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
TBC	Develop a pilot swap shop	Number of pilot swap shops developed	2	N/A	2	2	2	2						
TBC	Develop recycling drop-off facility to Uniondale transfer station	Number of recycling drop-off facility developed for Uniondale transfer station by 31 March	2	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	1						
TBC	Appoint waste ranger	Number of waste rangers appointed by 30 March	1	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	N/A						
TBC	Review Waste Management Bylaws	Percentage of Waste Management Bylaws reviewed by 30 June	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%						
TBC	Increase landfill site waste diversion	Percentage of landfill site waste diversion increased by 30 June	60%	15%	20%	30%	35%	40%						
TBC	Initiate home composting bins rollout	Number of home composting bins rolled out by 30 June	1000	700	1000	1000	1000	1000						

#### **4.3.18 Community Safety and Security**

If recent times have taught us anything, it is that disasters come in so many more forms than we could have previously imagined and with everchanging new complexities. The George Municipality and its surrounding municipalities have been affected by more extraordinary natural, situational and environmental extremes in the past 15 years than what most authorities might experience in a century.

From fires and devastating floods to bird flu scares, large scale protest action and the longest drought in history - we have had to deal with this proactively and innovatively. We have anticipated the types of disasters that are likely to occur in our area where possible and have facilitated maximum emergency preparedness and disaster response. More recently the Covid-19 pandemic, has stretched resources to the maximum, not only for George but for the entire country.

Each time, representatives from the district – authorities, agencies, organisations, property owners, businesses, volunteers and partners – have come together to coordinate, mitigate, manage and serve. Each time we have learnt valuable lessons and have felt extraordinarily blessed for having come through it, perhaps not entirely unscathed, but definitely better off for gaining the experience and for being at the heart of the camaraderie that exists in our communities who stand together in times of hardship.

While we wish it were different, George Municipality's unique geographical location combined with a range of circumstantial factors leaves us vulnerable to disasters over which we have little control. The objective of a comprehensive, risk-based Disaster Management Plan is to take an integrated approach and to be prepared for any possible hazard.

The Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002) requires all municipalities to prepare a Disaster Management Plan for their area and to regularly review and update this plan. This plan is not just a compliance document – it is a declaration of intent to do our very best with the resources available to us. It is the culmination of thousands of hours of experience, hundreds of discussions and brainstorm sessions as situations unfolded, and extensive research from countless resources.

The strength of this plan lies in sound long-term relationships which we have with our emergency services, property owners, volunteer organisations, businesses and residents. We acknowledge the character of our people, as without it, our best plans will fail.

The cornerstone of municipal safety and security is extensive stakeholder consultation and involvement. Each and every stakeholder has a critical role to play in municipal safety in South Africa.

The following participants have been recognised as crucial stakeholders and success partners in order to accomplish this:

- South African Police Services;
- Department of Community Safety (DOCS);
- Garden Route District Municipality;
- Neighborhood watches and Farm Watches;
- Community Policing Forums (CPFs);
- Private and corporate businesses;
- Private security companies;
- Department of Correctional Services;

- Department of Justice;
- Law Enforcement;
- Traffic Services;
- Fire and Rescue; and
- Disaster Management.

Communities are being mobilised and supported to establish neighbourhood watches and formalise their respective neighbourhood watches which will be issued with equipment from DOCS and the municipality to aid in their fight against crime and to be the eyes and ears on the ground. Training will also be provided by the municipality to enhance the training that neighbourhood watches receive from DOCS. Radios will be provided to enable communication with the municipality's Protection Services control room.

The municipality's control room and joint operations centre (JOC) is envisaged to house role-players from neighbourhood watches, security companies, SAPS, Municipal Law Enforcement Officers from Protection Services.

Initiatives have and will continue to be launched as it contributes and make communities aware in terms of crime prevention tips and other preventative tips for example fire safety, what to do in case of disasters etc. This will be a joint approach between role-players and supplemented based on crime patterns and situations experienced. Training will also be provided to enhance safety initiatives for example road safety (crossing of roads) etc.

The Community Safety Forum (CSF). The CSF is a multi-stakeholder forum that will address matters of community safety and security. The purpose of CSF is to promote the development of communities in a safe environment and have access to high-quality services at local government level, through multi-agency collaboration between the different spheres of government and communities. The CSF as a multi-sectoral structure would champion the coordination, integration, and implementation of crime and violence prevention community safety initiatives. The CSF will have three Clusters, namely: Law Enforcement, Social Cohesion and Crime Prevention through Environmental design.

Security planning is a critical function for all Municipalities. A security task team has been established to identify what type of risk could impact the Municipal assets, dictating which assets needs protection and what counter measures would be most effective.

Serious threats against staff and Councillors are prioritized on a Senior level and all measures to be implemented are taken. The SAPS are involved with such threats.

The Acts which are used as reference are:

- Control of access to premises and vehicles act 53 of 1985,
- Minimum Information Security Standards (MISS) – Approved by Cabinet 4 December 1996,
- Minimum Physical security standards (MPSS) 2009
- PSIRA regulation act, 56 of 2001,
- Protection of information Act 84 of 1982,
- Criminal Procedure Act 56 of 1977,

- Identified Municipal Sites are covered Private Security Service Providers on a 3-year Tender basis

#### **4.3.18.1 CCTV Cameras**

The impact of loadshedding is causing the CCTV cameras to be offline, this is a serious concern, as these cameras are being used for service delivery and criminal activity in and around George, to upgrade these camera poles has a financial impact, and will cost the Municipality R26 300,00 per pole.

The CCTV Control Centre Building are also affected by loadshedding, as we are looking into installing Lithium Batteries with the existing inverter, we need far more, which also has a financial impact on the Municipality.

Vandalism and criminal activity to our camera poles are a concern, as these acts are mostly done during the hours which the Control Centre are not operational, we are currently looking into a 24h shift system, which will have a financial impact.

Ideally the CCTV Control Centre are in need of a Rapid Response Unit that can respond to complaints and vandalism acts for the Municipality which can help with reducing the constant acts of vandalism on Municipal infrastructure as electric cable theft etc.

Additional staff to join the existing team, could benefit the organisation by combating criminal activities within the Municipal Boundaries.

#### **4.3.18.2 Fire Services**

The Municipal Fire and Rescue section is dedicated towards the provision of services that seek to safeguard the public against fire and other natural and man-made disasters and emergencies.

The role of the Fire and Rescue Services is to deal pro -actively and reactively with the following:

- Protection and rescue of life and property from any threatening danger;
- Prevent the outbreak or spread of fire;
- Extinguish fire;
- Any other duties as stipulated in the Fire Brigade Services Act;
- Assist SAPS with inspections at licensed premises to combat illegal activities identified by crime intelligence;
- Activate the Disaster Management Unit in case of any life-threatening incident, for example, flooding, loss of residence due to fire, etc;
- Conduct annual evacuation drills at designated buildings and premises.
- Integrated development planning towards uniform fire services;
- Development of specialised fire services capacity to deal with specialized fire risks prevalent in the area such as veldfires, chemical, informal settlements fires, etc;
- Development of specialised rescue services capacity focusing on the rescue disciplines prevalent in the area of jurisdiction as a priority;
- Coordination of the standardization of infrastructure, vehicles, equipment and operational procedures;
- Facilitation and coordination of the training and development of practitioners;

- Development and facilitation of the implementation of standardized municipal by-laws;
- Coordinate planning for the provision of fire safety and prevention;
- Development, implementation and maintenance of mutual aid agreements amongst the local fire services, designated fire authorities, Fire Protection Associations and volunteer fire associations;
- Development, support and implementation of community-based fire safety and prevention programs; preventing the outbreak and or spread of a fire, by making arrangements amongst others for: -
  - (i) the provision of information, publicity, training, education and encouragement in respect of the steps to be taken to prevent fires and death or injury by fire;
  - (ii) the giving of advice, on request, about –
    - how to prevent fires and restrict their spread in buildings and other property;
    - the means of escape from buildings and other property in case of fire;
  - (iii) conducting regular and random fire safety inspections at any premises where the Chief Fire Officer or his or her designate deems necessary;
  - (iv) providing advice on the means of escape from buildings and other property in case of fire; fighting and extinguishing a fire; by making arrangements amongst others for: -
    - (i) having sufficient staff, equipment and vehicles at its disposal to deal with the fire risks in its area of jurisdiction – a risk-based approach;
    - (ii) the development and implementation of standard operating procedures for use during firefighting operations; and
    - (iii) call taking and dispatching facilities training for dealing with incoming calls to report fires and summoning personnel amongst others; control and stabilisation of dangerous goods incidents; protection of life and or property against fire or other related danger; rescue of life and or property from fire or another form of entrapment; rendering of an emergency medical care.
- performance of fire safety activities; including scrutinising of building plans during approval procedures.
- participation in special events planning;
- maintenance of fire service equipment, infrastructure and or materials;
- Conducting fire risk assessments;
- Provision of training and to fire services practitioners;
- Procurement of equipment, materials and other supplies required to
- perform the functions optimally;
- Provision of support in the implementation of Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002), and Performance of any other function connected with any of the matters



- contemplated in paragraphs (m) to (v).

#### **4.3.18.3 Traffic Services**

The traffic services operational response plan seeks to address all the factors (human, vehicle, and roads / environment) that contribute to accidents (crashes) on the roads within the area. This approach is based on reliable research data which have been accumulated locally, nationally, and internationally. In analysing the data, the Section: Traffic Services can ascertain the frequency of accidents, where and when (time of day) it occurs and the severity (type) of accidents. Through this approach the Section: Traffic Services can deploy resources more efficiently and effectively to mitigate the risk of fatalities on the roads within the boundaries.

Traffic Services has aligned itself to the national strategy of the Department of Transport to improve road safety and mitigate fatalities on South African roads. The municipality has identified ten goals which are being prioritised as municipal priorities:

- To achieve a measurable improvement in road user behaviour – including skill, safer decisions, and better regard for other road users.
- To reduce the incidence of traffic offences, including speeding, drunk-driving, and drug-driving, dangerous overtaking, reckless & negligent driving, etc.
- To ensure that unfit road users are identified and appropriately sanctioned.
- To ensure that un-roadworthy (including overloaded) vehicles are appropriately sanctioned.
- To improve the safety level of public transport vehicles and drivers.
- To reduce the incidence of dangerous driving.
- To reduce the risk-taking behaviour of pedestrians and jaywalking.
- To develop education programmes for vehicle road users to enhance their road safety knowledge, eg. Road safety for creches, primary and high schools including farm workers and businesses)
- Identify and address key vehicle road user crash sites on a rolling basis.
- Ensure that all road safety interventions are intelligence led.

#### **4.3.18.4 Drive- Through: Blanco House**

George Municipality's vehicle population is currently standing on 79600 (licensed). Due to the fast growth in registration of motor vehicles in WC044, the Department explored innovative measures to reduce long queues by engaging with the Department of Transport. The Natis system was updated to make provision for the improvement of service delivery whereby owners may register on the online Natis Portal and receive notices via email and SMS's. This reference number created by the system could now be used to conclude a transaction for renewal of Licenses (paperless transactions).

Blanco Drive-Through renewals was established on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2022. The transactions done by the facility increased from an average of 350 transactions per month to 2500 for license renewals and 1200 for vehicle registrations.

#### **4.3.18.5 Law Enforcement**

With the review of the Safety Strategy, the municipality has to adapt to the changing environment of crime in its area and actively pursued closer working relationships with SAPS, private security, neighbourhood watches active in the area to be able to make an impact. It is common knowledge that criminals become smarter and migrate from neighbourhood municipalities which means that the municipality has to think smarter to always be one step ahead.

The municipality has completed all 3 phases of the action plan as identified during the previous review. This includes the installation of License Plate Recognition cameras (LPR) at all the main entrances and exits. These LPR cameras are supplemented with additional LPR cameras within residential areas which make it possible to track the direction of suspect vehicles linked to crime picked up by these. The municipality continuously invests in CCTV to enhance safety. The municipality also has a CCTV Master Plan which is a “living” document and frequently updated based on needs identified concerning safety.

The focus of Law Enforcement:

- Effective monitoring and surveillance of CCTV cameras;
- Zero tolerance approach towards petty crime - visible policing focussing on all areas, within the George Municipal boundaries inclusive of Uniondale and Haarlem.
- Continuous operational planning with SAPS and safety partners;
- Amendment of the structure of Law Enforcement to accommodate identified needs;
- Provisions for the establishment of a Rapid Response Unit (RRU);
- Strengthening coordination of communication Strategies between neighbouring municipalities;
- Social Crime Prevention Strategies in conjunction with the Section: Community Development in terms of Council’s
- Street People Policy and Social Justice SOP;
- Consult with the GRDM in terms of sharing of resources and information flow;
- Use of innovative technology to improve enforcement strategies;
- Compiling a security and safety camera master plan;
- Completion of the municipal control room – Joint Operating Centre (JOC);
- Provide training to Neighbourhood watches; and
- Implementation of the community safety forum

#### **4.3.19 Disaster Management**

The National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC) provided a set of guidelines; developed in terms of section 19(a) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002) (DMA) and section 3.6 of the National Disaster Management Framework, 2005 (NDMF) provides a uniform structure and checklist to organs of state to develop a Disaster Management Plan.

This plan confirms the arrangements for managing disaster risks and for preparing for – and responding to disasters within the Municipality as required by the Disaster Management Act.

In August 2024, the Fire Department Management conducted a strategic session to review the service's aspects and align them with relevant legislation, standards, and codes. The goal was to establish a modern, relevant service to the community, focusing on saving lives and protecting the community through prevention, preparedness, and emergency response. The vision was to exceed expectations by remaining progressive and innovative, ensuring a safe community through public education, fire prevention, training, and service delivery. The values of professionalism, integrity, teamwork, courage, compassion, and discipline were also emphasized. A SWOT analysis was conducted to identify challenges and the most appropriate application of resources for the community. Strategic goals were identified to ensure optimal service and a proud community. The Municipality's responsibility to provide safe services to the public is reaffirmed, emphasizing the importance of fire prevention in saving lives and developing a resilient community.

#### **4.3.19.1 The purpose of the George Municipality Disaster Management**

The National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC) provided a set of guidelines; developed in terms of Section 19(a) of the DMA and section 3.6 of the National Disaster Management Framework, 2005 (NDMF) provides a uniform structure and checklist to organs of state to prepare a level 3 Disaster Management Plan.

This plan confirms the arrangements for managing disaster risks and for preparing for- and responding to disasters within the George Local Municipality as required by the Disaster Management Act.

This plan seeks to achieve the following key outcomes:

- Integrated institutional capacity for disaster management such as roles and responsibilities of municipal departments and other key stakeholders; disaster management advisory forums; and disaster risk management planning.
- Disaster risk assessments which include disaster risk assessment and disaster risk reduction planning; monitoring updating; and disseminating risk information.
- Disaster risk reduction and that includes disaster risk management planning; setting priorities for disaster risk management planning; and inclusion of disaster risk reduction efforts in other structures and processes.
- Response and recovery such as early warnings; assessment, classification, declaration and review of disaster; integrated response and recovery; and rehabilitation and reconstruction.

The aim of the George Municipality Disaster Management Plan is to outline the actions for the efficient deployment, and co-ordination of the Municipal services, role players and personnel to provide the earliest possible response to:

- Protect and preserve life and property;
- Minimize the effects of the emergency or disaster;
- Restore essential services.

#### **4.3.19.2 Risk assessment throughout George**

The top risks for George have been classified in the Risk Assessment conducted by the WC PDMC as:

- Drought
- Fire (Wildfires)
- Alien invasive species
- Road incidents
- Severe storms
- Flood
- Civil unrest

#### **4.3.19.3 Risk reduction strategies**

The Disaster Management section will be focusing on risk reduction strategies in 2023. Risk reduction programs, training, awareness campaigns and research will be taking priority in 2023/2024.

#### **4.3.19.4 Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)**

Disasters can be reduced by decreasing the exposure to hazards, lessening vulnerability of people and property, the sensible management of land and the environment, and by improving preparedness and early warning for adverse events. Disaster risk reduction includes disciplines like disaster management, hazard mitigation and emergency preparedness, but DRR is also considered an integral part of sustainable development. DRR sets out to bridge the gap between development and livelihood security, as development can only be sustained if there is a clear understanding of and response to the negative impact of disasters. DRR interventions seek to assist in the development of this understanding, to support livelihoods and to protect assets. As an increasing number of people are being affected by natural hazards, there has been a growing recognition by governments and organisations that building resilience and reducing disaster risk should be central to their everyday activities.

No community can ever be completely safe from hazards and threats, and different layers of resilience are needed to deal with different kinds and severities of risk, shock, stress or environmental change. It may be helpful to think of a disaster resilient or disaster-resistant community as the safest possible community that can be created in a natural hazard context, minimising its vulnerability by maximising the application of DRR measures. Resilient communities commonly share a number of characteristics.

- Knowledge and well-being: the community has the ability to assess, manage and monitor its risks and learn new skills as well as build on past experiences
- Governance and organisation: the community has the capacity to identify problems, establish priorities and act accordingly.
- Connection with external stakeholders: the community has an established relationship with external actors who provide a wider supportive environment, and supply goods and services when needed.
- Operation and maintenance of infrastructure and services: the community has strong housing, transport, electrify, water and sanitation systems. It has the ability to maintain, repair and renovate them.
- Economic well-being: the community has a diverse range of employment opportunities, income and financial services. It is flexible, resourceful and has the capacity to accept uncertainty and respond (proactively) to change by ensuring business continuity
- Sustainability: the community recognises the value of natural assets and has the ability to protect, enhance and maintain them.

#### **4.3.19.5 Financial Constraints**

Disaster Management within George LM remained an unfunded mandate. The Disaster Management functionary was strategic placed in the Community Services Directorate, more closely associated with the Fire and Disaster Management sub-directorate.

Like many Municipalities, there is generally within the George Local Municipality insufficient manpower (operational budget constraints) to mobilise additional personnel resources. A disaster situation becomes even more of a challenge to manage when existing staff are already over-utilised. The Disaster Management Committee consists of the following stakeholders within the Municipality:

- Municipal Manager;

- Disaster Manager;
- Portfolio Councillor(s);
- Director Community Services;
- Director Civil Engineering Services;
- Director Electro Technical Services;
- Director Corporate Services;
- Director Financial Services; and
- Director Human Settlements, Planning and Development;

#### 4.3.19.6 DRR Plans for Risk Reduction

The following tables shows disaster risk reduction plans and recommendations.

The Western Cape economy is slowing in line with the national economy and is extremely vulnerable to any further international and domestic shocks. This low growth coupled with high levels of unemployment, poverty and inequality, will likely result in an increased demand for public services, placing greater pressure on already constrained resources. The current global and domestic economic pressures highlight the fundamental need for careful planning and tough decision making, active economic transformation and appropriate policy responses which creates both economic and human development.

	DRR PLAN DESCRIPTION	RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
<b>Animal Disease</b>			
<b>Societal</b>	<p><b>Awareness and management strategy on stray animals:</b></p> <p>It is a legal requirement in South Africa to have your pets vaccinated against rabies. However, vaccination with regards to stray dogs is uneven and is one of the contributing factors towards rabies risk within the area. Rabies is spread to other animals and people mainly by stray dogs (coming in contact with other wild animals such as the bat-eared fox and mongoose), yellow mongooses and especially the bat-eared foxes. In many instances' dogs may have rabies without their owners even realizing until it dies, and an autopsy reveals the cause of death. It is recommended that an ongoing structured and integrated campaign is implemented targeting general public especially in the poorer and informal areas to improve education and awareness regarding the spread of diseases, the risk of climate change and pre-notification of the movement of animals. A strategy to monitor, control/regulate the movement of stray animal must be integrated into the strategy to prevent the transmission to domestic animals/livestock.</p> <p>Between various stakeholders, solutions could be developed. During the Thusong mobile clinic awareness-raising days the pet-owners need to be educated not to neglect their animals after vaccination has been completed. Alternative homes could also be found for stray animal (after infected have been vaccinated).</p> <p>Rabies is not a serious problem in the Municipality, but such awareness campaign is necessary none the less as a preventative strategy.</p>	<p>DoA Veterinary Services George Municipality Thusong Centres</p>	<p>Improve early warning systems Decrease the spread of animal diseases Decrease stray animal count Improved awareness during Thusong mobile visits</p>
<b>Management</b>	<p><b>Develop an Animal Disease Disaster Preparedness Plan:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently animal diseases are not a big problem within the Municipality and incidence are localized and dealt with effective and efficiently by the State Veterinarian Department, however, historical occurrence of disease is not a good indicator of risk. It is argued that the diseases which carry the highest risk of causing an epidemic and disaster would be those that are new to the area e.g. brought in from another province or country.</li> </ul>	<p>DoA Veterinary Services George Municipality</p>	<p>Identify and characterize the various animal disease risks and risk hotspots and circulate information between all relevant stakeholders to minimize disconnection between Local Municipality and Veterinary Services</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe livestock value chains and identify people and organizations, particularly the communication between DoA, Garden Route District and the George Municipality, involved in those chains.</li> <li>Continued financial assistance to animal welfare.</li> <li>Determine how capacities can be improved for more effective and efficient response to animal diseases.</li> <li>Determine how laboratory diagnostic capabilities need to be strengthened.</li> </ul>		
	<p><b>Develop a Small-scale Farming Monitoring System</b></p> <p>In collaboration with Province, it is recommended that the municipality develop a strategy aimed at monitoring and regulating small-scale farming within the area. All small-scale farms should be inspected, and hygiene standards monitored.</p>	DoA Veterinary Services George Municipality Ward Councillors	Identify high-risk small-scale farming hotspots and implement monitoring and evaluation process. Inspection should occur at least on biannual basis
<b>Human Diseases</b>			
Physical Planning	Identify <b>high risk areas</b> subject to the outbreak of epidemics. As it was said in the Hazard Analysis section on Human Diseases, the spread of disease is closely linked to socio-economic and environmental vulnerabilities (which includes but not limited to poor living conditions, unhygienic standard etc). This above especially applies to areas such as Wilderness Heights, Touwsrante & Kleinkrantz, Thembalethu, Protea Park, Blanco, Rosemoore and Parkdene which should be closely monitored on a regular basis.	Health Services (DoH) George Municipality Social Development SASSA	High risk areas have been identified. Social grant usage occurs responsibly
	Develop a <b>strategy</b> aimed at combating <b>women abuse</b> within the municipality. Part of this strategy should include building a safehouse to shelter abused women. A member from Leeu-Gamka said that women abuse is on the rise especially amongst the poorer areas. Further investigation should be given to this matter.	DoH DoE Social Services George Municipality SAPS CDWs Ward Councillors Relevant NGOs/NPOs	Increase police presence in high-risk areas. Create a safe space for abused women to report incidents In collaboration with Province, build a safehouse for abused women
Management	A <b>structured and comprehensive multi-disciplinary and multi-sectoral strategy and plan must be developed and implemented</b> to address the problem of substance abuse in the area. The problem would require buy in on a provincial level. With a community condemned to poverty, social ills such as substance abuse, family and gender violence, criminal activity and grand dependency fosters a hand-out dependency culture which is detrimental to the sustainability of the town. In addition to law enforcement, the provision of treatment and prevention services is also critical.	Social Development Services Health Services (DoH) Dept. of Education SAPS Law Enforcement Relevant NGOs/NPOs Ward Councillors	Initiate an annual drug and abuse programme/roadshow Clamp down on illegal shebeens/taverns Erect CCTV cameras in drug and crime hotspots Increase police presence in high-risk areas
	<p><b>Continue intensive health interventions</b></p> <p>Particularly for HIV/AIDS and XDR-TB (Drug-resistant TB).</p> <p>Support the development of vulnerable groups by compiling a strategy and plan aimed at emergency housing, water, sanitation and food for a large-scale influx of displaced people.</p>	DoH Relevant NGOs/NPOs Thusong Centres	Health promotion to quit smoking is implemented Develop an emergency plan for influx of displaced people
	<p><b>Increase infectious disease capacity and infrastructure In George Local Municipality</b></p> <p>Many clinics in the rural/outlying areas are understaffed or in need of an upgrade. HIV/Aids and TB is closely linked. TB can be fatal if not treated. The HIV epidemic has led to an enormous increase in the number of TB cases as people living with HIV are far more susceptible to TB infection and are less able to fight it off. TB is responsible for a third of all deaths in HIV-infected people. The HIV epidemic has led to an enormous increase in the number of TB cases. People with HIV are far more susceptible to TB infection and are less able to</p>	DoH George Municipality	

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<p>fight it off. Ensure that all practitioners working with people with TB adhere to the International Standards for TB Care. These efforts should emphasize providing proper diagnosis and treatment to all TB patients, including those with drug-resistant TB. Establish a protocol for regular and timeous supplies of all anti-TB drugs. Proper management of TB drugs and providing support to patients to maximize adherence to prescribed regimens; caring for MDR/XDR-TB cases, and minimizing contact with other patients, particularly those with HIV, especially in the early stages before treatment has had a chance to reduce the infectiousness. Focus on high-density and informal settlement areas as well as a poorer rural region of George Municipality.</p>		
<p><b>Develop a strategy aimed at offering cost-effective transportation services for poor communities (outlying and rural areas) to hospital in George Municipality and hospitals in neighbouring municipalities</b></p> <p><b>Extend Go-George Services to rural and outlying areas</b></p> <p>Access to emergency medical services is critical for rural citizens due to rural distances between towns and health facilities being much greater than in the urban areas. Areas such as surrounding informal areas and rural peripheries can benefit from easier access to central node of George Municipality. It is recommended to consider a strategy that either improves public transport or a system that offers subsidized transport for outlying rural areas.</p>	<p>George Municipality Taxi Association Health Services (DoH)</p>	<p>Develop a subsidized transport scheme for outlying areas George Municipality and Taxi Associations develop MoU Extend Go George to poorer and rural areas (where possible)</p>
<p><b>Develop a strategy and plan aimed at inspection, upgrading, improving services, monitoring and evaluation of community clinics in surrounding outlying/rural areas</b></p> <p>Physical status of some community clinics should be inspected and also be evaluated on an annual basis.</p> <p>Part of this strategy could include erecting mobile clinics in areas such lacking</p>	<p>DoH George Municipality MIG CDWs Ward Councillors</p>	<p>Community clinics in poor states have been addressed</p>
<p><b>Increase youth access to contraceptive and reproductive health care services</b></p> <p>Teenage pregnancy is considered an issue with the Municipality</p> <p>Facilitate programmes to make pregnant women more aware of the advantages of a healthy lifestyle during pregnancy.</p> <p>Ensure clinical partners provides teen friendly, culturally competent reproductive health care services that are easily accessible to all young people in the community.</p> <p>Educate community leaders, parents, and other relevant community members about evidence-based strategies to reduce teen pregnancy and improve adolescent reproductive life choices.</p> <p>It is believed that teenage pregnancy and drug/alcohol abuse is closely interlinked.</p>	<p>DoH George Municipality CDW Selected NGOs/NPOs Ward Councillors</p>	<p>A decline in teenage pregnancies</p>
<b>Wildland Fires/Pest Infestation</b>		
<p><b>Defensible Zones</b></p> <p>Planning against wildfires in the future needs to be a fine balance between defending farms, plantations and homesteads and urban centres and maintaining the vigour of the Fynbos. It is imperative that a 30-year spatial plan is compiled to defend against fires. Both the 2017 and 2018 fires demonstrated that the Afro-montane forest, except under extreme fire conditions, acts as a natural fire break.</p> <p>Corridors of Afro-Montane forest need to be maintained, and in areas between plantations, need to be propagated to mitigate fires spreading between blocks of pine plantations.</p> <p>Buffer zones between Fynbos and urban centres need to have regular managed burns with a high frequency program. These buffer zones should be at least 500m wide.</p> <p>Rural and agricultural properties need to maintain defendable zones (space) of a minimum of 250m to protect structures, assets, infrastructure and valuable crops and livestock.</p> <p>Controlled Fynbos burns in rotation blocks need to be implemented to reduce the future occurrence of extensive wildfires. If integrated in a coordinated</p>		

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	<p>manner future wildfire can be limited to the Fynbos without risking the wellbeing of agricultural, plantations and urban centres, all the while maintaining the combined health of the Fynbos and the safety of Garden Route residents.</p>		
Physical	<p><b>Source funding to address the capacity constraints with Municipality</b> Municipalities need to be equipped to ensure effective and efficient response to wildfires. In often where you find municipalities that lack manpower and an adequate fleet. In an area where wildfires are a frequent reality it is of vital importance that the lack of firefighting capacity within the municipality be addressed. This issue needs to be escalated to a Provincial tier and solutions be determined to address this shortcoming. There are various funding sources available that can possibly be explored.</p>	<p>Western Cape Disaster Management Centre Garden Route District Municipality George Municipality</p>	
Management	<p><b>Develop and implement an alien invasive clearance and management strategy</b> Invasive species will also become an ever-increasing hazard to manage and monitor due to its linkage to indigenous domination, increase in fire risks, impacts on water resources etc. Alien infestation by species such as Rooikrans (<i>Acacia cyclops</i>), Port Jackson (<i>Acacia saligna</i>), Black Wattle (<i>Acacia mearnsii</i>), Blackwood (<i>A. melanoxylon</i>), Pine (<i>Pinus pinaster</i>), Silky Hakea (<i>Hakea sericea</i>) and <i>Eucalyptus</i> spp. is rife throughout the area. Pines and Hakea have invaded the slopes of the Outeniqua Mountains and South African Breweries (SAB) have attempted to contain this invasion. A noticeable feature of the Outeniqua Mountains is the stubble of dead pines along the crests of the ridges, these killed by the frequent wildfires in the area. Alien vegetation dominates most of the riparian vegetation flanking rivers and streams in the area, mostly Black Wattle and to a lesser extent Blackwood, pines and eucalypts. Fynbos areas are invaded by Hakea, Blackwood, Pines and to a lesser extent Rooikrans. The latter dominates the vegetation along the coastal plain, especially along the sea front dunes, with Port Jackson common in some areas Landowners are legally responsible for controlling invasive alien species on their land and there are several different pieces of legislation governing the control and management of alien invasive species: As a minimum, environmental assessment practitioners and land developers should be aware that: - Species that are listed invaders under the Biodiversity Act must be controlled according to the invasive species regulations and this is the responsibility of the landowner (see Government Notice: No. 37885 National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act 2004, Alien and Invasive Species Regulations, 2014). - Invasive alien species that are commercially important require a permit to be grown or retained on a property and any spread of the species beyond the boundaries of the property must be controlled by the permit-holder. Sellers of properties must notify the Department of Environmental Affairs and potential purchasers in writing of the presence of listed invasive species on that property.</p>	<p>George Municipality: Disaster Management Services Fire Rescue and Emergency Services Environmental Services Developmental Services CapeNature SANSPARK Landowner's Association DEA&amp;DP</p>	<p>Development of Intergrated Multi-Stakeholder Alien Invasive Clearance and Management Plan as a matter of a priority Update plan regularly as new species are identified Develop integrated management system to govern compliance to land management Initiate a monitoring and evaluation process cycle Invasive alien species create opportunities for job creation and income generation (EPWP) Sellers of properties must notify the Department of Environmental Affairs and potential purchasers in writing of the presence of listed invasive species on that property</p>
	<p><b>Early warning strategies to wildland fires be revised and updated</b> The entire early warning strategies must be revised and updated and be made user friendly for those who are at risk. As previously stated in the report, the early warning system must be designed to serve people effectively, and such systems must be integrated and link all actors in the early warning chain, including the scientific and technical community, public authorities and local communities. Finally early warning must be complemented by professional training and capacity building activities and the allocation of resources to enable timely actions to be taken to avert loss. This applies to all areas.</p>	<p>George Municipality: Fire Brigade Services Disaster Management Services SANS Park Cape Nature SCFPA Land Owner's Association</p>	<p>Early warning strategies have been revisited and updated accordingly Workshops were implemented offering professional training and capacity building activities</p>



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	<p><b>Maintain and update an accessible Alien Invasive Species list within municipality.</b></p> <p>An invasive alien plant monitoring, control &amp; eradication plan has been compiled for the George Municipality. Each municipal erf where alien species are present has been graded and all species present have been listed.</p> <p>Support research to determine and develop an understanding of the impact of climate change on invasive alien species and incorporate most research findings into management plans. This will assist with the restoration of degraded ecosystems as a result of alien invasive species as well as monitoring emerging potential risks.</p> <p><b>Research studies include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baard J.A. &amp; Kraaij T. Alien flora of the Garden Route National Park. South African Journal of Botany 94 (2014) 51-63.</li> <li>• Van Wilgen, B.W., Fill, J.M., Baard, J.A, Cheney, C., Forsyth, A.T., and Kraaij, T. 2016. Historical costs and projected future scenarios for the management of invasive alien plants in protected areas in the Cape Floristic Region. Biological Conservation 200 (2016) 168–17</li> </ul>	<p>George Municipality DoA CapeNature SANS Park SCFPA Garden Route Rebuild Initiative SANBI Garden Route Botanical Society</p>	<p>New invasive species infestation is detected early, and eradication of new infestations occur regularly</p> <p>Pest infestation re-growth areas have been identified and addressed in close cooperation between Cape Nature/SANS Park/George Botanical Society</p>
Physical Planning	<p><b>Plan for high-risk periods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Timber plantations of exotic pine and eucalyptus need to be secured between corridors of Afro-Montane forest to mitigate wildfires burning across blocks. Planning against wildfires in the future needs to be a fine balance between defending farms, plantations and homesteads and urban centres and maintaining the vigour of the Fynbos. It is imperative that a 30-year spatial plan is compiled to defend against fires.</li> <li>• Both the 2017 and 2018 fires demonstrated that the Afro-montane forest, except under extreme fire conditions, acts as a natural fire break. Corridors of Afro-Montane forest need to be maintained, and in areas between plantations, need to be propagated to mitigate fires spreading between blocks of pine plantations.</li> <li>• Buffer zones between Fynbos and urban centres need to have regular managed burns with a high frequency program. These buffer zones should be at least 500m wide. Rural and agricultural properties need to maintain defensible zones of a minimum of 250m to protect structures, assets, infrastructure and valuable crops and livestock.</li> <li>• Controlled Fynbos burns in rotation blocks need to be implemented to reduce the future occurrence of extensive wildfires. If integrated in a coordinated manner future wildfires can be limited to the Fynbos without risking the wellbeing of agricultural, plantations and urban centres, all the while maintaining the combined health of the Fynbos and the safety of Garden Route residents</li> <li>• High-risk areas are those posing a threat to safety and to downstream catchments and ravines and man-made infrastructure.</li> <li>• Monitor and evaluation contingency plans to ensure that effectiveness and efficiency is maximised.</li> <li>• Ensure safe maintenance of Eskom power lines.</li> <li>• Ensure the availability of water.</li> <li>• Recruit, train and equip volunteers to assist as first-line responders (especially in rural/outlying areas far from service hubs).</li> <li>• Encourage availability of water trucks on farms during harvest (preventing fires).</li> </ul>	<p>George Municipality (Fire Rescue and Emergency Services) Garden Route Disaster Management Centre SCFPA Eskom</p>	<p>High-risk areas have been re-evaluated and areas updated in contingency planning</p> <p>Volunteers have been trained and equipped to assist as first-line responders</p> <p>Installation of more water points and fire hydrants</p>
	<p><b>Establish satellite fire stations in areas disadvantaged by poor fire service response</b></p> <p>Areas far from fire stations such as <b>Kleinkrantz, Haarlem/Ongelegen/Noll &amp; De Vlugt need to be addressed.</b> Dispatch is sent from the main station in George. <b>Delineate buffer zones for alien grass invasion</b></p> <p>Alien grasses are among the worst invaders in lowland ecosystems adjacent to farms but are often the most difficult to detect and control. To avoid alien grass invasion a buffer of at least 30m should be left along the edges between pristine natural areas and vineyards, other agricultural lands &amp; compost or</p>	<p>George Municipality (Fire Rescue and Emergency Services) Garden Route Disaster Management Centre EPWP</p>	<p>Identify areas through a cost-benefit analysis</p> <p>Ring-fence funding to build satellite stations</p> <p>Train volunteers through an EPWP Programme</p> <p>Buffer zones have been delineated throughout George Municipality</p>

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<p>manure piles. This can prevent disturbance, edge effects and nutrient run-off into the veld, which promotes alien grass invasion.</p>	<p>George Municipality DEA&amp;DP DoA</p>	
<b>Drought</b>		
<p><b>Physical Planning</b></p> <p><b>Promote conservation agriculture</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use effective conservation farming methods and continued conservation and clearing of streams and river from alien vegetation (limit flooding), clearing of rural areas from dense alien vegetation that might result in a fire risk, maintaining fire breaks around farms;</li> <li>Promote alternative uses within conservation areas that support the sustainable management of these areas;</li> <li>Effectively manage erosion using conservation agriculture methods, planting of perennial legumes and management of contour lines. The uptake or increased use of legume rotations build soils by contributing organic nitrogen, reduce soil and crop borne diseases, help to reduce input costs and promote income diversification;</li> <li>A shift towards minimizing soil disturbance during tillage. Similarly, by reducing tillage farmers cut down in diesel and labor costs while improving soil structure, soil organic carbon (SOC) and water retention;</li> <li>Thick layers of compost and mulches helps to keep the moisture in the soil and the evaporation as minimum as possible.</li> <li>Conservation of the hill landscape - areas contain pockets of natural vegetation that provide part of the natural backdrop in the rural landscape. The more biodiversity you have in an orchard or vineyard, the less evaporation occurs, so you don't have to irrigate as much, so water can be saved;</li> <li>A bottom-up approach with active community participation for drought risk management in planning, decision-making and implementation, is essential to move from policy to practice. Share and implement indigenous/local knowledge regarding drought coping-capacities that have been effective for many generations;</li> <li>With a drought onset implement a stock reduction scheme. Keep livestock young and uplift culling standard. This will improve the quality of animals for better breeding standards.</li> </ul> <p><b>Protect water resources and water catchment areas and diversify where possible</b></p> <p>Being reliant of surface water means a heavy dependency is placed on rainfall. With climate change already being a reality, it would mean that weather invariability could place further strain on an already stressed water system.</p> <p>Save water through water harvesting, effective sustainable and beneficial use of water, building storage dams for winter water, reuse water and storm water (industrial use, irrigation of golf courses, farms, and in community gardens), promote the use of water tanks at people's homes and monitoring irrigation schemes Address the lack of water through protecting water sources, maintaining water catchment areas, diversifying water sources and maintaining water source quality and groundwater.</p> <p><b>Monitoring of boreholes</b></p> <p>It is of vital importance that the Municipality initiates a strategy to improved borehole monitoring capabilities.</p> <p>A lack of reliable groundwater data makes it difficult to make accurate assessments of the availability and abstraction potential of groundwater. The reliability of groundwater data and information is particularly important for effective and sustainable groundwater management. Reliable data can only be achieved through continuous monitoring. In fact, failure of groundwater supply schemes is always either due to failure of infrastructure (e.g. a blocked borehole screen) or unsuitable pumping regimes (e.g. pumping at exceedingly high rates for short periods of time) that are related to a lack of monitoring." Monitoring for operational purposes is either by means of a 'dipmeter' or recorder within an operational borehole, or by means of a recorder on a</p>	<p>George Municipality DoA Farmer Associations</p>	<p>Replace monocultures of climate-sensitive, high-yielding varieties with drought-resistant varieties and inter-cropping or rotational systems</p> <p>Landowners are monitored to ensure that they are only utilizing a third of their land for grazing capacity</p>
	<p>George Municipality DWS</p>	<p>Water sources are protected.</p> <p>Reduction in water leakages</p> <p>Water source and groundwater quality protected</p> <p>Retain blue drops status</p>
	<p>George Municipality DWS Garden Route District Municipality Western Cape Disaster Management Centre</p>	

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<p>monitoring borehole placed with a well-field - aimed at specifically capturing the condition of that well-field. There are a number of facets to monitoring for operations and maintenance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monitoring of water levels</li> <li>- Monitoring of water quality</li> <li>- Monitoring of pumping rates</li> <li>- Monitoring of electricity consumption</li> <li>- Monitoring of water demand</li> </ul> <p><b>Ensure the Ongoing Processes related to the River Health Programme</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep riparian zones intact; where transformed by past farming practices, rehabilitation is advised. The well-being of river ecosystems is heavily dependent on the health of the adjacent natural vegetation, or 'riparian habitat'. This vegetation stabilises the river bank, filters pollutants, helps maintain a natural water temperature, contribute organic matter in support of aquatic life and acts as a buffer to adjacent land uses. Riparian zones must be kept free of alien plants and bulldozing should be avoided at all cost, unless this has been authorised by the regulatory authority (e.g. after a flood event).</li> <li>• River banks should be gently sloped (only where already transformed and not where the river bank is naturally steeply sloped) and planted with local indigenous riparian vegetation to prevent erosion and improve water quality.</li> <li>• Allow adequate strips or buffer zones of indigenous vegetation next to the riparian zone to minimise the effect of fertiliser and pesticide run-off from cultivated land. The width of the buffer zones will depend on the size and characteristics of the river.</li> <li>• Ensure that an 'ecological reserve' (i.e. enough water for river ecosystem to function adequately) remains in the river. High levels of water abstraction, especially during summer, drastically decrease flow, concentrate pollutants, increase water temperature and impact on river health. Minimise water use by implementing 'best practice' such as drip irrigation. If possible, abstraction from rivers (in the winter-rainfall areas) should take place in winter and the water should be stored in a dam for use in summer.</li> <li>• Consider how farming practices in catchment areas may be improved to reduce sedimentation and water-quality problems. Using 'biological farming' methods will minimise the negative impacts on water quality (see Section 8 for more information on biological farming practices).</li> <li>• The damming of rivers and building of weirs are not permitted by DWS (except where the necessary authorisation has been obtained) as dams reduce flow, cause sediment build-up in the dam basin and prevent species migration.</li> <li>• The use of appropriate river and wetland management and rehabilitation methods is a complex science, and freshwater experts should be consulted when required. Depending on the level of assistance required, advice may be at no cost (generally from government agencies) or if private, will be charged for.</li> <li>• Become an active member of your area's Water User Association (WUA).</li> </ul>	<p>George Municipality CapeNature DWS</p>	
<p><b>Protect and maintain water sources against pollution, through being vigilant of sewer leakages</b></p> <p>George, like most towns on the Garden Route, experienced major population growth since the beginning of the millennium, which placed significant pressure on ageing and inadequate infrastructure that was never designed to handle such large numbers of people and properties. Several river systems that feed into the estuary run through informal settlements where unhealthy living conditions such as 'long drop'-toilets and dumping contribute towards pollution. Throughout Knysna, residents and businesses have through the years illegally connected their rainwater outlets to the main sewer system. As the Garden Route is an all-year rainfall area that experiences significant amounts of rain at a time, stormwater can be substantial in built-up areas.</p> <p>Main sources of pollution:</p>	<p>George Municipality DoA DWS</p>	<p>Borehole and groundwater quality are monitored and protected against pollution</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Failure to capture pollutants (human and animal faeces, carcasses of dead animals and other solid waste) in the upper parts of the catchment;</li> <li>Inadequate infrastructure to manage waste in the sewer system between upper catchment and sewage works;</li> <li>Inadequate and outdated sewage works;</li> <li>Massive ingress of storm water into sewers exacerbating infrastructure problems;</li> <li>Ingress of other materials that cause blockages;</li> <li>Inadequate systems to manage problems.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Augment water supplies</b></p> <p>The Western Cape is currently experiencing a severe drought, which also impacts on the availability and supply of bulk water of the Garden Route District Municipality and yield of the George Municipality’s own existing surface and groundwater sources. It of vital important to implement measures to lower the future water requirements and improve the augmentation of the Garden Route Municipality’s existing water sources are therefore critical at this stage.</p> <p>Encourage water demand management and enhance irrigation efficiencies.</p> <p>Promote biological farming and other techniques to reduce nutrient loads in hydrological systems.</p> <p>Supply water rights for land reforms projects.</p> <p>Ensure balance between water supply infrastructure for agriculture and urban development.</p> <p>Strengthening the monitoring of rainfall, stream flows, groundwater levels and water quality.</p> <p>Repair and maintain dams, reservoirs, boreholes and of irrigation systems to save water and prevent wastage.</p> <p>Plan for the potential impact of climate change – Investigate alternative water resources to alleviate water shortages during droughts.</p> <p>Encourage the planting of drought-resistant fodder plant species.</p>	<p>George Municipality</p> <p>Farmer Associations</p> <p>Water User Associations</p> <p>DWS</p> <p>DoA</p> <p>DEA&amp;DP</p>	<p>Execute water demand management measures</p> <p>Enhance irrigation efficiencies</p> <p>Promotion of biological farming reducing nutrient loads in hydrological systems</p> <p>Ensure water balance between agriculture and urban development</p> <p>Maintenance and repair of dams, reservoirs, boreholes and irrigation systems (minimize water wastage)</p> <p>Plan for future impacts of drought</p> <p>Encouraging planting of drought resistant fodder</p>
<p><b>Develop a drought management plan for commonages</b></p> <p>Prepare a plan to indicate which commonages land should be conserved and where agriculture can occur. All existing and potential land suitable for intensive agriculture must be protected from conversion to other uses including conservation.</p> <p>Assist small-scale farmers and farmers in urban areas to farm in a suitable manner with the minimum dependence on irrigation.</p> <p>Ensure the sustainable use of resources by applying grazing capacity guidelines.</p>	<p>George Municipality</p> <p>DoA</p> <p>Farming Associations</p>	
<p><b>Diversification of farming activities</b></p> <p>Diversification involves reduction of income shortfalls by engaging in livelihood strategies that have negatively or weakly correlated returns which may involve diversification of crops and livestock, spatial diversification of farms, and diversification from farm to non-farm activities. Drought-related policies and plans should emphasize risk reduction (prevention, mitigation and preparedness) rather than relying solely on drought relief. Temporal adjustments of cropping patterns and adjusting planting dates and crop establishment methods; changing weeding and fertilization practices; and use of soil and water conservation practices</p>	<p>George Municipality</p> <p>DoA</p> <p>Farming Associations</p>	<p>Diversification strategy has been considered and processes have been implemented</p>
<b>Seismic Hazard</b>		
<p><b>Conduct a risk assessment to identify high risk areas</b></p> <p>Nature is unpredictable and can at any time create a devastating or phenomenal experience. As history has taught us is that nature is unpredictable and with the low-level of awareness of seismic event within South African it is critical that an in-depth study be conducted to put uncertainties to rest. It is recommended that, in collaboration with Garden Route District Municipality, that a District-Level Hazard-Specific Risk Assessment be conducted with Seismic Experts to determine exactly where fault systems lie in proportion to Municipal location. This is the only was</p>	<p>George Municipality:</p> <p>Consultant (such as Council of Geoscience)</p> <p>Garden Route District Western Cape Disaster</p>	<p>Funding has been sourced to appoint a seismic expert</p> <p>A hazard specific risk assessment has been conducted</p> <p>High risk areas have been identified and multi-</p>

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	certainty can be fostered and appropriate risk reduction and contingency planning be put into place.	Management Centre	disciplinary plans have been made accordingly
Management	<p><b>Develop a George Municipality Seismic Preparedness Plan</b></p> <p>Based on the results of a hazard specific risk assessment, develop contingency plan regarding such matter.</p> <p>Conduct awareness training and training in earthquake-resistant constructions.</p> <p>Include in the plan a strategy for reuniting when safe.</p>	George Municipality DoE DoH Council of Geoscience Provincial Disaster Management Centre	
	<p><b>Help develop a new earthquake catalogue for the region centred on the Garden Route District</b></p> <p>This catalogue should extent in all directions to a distant of 300km from the municipal boundaries.</p> <p>Research is needed to determine of there has been episodic recurrences of relatively sudden-onset intervals of net landscape instability.</p> <p>The earthquake catalogue should be routinely updated through a formal process and form part of the GIS and spatial data infrastructure for the Garden Route District Disaster Management Centre for immediate access and display during real or simulated seismic emergency situations. This would have future use as an educational and awareness-raising tool throughout the municipal area, such as through online internet access by local schools, NGOs and interested individuals.</p> <p>Field-based investigations aimed at the recognition and mapping of seimogenic source zones should be included.</p>	Garden Route District Disaster Management Centre Provincial Disaster Management Centre Council of Geoscience George Municipality	
<b>Floods</b>			
Societal	<p><b>Severe weather disaster risk reduction public awareness and preparedness campaign</b></p> <p>Flood prevention workshops or mass meetings should be facilitated to create awareness.</p> <p>Special attention must be given to the most vulnerable groups i.e. very young and elderly. Flood awareness could even run as part of life skills within school in the area to emphasize risk avoidance behaviour.</p> <p>It is important that ward counsellors assist to educate communities on methods to prevent and minimise damage caused to property by floods.</p>	George Municipality DoE Ward Councillors	Community response training is provided timeously to volunteers in all high-risk areas
Physical Planning and Management	<p><b>Develop a severe weather preparedness plan for emergency and essential services</b></p> <p>Conduct a situation analysis and preliminary risk analysis.</p> <p>Identify critical infrastructure exposed to flooding and establish contingency planning.</p> <p>Identify hospital and health care facilities that are potential flood exposed.</p> <p>Adhere to and disseminate weather warnings.</p> <p>Identify each person and organization, particularly the communication between SAWS, DWS, DoH, EMS, WCDM: Roads and local municipality, and establish each role and function to ensure a coordinated, effective and efficient response.</p>	George Municipality DWS DoH EMS WCDM: Road	Identify and characterize the risk issues and risk hotspots Information is circulated to all relevant stakeholders Contingency planning is formulated for high-risk areas and included in the Spatial Development Plan
Management	<p><b>Update Storm Water Management Plan</b></p> <p>Storm water Master Plan in process of being updated. This will indicate where capacity is a concern and highlight areas to be prioritised for upgrading/installation of storm water infrastructure</p> <p>In the GLM the absence of proper storm water infrastructure in certain areas is a reality with some dwellings are built on the fringe of stormwater channels or directly opposite stormwater outlets. Run-off in channels worsened by dumping of household refuse, thereby impeding the flow of run-off, causing water to rise and spill over much faster. There are also homes that were built</p>	George Municipality Consultant MIG	Funding is ring-fenced and the storm water management plan is updated for the George Municipality Ongoing maintenance and upgrading of stormwater infrastructure

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<p>on a high-water table, in close proximity to underground springs, with no or very few drains, which were often blocked. In some cases, houses were built directly under stormwater drainage outlets. Some homes are located on lower part of the slopes, as a result of poor town planning. It is suspected that, this is due to constrained governance, reflected in poor regulation of building standards and municipal oversight of building contractors.</p> <p>Keep the residential roads free from rubble and debris to assist with mitigation of damage caused by flooding.</p> <p>Ensure ongoing, frequent maintenance and upgrades of water catch pits in and around communities</p>		<p>Regular cleaning of storm verges.</p> <p>Clearing of stormwater channels</p> <p>Effect stormwater management to prevent pollution in the estuary</p> <p>Installation of oil/litter traps at strategic places in the storm water network</p> <p>Programme to educate communities regarding effective storm water management</p> <p>Building and repairing of water culverts</p>
<p><b>Determine flood setback lines and adhere to strict building regulations</b></p> <p>Development is not supported within the 100-year floodline. In addition, development should be setback from the 100-year floodline. Buffers ranging from 10 to 40 metres are generally applied to the floodline to ensure protection of habitat outside of the flood zone. Where the drainage system is too small to calculate a floodline, then development must be setback at least 32 metres from the top of the bank of the drainage line. This ensures that the heads of catchments are kept open allowing for more infiltration and less flooding downstream.</p> <p>The 1:50 year flood line should be determined, and development should not be permitted within the floodline. Where the drainage system is too small to calculate a floodline, development must be setback at least 32 metres as set out in the NEMA regulations. This ensures that the heads of catchments are kept open allowing for more infiltration and less flooding downstream.</p>	<p>Garden Route District</p> <p>George Municipality</p>	<p>Specific land use within floodplain is delineated</p>

## 4.3.19.7 DRR Plans for Technological Hazards

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<b>Water Supply Disruption</b>			
<b>Management</b>	<p><b>Implement a multi-faceted water management strategy</b></p> <p>Save water through water harvesting, effective sustainable and beneficial use of water, building storage dams for winter water, reuse water and storm water (industrial use, irrigation of golf courses, vineyards, and in community gardens), promote the use of water tanks at people's homes and monitoring irrigation schemes.</p> <p>Support the use of treated grey water for irrigation of communal land close to residential areas.</p> <p>See realistic targets for Water Conservation and Demand Management (rural and urban).</p> <p>Intervention can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing of quality drinking water to all formal households</li> <li>• Providing of basic level of water to all informal households – within 200m</li> <li>• To provide sufficient bulk water – Assess water supply capacity and consumption levels monthly</li> <li>• To maintain all municipal water assets to extend the lifespan of assets – monitor and maintain water supply assets and sewerage water treatments plants within available budget</li> <li>• Improve water management capacity to ensure sustainable water provision during dry summer season</li> </ul>	<p>George Municipality</p> <p>Water Users Association</p> <p>DWS</p> <p>DoA</p>	<p>Groundwater specialist is appointed.</p> <p>Water saving strategies have been evaluated and implemented.</p> <p>Grey water and storm water reuse plan developed, and processes initiated.</p> <p>Realistic targets for water conservation and demand management have been established and adjusted accordingly.</p> <p>Alternate water augmentation schemes have been evaluated.</p>
	<b>Economic</b>	<p><b>Improve water demand management during drought periods</b></p> <p>All resources, especially surface water resources, need to be re-evaluated, especially where demand is close to the safe one in twenty-year yields. It is therefore important to establish assurance of supply levels of all water sources;</p> <p>Increase assurance of supply of the water resources by ensuring that there is at least 10% additional capacity (headroom), when considering the maximum 24-hour demand on the peak month of the year;</p> <p>Do not undertake new developments unless a proper investigation of the implication on water sources and sustainability in the long term has been undertaken;</p> <p>Reallocating water shares among users is one of the alternatives for a preparedness plan or during periods of drought;</p> <p>Budget for water infrastructure e.g. additional pumps for water;</p> <p>Provide incentives for water saving e.g. reduction in water use;</p> <p>Vigorously implement Water Demand Management measures, especially in terms of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• increased water efficiency</li> <li>• frequent monitoring of the water supply system, from the sources to the consumers; and</li> <li>• Restrict water losses through regular and adequate system maintenance and repairs.</li> <li>• Diversify water resources, e.g. surface water, groundwater, wastewater re-use and sea water desalination.</li> </ul>	<p>George Municipality</p> <p>Water User Associations</p> <p>DWS</p>
		<p><b>Proactively stimulate the local economy through the preservation of the rural character around dams and water resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure the primary and operational requirements of dams and other water resources (e.g. water quality, safety and flood control).</li> <li>• The development in and around dams and other water features can be evaluated, considered and implemented through the development of a water resources zoning plan as reference.</li> <li>• Prevent the unsustainable, uncontrolled and unsafe use of state water resources.</li> <li>• Strengthen the natural and cultural environment around dams and water resources through development of tourism, sport and recreation</li> </ul>	<p>George Municipality</p> <p>DWS</p> <p>Water User Association</p> <p>Garden Route District</p>

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	<p>facilities, which will also provide opportunities for the creation of job opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effective and fair management of State dam basins, water resources and catchment areas. Take social, economic and environmental impact into consideration. Include all land located within the catchment areas of a dam or water resource to effectively manage the health of the system.</li> </ul>		
Engineering	<p><b>Provision and planning of bulk infrastructure must be in line with the future spatial growth and planning of the towns and be cost effective.</b></p> <p>Determine the need for bulk infrastructure in George as required for the proposed growth potential and planned projects.</p> <p>Identify the proposed best location for the expansion and the infrastructure planned in the different towns.</p> <p>Provision of service to the community in an effective and sustainable way by prioritising spending on infrastructure in areas with an economic growth potential.</p> <p>Provision of environmentally friendly infrastructure and services in rural areas to not only improve the quality of life of people living in the rural areas but also to ensure continued environmental management and protection.</p> <p>Provide and deliver rural infrastructure and services for water harvesting infrastructure, sufficient storage capacity for drinking water and expanded distribution networks where necessary;</p> <p>Investigate alternative water resources for the George to plan for future drought conditions.</p>	George Municipality Water User Associations DWS Garden Route District	
<b>Sewage and Drainage/Waste Management Disruption</b>			
Physical Planning	<p><b>George is kept clean, safe and green</b></p> <p>The Municipality should aim for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide an integrated waste-management service for the total municipal area;</li> <li>To provide basic services to informal settlements that comply with the minimum standards;</li> <li>To build on current recycling initiatives and secure a meaningful reduction in waste levels;</li> <li>To maintain and improve on Blue and Green drop status in water and sewage services by the retaining of capacity and the further improvement of capacity;</li> <li>To build on the current waste co-operative governance relationship.</li> </ul> <p><b>Provide and support an effective environment</b></p> <p>Provide and deliver rural infrastructure and services for sanitation i.e. individual sewerage works (not connected to existing networks) to small rural settlements, grade sewage works and promote and implement Garden Route District Municipal Rural Bathroom Subsidies;</p> <p>Upgrade sewage systems where applicable and connect remaining septic tanks and buckets to flush systems;</p> <p>Provide and deliver rural infrastructure and services for waste i.e. establish transfer stations at appropriate locations in rural areas and in rural towns and provide sewerage services as per national norms in all rural towns;</p> <p>Encourage small sewerage treatment plants for high density farms and rural settlements;</p> <p>Promote small sewerage treatment plants for high density farms and rural settlements;</p>	George Municipality	Focus on maintenance and upgrade Provide services in areas that are lacking Encourage small sewerage treatment plants for high-density farms and rural settlements
Social	<p><b>Investigate and address the issue of illegal dumping</b></p> <p>Efforts should be made to address illegal dumping throughout the municipality.</p> <p>Investigate the provision of transfer stations along major routes and at large farming operations;</p>	George Municipality Ward Councillors	Decreased in illegal dumping cased within municipality



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	Consider more options for recycling of domestic waste as well as garden waste for composting.		
	<p><b>An integrated programme to educate the general public in anti-littering and responsible domestic waste management and disposal</b></p> <p>This should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Problems caused by refuse in storm water systems;</li> <li>• Responsible and correct use refuse transfer stations; and</li> <li>• General environmental health problems caused by indiscriminate dumping of waste material/refuse</li> </ul>	George Municipality Ward Councillors	A strategy has been implemented
	<p><b>Promote waste separation at source (from urban to rural and informal areas)</b></p> <p>Encourage waste recycling at households.</p> <p>Evaluate and control the environmental impact of on-farm waste disposal.</p>	George Municipality Ward Councillors	Waste separation in rural and urban areas increase
<b>Electrical Supply Disruption</b>			
Physical Planning	<p><b>Provide and deliver rural infrastructure and services for electricity</b></p> <p>i.e. support the installation of sufficient transformers to provide electricity to households and the generation of alternative energy;</p> <p>Maintenance and upgrading that sustain and improve the current condition of electrical infrastructure</p> <p>Ensure sufficient electricity capacity for planned developments (built environment) that are feasible.</p> <p>Generate alternative energy.</p>	George Municipality MIG	
	<p><b>Address Service Delivery issues to informal area</b></p> <p>The supply of electricity and security lighting in all areas of George is a priority, but Thembalethu is receiving the highest priority. There are almost 5 000 informal houses in Thembalethu without electricity.</p> <p>It is essential that all citizens in George have access to basic services as provided by local government. Access to basic services by all citizens should be 100%. All service-delivery constraints need to be mitigated. It is also essential that the municipality ensures that strategic measures are in place to manage risk areas for service delivery such as shortage of electricity</p>	George Municipality MIG Department of Human Settlements Department of Energy	
Social	<p><b>Improve inadequate street lighting in rural/informal areas</b></p> <p>Limited street lights are generally associated with high crime zones.</p>	George Municipality MIG	Areas with inadequate street lighting have been addressed
	<p><b>Encourage rural residential development that allows environmentally friendly services</b> such as solar power and eco-friendly sewerage treatment plants</p> <p>Promote the use of solar water heaters, PV panel, grey-water recycling, waste separation at source and passive building design to minimize energy, solid waste and water demand.</p> <p>Community participation in the form of situational awareness and the appropriate risk reduction and contingency initiatives improves continued service delivery In George Municipality.</p>	George Municipality Ward counsellors	Alternative eco-friendly energy-saving measures have been considered and implemented accordingly
Economic	<p><b>Source funding to improve institutional management.</b></p> <p>Like many municipalities in South Africa, maintenance of existing municipal assets is generally in competition with the need to extent services to poor communities. Rehabilitation and maintenance of existing infrastructure is a priority which needs to be addressed.</p>	George Municipality MIG	Training and contingency planning is improved Maintenance of infrastructure is improved
Management	<p><b>Prepared policy for sighting and approval for renewable energy projects.</b></p> <p>George is also becoming an important role-player in the green industry relating to solar energy and other green industries which promote clean manufacturing principles. This provides an opportunity for George to become a national benchmark. Local communities situated south of the N2 are still situated furthest from facilities and employment. A special investment node</p>	George Municipality DEA&DP Consultant	Research into renewable energy projects have been initiated Projects are environmentally sensitive with conservation in mind

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	<p>has been identified south of these areas and continued efforts need to be made to attract suitable investors to establish a new node with a unique niche in this area, which will effectively bring employment and investment opportunities closer to the urban poor. Simultaneously the economic base of George is broadened and its position as a regional service centre will be strengthened.</p> <p>Promote domestic and large wind and solar energy projects subject to appropriate guidelines and sitting principles.</p> <p>Alternatively off-grid solutions such as small package plants, methane gas digesters or biolytic systems should be identified. Responsibility for the maintenance of these systems must be borne by the owners.</p> <p>Renewable energy forms an important part of the energy mix, which also includes electricity generation from gas, nuclear, solar, wind, hydro and coal.</p>		
	<p><b>Research climate change projections to improve electricity grid's operational preparedness.</b></p> <p>Distinguishing local climate trends is essential as climate may not change uniformly across large areas. Furthermore, there is a clear demand for reliable climate information by both local authorities and land managers in order to ensure that climate risk management and assessments of climate change are locally relevant.</p> <p>Also, it is proposed that electricity grid operators disconnect high voltage lines from the rest of the grid to protect high voltage transformers during solar storms.</p>	<p>Garden Route District Municipality George Municipality Consultant</p>	<p>Detailed studies are conducted of the changes in diurnal temperature ranges and a broader regional scale and the continued monitoring of both climate observations and species-level changes</p>
<b>Road Accidents</b>			
Engineering	<p><b>Upgrading and continuous maintenance of roads in rural and urban areas.</b></p> <p>Roads, in the form of road access, play an integral part towards local economy stream.</p> <p>The maintenance of the roads within the municipal area remains a challenge with a limited operational budget. The neglect of several years has since culminated in a situation that requires more maintenance and capital expenditure than the limited budget of George Municipality can afford.</p> <p>Incorporate the continuous upgrading and maintenance of the urban road network in the yearly budget;</p> <p>Ensure adequate transport networks to get to work and school etc. Keep dirt roads in rural towns where they form part of the character of the town. It is however important to design and maintain dirt roads in the appropriate manner to limit storm water impact on roads;</p> <p>Prioritise maintenance and development of identified activity streets in towns;</p> <p>Although road upgrades are already underway in certain areas but areas in need of upgrades have to highlighted as part of future development planning</p> <p>Strengthen Regional roads – that provide links between main towns as well as with surrounding areas</p>	<p>George Municipality MIG</p>	<p>Degraded roads, potholes and disintegration of the tarred surface are upgraded</p>
	<p><b>Identify regional routes unable to accommodate abnormal freights</b></p> <p>The regional routes in the area currently lack the capacity to sustain abnormal loads and are generally only suitable for freight and private motor traffic only.</p>	<p>George Municipality</p>	<p>Research and identify alternate routes</p>
Management	<p><b>Develop a comprehensive transport plan for future expansion of urban areas</b></p> <p>Realistic affordable transport plan to accommodate the increased traffic within the urban areas – collaborate with Provincial Roads department.</p>	<p>George Municipality Provincial Roads</p>	<p>Future growth is integrated in transport plan to ensure infrastructure proportionate growth</p>
	<p><b>Research impact of climate change on road infrastructure</b></p> <p>There is no seasonality associated with climate-change. The continued use of non-renewable fuel will exacerbate the changes in climatic conditions (as part of a collective impact) due to the release of ozone depleting gases into the atmosphere. Climate change will lead to higher maximum temperatures and more associated heatwaves. This could potentially lead to an increase threat</p>	<p>George Municipality Consultant</p>	<p>Conduct a study on the impact of climate change on road structure High risk areas are identified</p>

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	to infrastructure exceeding design specifications relating to temperature e.g. traffic lights and road surfaces.		
Social	<p><b>An awareness and education programme to inform pedestrians on the safe use of roads</b></p> <p>There are at present several initiatives to enhance pedestrian safety, these should be pursued. Such programmes should be targeted at schools. This applies especially to areas with high-pedestrian casualties.</p>	George Municipality Ward Councillors	Safety education and awareness programme initiated Safety awareness roadshow in the community
Physical	<p><b>Support the provision of pedestrian friendly environments in the urban areas as part of effective land use planning</b></p> <p>Provision of formal safe pedestrian/cycling routes along main activity routes. Strive to provide pedestrian routes that is accessible to disable people in the communities. Plan the location of new residential areas close to working opportunities to limit vehicle movement in the urban areas.</p>	George Municipality MIG	Increase in pedestrian-friendly environments
	<p><b>Improve mobility</b></p> <p>Strengthen Regional routes and mobility between urban agricultural service centres. Strengthen economic access and links i.e. maintain existing road, promote links between surrounding municipalities and rural regions and lobby for new and planned regional network through George Municipal Area. Strengthen railways and services i.e. to transport agricultural freight and to promote tourism between George towns and surrounding regions; Strengthen Communication networks and promote establishment of information centres in rural areas.</p>	George Municipality MIG	Road infrastructure is upgraded in rural areas. Road linkages connected to increase mobility for rural/outlying areas
<b>Hazmat (Road)</b>			
	<p><b>A structured and integrated programme that builds capacity to response to Hazardous Material Transport Incidents</b></p> <p>Improve law enforcement capacity. Employ sufficient support team to conduct frequency inspections. Ensure fire extinguishers are in place and serviced regularly. Provide training and special skills training. Identify specialized role players for HAZMAT cleaning</p>	George Municipality Private HAZMAT companies (such as Spilltech) Garden Route District Municipality	Initiate a capacity building strategy Train local fire fighters with basic hazmat response capabilities Impose fines and higher licence fees for offenders Roads and road signs are improved MoU drafted between George Municipality and registered HAZMAT cleaning companies
<b>Civil Unrest</b>			
Management	<p><b>Address housing backlog</b></p> <p>Service delivery also needs to be improved regarding low-cost housing and the provision of GAP housing. The Council needs to make land available for developers to ensure that more affordable housing is made available as the demand for housing is still much more than the supply especially for the low-income earning population. Focus on completing backlog as soon as funds allow it.</p>	George Municipality Department of Housing	Decrease in housing backlogs
	<p><b>Address areas in needs of Primary and/or Secondary Schools</b></p> <p>Identify areas that are disadvantaged with regards to vast distances between towns and schools. Conduct a needs-analysis in each Ward to determine whether a need persists to each respective area.</p>	Department of Education MIG George Municipality	A needs-analysis has been conducted Schools has been built
	<p><b>Develop and initiate a multifaceted strategy aimed at addressing the poor residing on the urban fringes/rural areas.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dissatisfaction with poor directly correlates with social unrest.</li> </ul>	George Municipality	Address basic services issues Address service delivery backlog

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is essential that all citizens in George have access to basic services as provided by local government. Access to basic services by all citizens should be 100%. All service-delivery constraints need to be mitigated. It is also essential that the municipality ensures that strategic measures are in place to manage risk areas for service delivery such as shortage of electricity and water, and that the green industry is stimulated to increase recycling practices and water- and electricity-saving practices are encouraged.</li> </ul> <p>The Municipality should look at the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stimulate local economic development;</li> <li>Consolidating, integrating and reinforcing settlement structures;</li> <li>Address basic service issues such as water, electricity, sewage management;</li> <li>Improving service delivery;</li> <li>Strengthening rural-urban linkages;</li> <li>Promoting socio-economic development and increasing thresholds for service delivery and social facilities.</li> <li>The socio-economic situation In George Municipality area has stark contrasts. The population consists of a minority of wealthy residents and a majority of poor residents. The division between the wealthy and poor correlates strongly with racial groupings. The black and coloured populations are among the poorest residents of George. Low levels of education and income, and high HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis rates are characteristic in the poorer communities. Joblessness and poverty are serious social-ill, and one can never underestimate the impact that it has on one's life. In summary, the following factors have been identified that is believed to interlinked in George Municipality: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slow pace of land reform, especially in rural areas;</li> <li>High level of inequality (wide gap between rich and poor);</li> <li>Limited progress with BBBEE at a local level;</li> <li>Relatively high rate of unemployment and poverty;</li> <li>Impact of fire disaster on the distribution of income and scale and incidence on poverty will be felt;</li> <li>Skills gap exists in basic business techniques;</li> <li>Limited entrepreneurial culture amongst local people;</li> <li>High expectation of rural communities for municipality to create jobs;</li> <li>Inconsistent understanding of economic development objectives;</li> <li>Increasing levels of drug related crime and crime induced poverty;</li> <li>Increasing level of violence against women &amp; children;</li> <li>Increasing incidence of HIV/Aids and TB;</li> <li>High levels of alcohol &amp; substance abuse especially amongst the youth;</li> <li>Dependency on social grants and wage income by the poor;</li> <li>Low levels of educational attainment by labour force;</li> <li>Increase teenage pregnancies;</li> <li>High drop-out rate in schools;</li> <li>Limited integration of communities;</li> <li>Threat of civil unrest/regular protest action;</li> <li>Workers laid off as result of disaster disengage from economy due to limited alternative opportunities;</li> <li>Unrealistic expectation of rapid and complete recovery from residents and business owners.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Department of Social Development Department of Human Settlements MIG</p>	<p>Develop a strategy to accommodate housing backlogs Improve Service delivery Improve conditions of roads Integrated Public Transport Network Provision of low-cost housing and GAP housing Strengthen rural-urban linkages to increased accessibility to services Promote socio-economic development. Empower the poor with skillsets</p>
<p><b>Implement subsidized transport scheme for school children</b></p> <p>The high cost of traveling and accommodation to educational facilities outside the boundaries of the municipality makes further education unaffordable. It encourages early drop-out in schools as students realise their parents will not be able to pay for further studies and they will be limited to first-entry jobs. This situation limits residents' employment and income generating opportunities as low skills levels implies low remuneration. Many of the young people that cannot afford the cost of higher education ends up as participants</p>	<p>George Municipality Taxi Association</p>	

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<p>in the Expanded Public Works Programme or Community Works Programme that provides a safety net against poverty but have no real potential of developing marketable skills in the employment sector, dooming participants to a life of borderline poverty. It is vital that George Municipality extends the Go George to the poorer areas.</p> <p><b>Stimulate the local economy</b></p> <p>It needs to target the service economy to diversify its economic base and strengthen those sectors that living up to its potential. This will stimulate economic activity and result in new business sales and job creation to alleviate poverty. The aim is to ensure that an annual growth rate of 8% is achieved. It is just as important to focus on retaining and expanding established businesses and re-instilling investor confidence in the George Municipal area. This will be done through business retention and expansion strategies that <i>inter alia</i> facilitate development in targeted areas identified in the MSDP. For the economy to grow it is essential that the correct infrastructure is in place to accommodate current and new business activities. Therefore, infrastructure investment must be a primary focus for the next 10 to 15 years. The leading sectors, such as the Finance and Business services sector, need to be stimulated to ensure that George is a regional services hub in the Garden Route and Klein Karoo area. Sector strategies need to be developed to ensure economic stimulation to promote agro-processing which is linked to the manufacturing sector as well as tourism development specifically for the sports and business tourism industry.</p> <p>The natural and agrarian assets of the municipal area have vast potential to generate revenue and employment opportunities. Investment and facilitation of growth in the agricultural sector will not only secure sustainable employment in the primary sector but also promote food security. It is essential to retain the value and attraction of these assets that can contribute to the growth in George's tourism and agricultural sectors. Due to the importance of the educational facilities such as NMMU and South Cape College, education needs to be a priority in terms of future growth potential of the municipal area.</p>	<p>George Municipality EPWP The Economic Development Department</p>	<p>Revitalising the Central Business District. Re-instill investor and consumer confidence. Job creation through the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Undoing the segregated spatial legacy that former regimes have left Safeguarding natural and agrarian assets against development pressures</p> <p><b>IDP<sup>1</sup> laid out the following objectives:</b></p> <p>To create and facilitate an enabling environment for economic development in George. To ensure the development of participatory, practically implementable economic development and business retention and expansion strategies. To ensure that industry support is focused on high-growth potential areas, with high job absorption ratios. To leverage construction industry potential through strategic housing-related projects. To focus on building a revitalised and interactive CBD through a City Improvement District. To establish incubators, clusters and centres of excellence to contribute meaningfully to the demands of a growing economy. Red-tape reduction at all administrative levels. To ensure that Spatial Development Framework encourages sustainable development. To maximise job creation opportunities through government expenditure (e.g. EPWP). To establish a Science Park.</p>

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		<p>To swap strategic land and buildings with other government departments to unlock economic potential.</p> <p>To promote George as a sports tourism and business destination.</p> <p>To identify an educational and research hub and to facilitate the continued growth of NMMU in George.</p> <p>To improve planning and regulatory frameworks to encourage job-creation.</p>	
<p><b>Develop a structured programmes aimed at development for the vulnerable</b></p> <p>Many of the young people that cannot afford the cost of higher education ends up as participants in the Expanded Public Works Programme or Community Works Programme that provides a safety net against poverty but have no real potential of developing marketable skills in the employment sector, dooming participants to a life of borderline poverty. A better educated and more highly skilled workforce is the most pressing long-term priority for the economy. It is vital to create learning and work placement opportunities for unemployed youth in the Western Cape's economic sectors in order to improve the future employment prospects of participants. In addition access to internet facilities is also of vital importance to connect people to the unlimited body of information.</p> <p>Structured, professional and sustainable youth development programmes should be implemented throughout the area.</p> <p>Produce skills development programmes addressing youth from vulnerable areas.</p> <p>Address the issue of substance/alcohol abuse.</p> <p>Support reducing and/or eliminating school dropout rates.</p> <p>Provide access to internet in the rural areas.</p>	<p>DoE George Municipality Social Development EPWP</p>	<p>Empowerment campaigns are initiated aiming at skills development based on local needs</p>	
<p><b>Create a skills database</b></p> <p>Create a database of all unemployed and employed skills in the area. Approach MQA SETA to assist with the development of such as programme.</p>	<p>George Municipality MQA SETA EPWP</p>	<p>A skills database is necessary to maximise employment status within local boundaries</p>	
<b>Structural Fires</b>			
<b>Engineering</b>	<p><b>Lumkani – early waning fire detectors.</b></p> <p>Lumkani developed A low-cost early warning fire detector and integrated alarm service aimed at reducing the damage and destruction caused by the spread of shack/slum fires in urban informal areas. In the event of fire, the system alerts the inhabitants where the fire has started and triggers all Lumkani fire detectors within a 60m radius – creating community wide alerts. The system is also able to alert the local fire station to the location of the fire, allowing for quick response. Many cooking, lighting and heating methods used by people living in informal settlements are associated with many fire risks.</p>	<p>George Municipality Lumkani Western Cape Disaster Management Centre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire Brigade Directorate</li> </ul>	<p>Early warning detectors are installed in high-risk areas</p>
<b>Management</b>	<p><b>Provide a policy for densification of settlements</b></p> <p>Improve access routes to informal settlements.</p> <p>Monitor areas with illegal electrical connections and aging infrastructure.</p>	<p>George Municipality: Fire Rescue and Emergency Services Town planners Ward Councillors</p>	<p>Spacing and configuration of informal dwelling complies with municipal requirements</p> <p>Decrease in illegal electrical connection and maintenance/upgrades of aging infrastructure</p>

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<p><b>Address staff and skill shortages In George Municipality</b></p> <p>Disaster funds for fire management will need to be attained – proactive protection of ecosystems and water is the required long-term response.</p> <p>Develop a structured programme based on the needs identified in the remote areas to recruit, train and equip volunteers to assist with area-based fire prevention and response teams.</p> <p>Hold regular fire equipment inspections.</p> <p>Host fire drills.</p> <p>Standardisation of fire hydrants.</p>	<p>George Municipality Garden Route District Municipality</p>	<p>Funding is sourced to establish local capacity In George Municipality</p> <p>Volunteers are recruited, trained and equipped to assist as first-line responders</p>
<b>Air Pollution</b>		
<p>An Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) must be compiled for a municipality in compliance with the requirements of the Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act 39 of 2004) and the National framework. As the George Municipality falls within the municipal area of the Garden Route District Municipality (EDM), it is imperative that the municipal AQMP must be fully compatible and aligned with the district municipality's plan.</p> <p>In this regard, the George Municipality will pursue the vision and mission as described in the district AQMP within context of the following nine objectives:</p> <p>Objective 1: Set Air Quality Goals</p> <p>Objective 2: Set Up Air Quality Management System</p> <p>Objective 3: Carry Out Risk Assessments</p> <p>Objective 4: Assess and Select Control Measures</p> <p>Objective 5: Implementation of Intervention and Monitoring Effectiveness</p> <p>Objective 6: Revise Air Quality Goals</p> <p>Objective 7: Integrate the AQMP into the IDP</p> <p>Objective 8: Compliance Monitoring</p> <p>Objective 9: Review the Air Quality Management Plan</p>	<p>George Municipality Consultant Garden Route District</p>	<p>An Air Quality Management Plan has been compiled and adopted by Council</p> <p>In this regard, it is recommended that George executes its air quality management obligation in close co-operation with Garden Route's Air Quality Officer. Following this approach will provide the best co-operative approach to air quality management in the George region</p>

#### 4.3.19.8 DRR Plans for Environmental Hazards

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<b>Protection of Biodiversity</b>		
<p><b>DEVELOP A MULTI-FACETED/MULTI-STAKEHOLDER CONSERVATION PLAN FOR THE AREAS OF BIODIVERSITY.</b></p> <p>Neglect or unwise management can result in invasive alien plant infestation, soil erosion, overgrazing of veld and inappropriate fire regimes, any of which can have devastating impacts on the natural environment.</p> <p>Regulate rural development according to bioregional planning initiatives.</p> <p>Implement effective overlay zones in rural and urban areas to identify conservation areas.</p> <p>Management of conservation areas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Remove alien vegetation and increase water volumes and biodiversity;</li> <li>- Prohibit potential veldt fires and promote the appearance of the mountain landscape;</li> <li>- Manage the necessarily veldt fires to ensure seeds germinate;</li> <li>- Establish climate change corridors and formal Conservation areas; Protection of the natural landscape features In George as a cultural resource, i.e. rolling landscape of undulating hills with agricultural uses, prominent mountains that provide a link and backdrop.</li> </ul> <p>The environmental resource base of the KMA as its most important economic asset. The spatial management of growth and development should protect,</p>	<p>George Municipality CapeNature SANS Park Garden Route Botanical Society DoA Farmers Association Consultant (if needed)</p>	<p>Conservation plan developed based on identified critical biodiversity hotspots (that includes endangered areas).</p> <p>Initiate a monitoring and evaluation process thereafter.</p>

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<p>change and include the following so that this asset can be enhanced to the benefit of all communities.</p> <p>To sustain the environmental assets of the George Municipal Area the continuity of biodiversity networks, systems and features needs to be protected through a clear, well managed and accessible municipal green network.</p> <p>This green network should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tie in with regional and national biodiversity corridors</li> <li>• link rivers, wetlands, Critical Biodiversity Areas and other remaining green areas</li> <li>• be edged by appropriate buffer uses</li> <li>• provide economic opportunities associated with tourism, responsible harvesting and recreation,</li> </ul> <p>This network should protect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• irreplaceable indigenous forests and endangered fynbos types from overexploitation and development</li> <li>• coastal dunes as part of a larger ecological system</li> <li>• water bodies from pollution and inappropriate development.</li> </ul> <p>In parallel the unique character and qualities of the GLM should be enhanced by recognising and ensuring statutory protection of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scenic landscapes, visual landmarks and</li> <li>• scenic routes from obtrusive and unattractive</li> <li>• development (e.g. security fences and impacts on ridgelines)</li> </ul> <p>The small town, coastal and forest characters of all of George settlements to ensure that the economic, social assets of the environment are optimised, the following changes will be required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rehabilitate green corridors, especially degraded rivers to improve their amenity and ecological function</li> <li>• Manage the interface between existing urban development and green corridors to improve ecological function, amenity and safety.</li> </ul> <p>In recognising the economic, social and financial value of the environment as the key underpinning of the local economy, opportunities to introduce new elements of the municipal green network should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shifting mind sets to recognise green spaces such as indigenous forests as economic and social assets that can play a role in mental well-being and socio-economic integration</li> <li>• Demarcate new areas for rehabilitation and productive agricultural and ecological functions that complete and extend the green network of the GMA</li> <li>• Introduce appropriate management and use, including the co-location of social facilities and other activities to improve the safety of George forests, dunes, riverfront, beaches, mountains and wetlands</li> </ul> <p><b>Challenges:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The impact of the disaster on the natural landscape and system requires both immediate hazard mitigation and long-term rehabilitation measures.</li> <li>• Climate change has a direct impact on agricultural production, the sustainability of the community and vulnerability to extreme weather events.</li> <li>• To prevent a similar disaster from reoccurring and putting measures in place to reduce impact.</li> </ul> <p><b>Possible Interventions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To facilitate the improved management of our environment.</li> <li>• Commission research on alternative energy sources to reduce pollution of the estuaries.</li> <li>• Develop a comprehensive Climate Change Adaptation Strategy (Climate Change Sector Plans).</li> <li>• Pro-active strategy to mitigate the risk of potential environmental disasters.</li> <li>• Effective implementation of an alien vegetation eradication programme on state- and privately-owned land.</li> </ul>		



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of the proposed Mission: Zero Waste initiative.</li> <li>• Implementation of an incentivised green rebates policy.</li> <li>• Promote inclusive living spaces.</li> <li>• Identify hazard prone areas / hotspots.</li> <li>• Prioritise areas in accordance with long-term conservation objectives and what needs to be done in which time frame to ensure these objectives.</li> <li>• Short-term rehabilitation (e.g. clearing of alien vegetation, stabilisation of slopes) to be prioritised based on factors that affect slope erosion and long-term conservation priorities.</li> </ul> <p>With regards to Fynbos Conservation it is recommended that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain the appropriate fire regime and prevent overgrazing, infestation by invasive alien plant species and over-abstraction of groundwater in these ecosystems.</li> <li>• Avoid any kind of impacting land use in habitat associated with Critically Endangered and Endangered ecosystems or species, particularly in corridors and at boundaries between vegetation types.</li> </ul> <p><b>Lowland Fynbos:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoid fragmentation of lowland fynbos habitat and disturbance at the edges of vegetation patches. This is because lowland fynbos vegetation types are prone to infestation by invasive alien species, the risk of which increases with increased fragmentation and disturbance.</li> <li>• Avoid locating housing in lowland fynbos habitat (or take measures to minimise impacts when locating housing in lowland fynbos cannot be avoided). In general, the establishment of housing infrastructure is not compatible with conserving lowland fynbos or any other fire-prone vegetation type. However, when housing estates are established in lowland fynbos areas, nodal or clustered development is preferable to a spreading, linear layout, as nodal development is better suited to allowing periodic burning of the vegetation. To minimise the impacts of housing developments in lowland fynbos, houses should be clustered within a fire-free zone and protected with an appropriate fire belt – this holds the added benefit of minimising potential risk to infrastructure. Firebreaks must be cleared within the development footprint of the housing estate, not in the adjacent veld. Building materials should be fire-resistant, which means that thatched roofs may be inappropriate in houses that are located adjacent to, or in, natural fynbos areas.</li> <li>• Avoid locating any further land uses in wetlands (pans, vleis, marshes, riverine areas, drainage lines) and seeps, or on peaty soils. Wetlands must be appropriately buffered and links between wetlands and conservation areas must be maintained through the establishment of suitably managed corridors of natural habitat.</li> <li>• Incorporate appropriately orientated corridors of natural habitat in land-use plans to maintain linkages and vegetation community patterns, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- take the spatial orientation of lowland fynbos communities into account when identifying representative portions of lowland fynbos to be kept in a natural state. Most vegetation communities within sand fynbos are orientated parallel to the coast – the exceptions are the riparian communities which are orientated perpendicular to the coast.</li> <li>- establish corridors of natural vegetation that are perpendicular to the long axis of sand-filled depressions, in order to mitigate against the loss of sand fynbos within limestone fynbos areas.</li> <li>- corridors in strip-ploughed sand fynbos should be at least 300 m wide.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Do not allow any further disturbance in areas that include Sand Fynbos.</li> <li>• Maintain the appropriate fire regime and prevent overgrazing, infestation by invasive alien plant species and over-abstraction of groundwater in these ecosystems.</li> <li>• Avoid any kind of impacting land use in habitat associated with Critically Endangered and Endangered ecosystems or species, particularly in corridors and at boundaries between vegetation types.</li> </ul> <p><b>Midland And Mountain Fynbos:</b></p>		

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<p><b>Non-Negotiables</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Habitat must not be modified or impacted by any land-use activities in Critically Endangered and Endangered ecosystems, corridors and vegetation boundaries, and sensitive habitats such as wetlands and riparian fringes.</li> <li>• Avoid habitat loss or degradation in habitats that harbour Critically Endangered, Endangered or Critically Rare plant species.</li> <li>• Remove invasive alien plants and animals and prevent their re-growth (or re-introduction) and spread.</li> <li>• Maintain appropriate fire regimes. (Consult CapeNature or a specialist for advice, or refer to publications such as Esler et al., 2014 for more detailed guidance).</li> <li>• Maintain surface and underground hydrological systems and wetland habitats in a healthy, undisturbed state.</li> <li>• Avoid fragmentation of alluvium fynbos habitats. Small remnants (&lt;100 ha) are likely to suffer losses of pollinators, changes in fire frequency and edge effects that encourage invasion by alien plants.</li> <li>• Monitor populations of Red List species (both threatened species and others of conservation concern) and ensure that viable populations of such species are not lost to any kind of land-use activity.</li> <li>• Maintain and monitor biocontrol 'reserves' (for controlling Hakea and invasive Acacia species).</li> </ul> <p>What are the best spatial approaches (at a landscape scale) to avoid or minimise impacts and risk in these ecosystems?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nodal development footprints are preferable to linear or diffuse ones, as nodal patterns allow for managed burning of fynbos and better accommodate wildfires. In general, housing infrastructure is not compatible with conserving fynbos or any other fire-prone vegetation type. However, to minimise the impacts of housing developments in fynbos, buildings should be clustered within a fire-free zone and protected with an appropriate firebelt. Flammable building materials such as thatch should be avoided. Fire belts must be included within the development footprint and should not be part of the surrounding natural veld. (consult with planners at CapeNature, or the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning who can provide specialist advice).</li> <li>• Maintain and restore connectivity within and between highly fragmented lower-lying fynbos types, especially those associated with particular geologies (such as granite, shale and ferricrete fynbos).</li> <li>• Maintain rocky outcrops and screes in a natural state to provide good stepping-stones and a high degree of connectivity between larger remnants of unmodified vegetation, and across edaphic and other vegetation boundaries.</li> <li>• Preserve the upslope habitats in representative spur, riparian and flat-slope environments. These habitats are usually orientated parallel to the contours (with the exception of riparian and spur communities).</li> <li>• Avoid land-use activities that fragment existing ecological corridors (e.g. riparian vegetation) and interfaces between different soil and vegetation types. These corridors and boundaries may be important for the long-term viability of small conservation areas, or for the maintenance of large-scale ecological and evolutionary processes in response to environmental change.</li> <li>• Do not modify seeps and marshes – avoid and strongly discourage the establishment of 4x4 tracks, trails, roads, dams and any other infrastructure in these habitats.</li> <li>• Do not convert sandy flats and perched sand valleys to protea orchards and keep roads and paths out of these areas.</li> <li>• Locate orchards of cultivated indigenous species (such as proteas, buchu and honey bush tea) and their cultivars more than 2 km away from sites where related species occur naturally (this is to prevent hybridisation).</li> <li>• Mountain peaks should not be used to erect telecommunication masts or other fixed infrastructure, including 4x4 tracks and any other roads. Hiking trail paths need to be carefully laid out and regularly maintained,</li> </ul>		

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<p>especially for erosion. Calcium-based concrete must not be used in the construction of such paths.</p> <p><b>Critical Things To Maintain:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain appropriate fire cycles and manage fires correctly. The natural fire season is during the hot dry season (i.e. summer or early autumn). In granite, ferricrete, conglomerate and silcrete fynbos, hot burns are required to prevent over-dominance of weedy elements such as renosterbos (<i>Elytropappus rhinocerotis</i>) and <i>Cliffortia</i> spp. Hot-burning fires also allow recovery of the large-seeded, early seral species (i.e. those that appear earlier in the ecological succession sequence), which are prominent in these plant communities.</li> <li>• Maintain appropriate grazing regimes in grassy fynbos to retain maximum species richness in these plant communities.</li> <li>• Retain local-scale variations in habitat in sandstone fynbos. These ecosystems include many local variants (which may not be captured on maps) which need to be considered – and preferably maintained – when assessing the impacts of a proposed land-use activity. Habitats that require specific attention include high altitude and perched seeps and marshes, and sandy flats and perched sandy valleys (especially the lower reaches) which often contain significant wetland habitats.</li> <li>• Maintain buffer zones between drainage ditches and remnant patches of natural habitat. Subterranean and surface water movement is often altered by agricultural drainage, water abstraction, channelization and dams. This can result in the drying up of seasonally wet areas, even if they have not been directly modified.</li> <li>• Monitor seeps and marshes to detect changes where surface water or groundwater is abstracted.</li> <li>• Prevent sedimentation and erosion into alluvium fynbos habitat from agricultural lands.</li> <li>• Remove invasive alien species correctly (obtain advice from CapeNature or Working for Water).</li> <li>• Do not allow flowers, seeds or plants to be harvested in nature reserves.</li> <li>• Monitor and mitigate hybridisation from protea orchards.</li> <li>• Keep development footprints as small as possible to minimise the spread of invasive Argentine Ants and manage rubbish disposal carefully.</li> <li>• Maintain and maximise patch connectivity to allow for movement of pollinators. To be functionally viable, larger patches should be located within 500 m of each other and must be connected by pollinator-friendly terrain. Where possible, patches should be linked upslope to mountain fynbos along drainage lines; such corridors should be at least 300 m wide to maintain a natural fire regime. These linkages also help prevent groundwater from being polluted by fertilizers and pesticides.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Source funding for long-term climate change research projects.</b></p> <p>Distinguishing local climate trends is essential as climate may not alter uniformly across large areas. Climate change alters the movement of bees which in turn could negatively impact the pollination process in George Municipality. Changing rainfall patterns impacts on the germination of seedlings. A research gap exists with regards to firm scientific monitoring and the evaluation of the impact thereof.</p> <p>Opportunities for innovation exist for the development of value-adding businesses e.g. George Municipality is well placed for renewable energy generation and its ability to cope will be improved if it embraces the move to renewable energy generation, green building technologies and improved water management.</p>	<p>George Municipality Consultant DEA&amp;DP</p>	<p>Funding ringfenced for long-term climate change research projects.</p>
<p><b>Management of Wetlands</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wetlands must first be identified and delineated in order to be conserved. It is best to identify wetlands in the winter months, as some seasonal wetland areas may not be easily recognised in the dry summer months.</li> <li>• Keep buffer areas of undeveloped land that are free of alien plants around wetlands. Where there is no buffer at all between the vineyard and the wetland, or where part of the vineyard impinges on the wetland,</li> </ul>	<p>George Municipality CapeNature SANS Park DoA</p>	

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<p>it is advisable to withdraw the vineyards from the wetland when replanting takes place and to include an adequate buffer area, where possible. The buffer width will be determined by the size, type of wetland, functionality of wetland and the impacts of adjacent land use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The source and downstream portions of the wetland should not be separated. The source is the water flowing into the wetland. Most of the water in a wetland comes from the catchment surrounding the wetland. Therefore, wetlands are strongly influenced by activities in the surrounding catchment even when these areas are distant from the wetland. When assessing the impacts of off-site land uses on wetlands, one needs to look at how the land uses change the quality and quantity of water entering the wetland and how this, in turn, affects the functioning and benefits of the wetland. Digging a drainage channel above the wetland or building a road through the wetland are examples of separating the source from the downstream portions of the wetland.</li> <li>• All activities in the catchment have an effect on wetlands (e.g. hardening in the catchments by roads or paved areas will lead to higher run-off and the possible erosion of wetlands).</li> <li>• Make sure that there is no over-abstraction of surface or ground water feeding into a wetland as this can cause the wetland to dry up. No high-yield boreholes should be sunk near natural wetlands.</li> <li>• The ‘damming’ of wetlands will change seasonal wetlands into permanent water bodies and the special habitat formed by the wetland will be lost. The building of dams requires authorization from the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS).</li> <li>• Check for any pollution sources that could have an impact on water quality such as seepage from manure and compost heaps, domestic waste sites or areas where wine skins are stored. Consider adding water-effluent quality checks to your annual drinking and irrigation water-quality sampling procedure. Sample at a spot close to where your farm effluent joins another water source (e.g. drainage canal). Knowing the state of your water quality allows for informed adjustment of practices and it can be used as proof to safeguard you against any water pollution accusations.</li> <li>• Wetlands often suffer from high levels of alien invasive plants. Alien plants use large quantities of water and can cause wetlands to dry out. Note: Always use ‘manual’ methods, such as machetes or chainsaws (i.e. no machinery) to clear alien plants in wetlands because wetlands are very sensitive to soil disturbance. Chemical treatment should be scheduled for the drier summer months.</li> <li>• It is illegal to interfere with the flow regime of water through a wetland by canalising water flow, digging drainage ditches or infilling by dumping soil and rubble, except where the necessary authorisation has been obtained (e.g. to build a dam in a wetland). Wetland functioning can sometimes be successfully restored when the flow regime is reverted to its original state and ditches or canals are closed.</li> <li>• Wetlands can be utilised for grazing, provided the grazing pressure is not too high, takes place in the correct season (usually summer) and livestock are kept away from the deeper, wetter areas, with unstable soil. Monitoring wetlands for signs of degradation and erosion by overgrazing is important.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Formulation and implementation of a Coastal Management Plan</b></p> <p>What are the critical things to maintain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain pathways for natural dune migrations, including seasonal cycles of sediment deposition (summer) and erosion (winter), by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- avoiding the construction of any infrastructure that may impede or obstruct the natural mobility of dune systems.</li> <li>- maintaining unimpeded sand mobility corridors (including headland-bypass dunes).</li> <li>- restoring sand migration pathways that are infested with invasive species such as rooikrans.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>George Municipality Consultant DEA&amp;DP</p>	

	DRR PLAN DESCRIPTION	RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maintain indigenous vegetation structure and successional dynamics (including that of the primary and foredunes, and in dune slacks).</li> <li>• Retain a functional corridor of intact indigenous vegetation along the coast to link inland-trending river systems. This is crucial for facilitating the migration and dispersal of plants and fauna.</li> <li>• Maintain decomposition processes at the high-water mark and on the backshore by prohibiting the removal of drift kelp and other organic material, except at popular bathing beaches.</li> <li>• Minimise disturbance at the breeding, feeding and roosting sites of shore birds by people and dogs.</li> </ul> <p>Prevent encroachment by property owners who illegally extend their properties into sensitive coastal dune habitat.</p> <p>What indicators should be used to assess and monitor ecosystem health:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The type of monitoring and number of indicators required will depend upon the nature of the proposed land use and the characteristics of the particular beach. Either baseline conditions will need to be determined as part of the assessment, or a reference beach should be used to indicate desirable benchmarks for each appropriate indicator, as determined by a coastal expert. The types of indicators should include, though may not be limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shoreline profiles (long-shore and cross-shore profiles) and beach width.</li> <li>- Sediment grain size (the extent to which this resembles the natural grain size at any particular location along the coast, when compared to relevant benchmarks).</li> <li>- Species composition and abundance of intertidal beach macrofaunal (to be assessed by a specialist, with any loss of species or reduction in abundance taken as an indicator of declining ecosystem health).</li> <li>- Species composition and abundance of shore birds, as assessed by a specialist.</li> <li>- Breeding success (measured as number of hatchlings fledged per annum) of shore birds.</li> <li>- Density and extent of indigenous and alien dune vegetation cover, with a low density of invasive alien vegetation indicative of healthy ecosystems.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>Soil Erosion/Desertification</b>			
<b>Physical Planning</b>	<p><b>Improve land-use practices</b></p> <p>Promote and facilitate the change from conventional agriculture to conservation agriculture, in order to restore soil microbial activities, retain moisture and prevent erosion.</p> <p>Prevent vehicle-off-roading.</p> <p>Monitor overgrazing.</p> <p>Monitor urban sprawl and commercial development.</p> <p>Provide a planning and design service to farmers to prevent the pollution of soil and water resources.</p> <p>Provide a planning and design service to land owners to prevent river bank erosion or restore river banks already eroded during floods.</p> <p>With regards to biodiversity and agriculture, the following factors apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lower impact practices;</li> <li>- Lower than standard stoking rates;</li> <li>- Rotational grazing;</li> <li>- Wetland &amp; river bank protection to avoid overgrazing, trampling and destabilization;</li> <li>- Avoid areas containing red data species;</li> <li>- Limit “value adding” to nature-based tourism;</li> </ul>	<p>George Municipality DoA Farming Associations</p>	<p>High-risk areas identified and sustainable land-use practises initiated</p> <p>Proper gravel roads are developed in high-risk areas. Riparian zones are rehabilitated with indigenous riparian plants</p> <p>Overgrazing is monitored</p>
<b>Social</b>	<p><b>Improve grazing and cropping systems</b></p> <p>Surface cover is a major factor to control erosion because it reduces the impact of raindrops falling on bare soils and wind removing soil practices. It also reduces the speed of water flowing over land.</p>	<p>DoA Farming Associations</p>	<p>Soil cover on farm is improved</p>

DRR PLAN DESCRIPTION		RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
Engineering	<p><b>Delineate riparian zones according to DWS Policy</b></p> <p>A buffer zone of at 30m should be created between agricultural lands and rivers. Priorities for conservation of biodiversity within should be identified, reference could be made to SDF.</p>	George Municipality	Buffer zone of at least 30m created between agricultural lands and rivers

#### **4.3.19.9 Risk Mitigation Project Teams**

Project teams will be convened to address specific risk-mitigation issues during the risk reduction and preparedness phase or post-disaster recovery and rehabilitation phase. The team will determine its terms of reference and deliverables in consultation with the Disaster Management Committee (DMC), and will be responsible to plan, manage and complete multi-disciplinary projects.

In the recovery and rehabilitation phase, these project teams will take over responsibility once the JOC is demobilized and/or in cases where recovery and rehabilitation takes place over extended periods.

A project team under a line function of the Municipality, can be convened to take responsibility for activities that address the casual factors of a disaster/incident. Such teams will receive a brief from and report back to the Disaster Manager, and work in close co-operation with the Disaster Management Committee.

**Table 44: Hazard Mitigation and Preparedness**

Hazard	Mitigation and Preparedness -measures	Responsible stakeholders/Partners
1. Drought	Community Education/awareness	Civil Engineering Services Disaster Management Communication
	Monitor drought conditions	Disaster Management Civil Engineering Services
	Monitor water supply	Disaster Management Civil Engineering Services Cape Nature Health
	Plan for drought	Disaster Management Civil Engineering Services Cape Nature Agriculture / Farmers
	Require water conservation during drought conditions	Civil Engineering Services Cape Nature Communication Farmers Agriculture Disaster Management
	Prevent overgrazing	Farmers / Agriculture
	Retrofit water supply systems	Civil Engineering Services Disaster Management Garden Route District Municipality
	Enhance landscaping and design measure	Environmental Department Town Planning Disaster Management Housing
2. Veld fires and informal settlements	Implementing a fuel load management plan	Disaster Management George Fire Department Garden Route Fire Department Cape Nature WOF EPWP
	Education and awareness campaigns	Disaster Management George Fire Department WOF
	Creation of fire breaks (buffer zones around infrastructure)	George Fire Department Cape Nature WOF
	Incorporating integrated veld fire management	George Fire Department Garden Route Fire Department Cape Nature WOF EPWP
	Developing community wildfire adaption plan	George Fire Department Garden Route Fire
3. Alien Invasive Species	Drafting of Invasive Plant Control Plan for municipal properties as per National	Environmental Management

Hazard	Mitigation and Preparedness -measures	Responsible stakeholders/Partners
	Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act	Parks and Recreation South African National Parks SCFPA Farmers association National Department of Environmental Affairs
	Education and awareness campaigns	Environmental Management Fire Department South African National Parks
	Compliance monitoring	Environmental Management Parks and Recreation National Department of Environmental Affairs
4. Road Accidents (General)	Arrive Alive campaigns (Education and awareness campaigns)	Local and Provincial Traffic Communications Public Participation SAPS Disaster Management SANRAL
	Preparation for holiday seasons	Traffic Department Fire Department
	Incorporating Pro-active measures to maintain awareness of hazardous substances	Fire Department Garden Route Fire Department Environmental Control Traffic Department Provincial Traffic Department Industrial Organisations
5. Severe Weather	Education and Awareness	Disaster Management Communication Public Participation Department of Education
	Early Warnings	Disaster Management Garden Route District Municipality Communication Public Participation Law Enforcement
6. Floods	Incorporate flood mitigation in local planning	Civil Engineering Services Disaster Management
	Form partnerships to support flood plain management	Environmental Department Cape Nature SAN Parks Disaster Management
	Limit or restrict development in flood plain areas	Town planning and Development IDP Disaster Management Environmental Department
	Improve storm water management planning	Civil Engineering Services



Hazard	Mitigation and Preparedness -measures	Responsible stakeholders/Partners
	Monitoring rainfall, for possibility of flash flooding and have early warning devices in high situated areas and catchment areas	Fire Department Garden Route Fire Transport Operators Law Enforcement Traffic Department SAPS (Explosives, Radioactive) SANRAL Provincial Traffic Department SAWS
	Education and awareness campaigns on correct procedures to follow in case of flooding	George Fire Department Disaster Management Law Enforcement Communication
	Flood proof residential and non- residential structures	Community member Disaster Management Human Settlements Town Planning and Development
	Protect and restore natural flood mitigation futures	Environmental Department Town Planning and Development

Disaster response is the total actions taken by residents and institutions in the time of a disaster. These actions commence with the warning of an oncoming threatening event, or the event itself, if it occurs without warning.

Disaster response includes the implementation of disaster preparedness/contingency plans and procedures, thus overlapping with disaster preparedness.

All resources available, contact details and the various role-players will be listed in the contingency plans for each risk identified. In case of an incident/ emergency or disaster, the following the steps will apply.

**Table 45: Response Procedure**

Number	Steps	Components
1	Notification and Activation	Detection Mobilisation
2	Rapid Assessment	What is the magnitude/ impact? Who is the lead line function and secondary response
3	Integrated Structure	Unified Incident Management
4	Re-Assess	Resource Hazard Situation
5	Objectives	Broad statement of intent
6	Plan of action	Planning Implementation
7	Monitor / evaluate / review	
8	Close and document	

**Intergovernmental Forum Engagements:**

- Provincial and District Waste Management Officers forum
- Provincial and District Air Quality Managers Officers forum
- Regular engagement with SAPS District and SAPS stations.
- Regular engagement with LCPC (Department of Justice)
- Regular engagement with District Community Safety Forum.







- Regular engagement with Provincial Department of Transport

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Figure 45: Disaster Management Plan Rating/Funding Type

Funding Type					Project Rating								
	Municipal Funding		Grant Funding		External Loan/ Funding		No funding required		Completed		In progress		Not completed / No budget available / District Function / Provincial Function

Table 46: Disaster Management Implementation Plan

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: DISASTER MANAGEMENT														
IDP Ref No	Key Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Initiative (measurable action)	Description of Unit of Measurement	5-year target	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target	Funding Type	Progress Rating				
			2022 -2027	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
TBC	Conduct fire awareness sessions	Number of fire awareness sessions conducted by 30 June	2	2	2	2	2	2						
TBC	Respond to fire incidents within 14 minutes	Percentage of fire incidents responded to within 14 minutes	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%						
TBC	Conduct disaster risk assessments in municipal area	Number of disaster risk assessments conducted in the municipal area 30 June	1	1	1	1	1	1						

#### **4.3.20 Economic Development Strategy**

The economic development strategy of the George municipality intends to establish an integrated municipal approach to the identification of economic, social, and ecological risks to, and opportunities for, growth and development in George. It is a resilient, long term integrated and supportive roadmap(vision) that guides sustainable economic growth and development. George needs an economic strategy to rise to the challenges facing the municipality and its communities over the next 20 years and beyond.

According to Growth Potential Study (GPS) of the Western Cape Provincial Government George has been classified as one of six municipalities with a very high development potential in the Western Cape. It is Important to note that the GPS is serving as a support tool to inform strategic objectives, policy making and spatially targeted investment. It furthermore strengthens allocative decisions for integrated management, service delivery and spatial alignment within the Provincial and Municipal spheres of government in the Western Cape. George's main economic drivers and job creators are in the Tertiary sector, namely the Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Business Services, followed by Wholesale, Retail, Catering and Accommodation and then Manufacturing in the Secondary Sector.

George has an advanced services sector infrastructure with banks, conference facilities, business, major shopping chains, transport and sporting facilities, yet retaining its small town and country atmosphere of peace and tranquillity.

##### **4.3.20.1 George Composite Growth Potential**

George overall composite growth potential Score 100 regressed from 88 to 86. The Municipality slightly regressed in the overall development potential with gains made particularly in the Economic and Physical themes. Regression is evident in the Human Capital and Infrastructure theme. (insert figure 21 of the GPS) The overall economic them Score 100 for George increased by 11 from 89 (GPS13) to 100 (GPS18). The Z-Score increased from 1.52 to 2.01 standard deviations above the mean, i.e. above average performance. In terms of the Economic theme Score 100 George is ranked best performer of 24 Municipalities.

The economic environment is very important in the context of development and the management of scarce resources. Sustainable economic growth is a key focus of the municipality, which is enshrined in the integrated development plan. In preparing the economic development strategy the municipality has worked with business and communities to devise a plan that it thinks will best address the needs of the town.

The key issues that the municipality faces in terms of planning are as follows:

- There is limited developable land available for residential development within the city;
- The need to provide affordable housing to middle income families;
- The increase in migration from the Eastern Cape, Gauteng and the Free State will result in an increase in the need for infrastructure;
- Increase in the population will result in an increase in the need for jobs

The economic analysis shows that the priority factors are Agriculture with an emphasis on agri-processing, wholesale and retail, the digital economy, financial and business services sector, tourism and manufacturing. The economic development strategy pinpoints specific steps for the city, its partners and stakeholders to take and implement. The following economic strategy initiatives are planned:

- Repositioning of the Department of Human Settlements, Planning and Development;
- A Cost -of doing business analysis;
- A review and improvement of all by-laws;
- Identify land with development and redevelopment potential;
- Develop and implement an institutional data repository
- Permit and Approval Review;
- Review the current Tourism Model; and
- Develop and implement an affective business attraction, retention and expansion strategy

#### **4.3.20.2 Agriculture**

Chapter 6 of the National Development Plan (NDP) envisions an integrated and inclusive economy that involves the expansion of agricultural activity, the need for effective land reform and the promotion of sustainable rural development. This industry sector contributed around 3.1% to the George GDP in 2019, and although the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic seem minimal at this stage, the longer-term drought and water shortages that was experienced, already placed this industry under stress last year and earlier this year. The Russian/Ukraine conflict is expected to have negative effects on the supply and prices of oil and other farming inputs such as fertilizer. Sector growth remains threatened by other factors such as loadshedding and the political environment. There is however room for improvement and growth, particularly in the South Cape region and George with the existing production of avocado and the fruit and vegetable market as well as macadamia nuts that can steady production.

Food production and processing remains essential products and services, and international agents are already looking into possibilities for export opportunities to other parts of the world affected by Covid-19. Exports and transport of cargo (produce) have not been limited,.

George is one of the first municipalities in the country to establish an Agriculture section in the Local Economic Development Department. This initiative is in line with the strategic focus areas of the Western Cape Department of Agriculture.

The municipality play a very important role in assisting the Sector in five areas namely:

- **Structured Education and training:** This entails the facilitation and engagement with agricultural related training needs within communities
- **Farmer Support:** This entails the management of commonages and associated natural resources in support of sustainable food security interventions for communities and settlements within municipalities
- **Market Access:** This focus area focuses on infrastructure development that supports agriculture development value

chain and market access

- **Rural Safety:** The development of District and Local Rural Safety Plans for structured engagements around rural safety and pertinent matters.
- **Climate Change:** The provision of water security and the prioritisation of water harvesting technologies to enable water access for food production purposes.

The George Municipality has identified Agriculture as a strategic sector within the broader George Economy. The reason for this focus is that Agriculture provides economic equity and helps people to prosper. More than 8000 people are working in the Agriculture Sector in the George Municipal area and thus the sector is a major source of employment in the region.

Agriculture impacts global trade because it's tied to other sectors of the economy, supporting job creation and encouraging economic development. Cities with strong agricultural sectors experience employment growth in other sectors, according to the Western Cape Department of Agriculture. Cities with agricultural productivity growth and robust agriculture infrastructure also have higher per capita incomes, since producers in these cities innovate through technology and farm management practices to boost agricultural productivity and profitability. The berry industry in George is a typical example of an industry that is growing, and its export capacity has also grown tremendously. George Municipality is playing a key role in ensuring the long-term success of the sector through various programmes and interventions. To this end, the municipality is working with the Western Cape Department of Agriculture and other institutions such as Partners in Agri Land Solutions (PALS) to create an enabling environment to implement projects and inclusive agricultural growth.

#### **4.3.20.3 Tourism**

The Tourism sector is showing some signs of recovery after the COVID-19 close down. A larger number of smaller members were already in survival mode before COVID-19 and some are still struggling as a result of the pandemic. However, the average occupancy for the November 2022 to February 2023 period were around 80% in the region which is a good sign of pre-covid figures.





Indications however are that the typical tourist may only be willing to travel again (overseas especially) from January 2023 and that occupancy will improve towards June 2023. Smaller operators and some airlines also did not make it through the down slump, leading to higher flight and transport costs with fewer competitors in the mix. The Russian- Ukrainian conflict is also putting pressure on higher fuel prices, and the floods in KwaZulu-Natal lead to shortages of fuel at OR Tambo, with several flights cancelled or delayed. This could be partially offset against the exchange rates again.

The industry critical success factors include inclusive business participation, skills and capacity building, involvement of the civic community and investment in meaningful partnerships. Indications from local hotels and restaurants are that the internationals are certainly back, and this was evident during the festive season. The first quarter of 2023 is certainly looking promising and it is envisage that June/July 2023 period will be very busy given the Craven Week High Schools tournament and the centenary festivities of the Outeniqua High School.

Figure 46: Economic Development Plan Rating/ Funding Type

Funding Type					Project Rating									
	Municipal Funding		Grant Funding		External Loan/ Funding		No funding required		Completed		In progress		Not completed / No budget available / District Function / Provincial Function	

Table 47: Economic Development Plan Implementation

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT														
IDP Ref No	Key Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Initiative (measurable action)	Description of Unit of Measurement	5-year target	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target	Funding Type	Progress Rating				
			2022 -2027	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
TBC	Maintain institutional arrangement with all dominant sector players to ensure alignment and information sharing	Number of sector meetings facilitated by 30 June	1	1	1	1	1	1						
TBC	Regular seminars and workshops for SMME facilitated by the municipality and Private Sector Partners.	Number of business outreach sessions conducted by 30 June	1	1	1	1	1	1						
TBC	Co-ordinate Annual mentorship programme in collaboration with a Non-Profitable Organisation the University and Industry players in the municipal area.	Number of Mentorship Programmes facilitated by 30 June	1	1	1	1	1	1						
TBC	Ensure implementation of strategies in partnership with Local Tourism bodies to ensure the sustainably of the sector and creation of more job opportunities while transforming the tourism sector to become more inclusive.	Number of Tourism Policies developed by 31 March	1	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A						

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

IDP Ref No	Key Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Initiative (measurable action)	Description of Unit of Measurement	5-year target	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target	Funding Type	Progress Rating				
			2022 -2027	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
TBC	Ensure implementation of strategies in partnership with Local Tourism bodies to ensure the sustainably of the sector and creation of more job opportunities while transforming the tourism sector to become more inclusive.	Number of Tourism Policies reviewed by 31 March	1	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		😊				
TBC	Facilitate the development of new farming operations for emerging farmers on municipal land and through cooperation with existing farms.	Number of municipal agricultural land allocated to emerging farmers by 30 June	1	1	1	1	1	1		😊				
TBC	Collaborate with the Departments of Agriculture, Rural Development and Land Affairs around land and farming matters.	Number of Municipal Agricultural Land sectoral engagements reviewed by 31 March	1	1	1	1	1	1		😊				
TBC	Number of service providers appointed for Yellow Tourism Frames by 31 October	Appoint service provider for Yellow Tourism Frames	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A		😊				



#### **4.3.21 ICT Strategy**

The strategic enabler of organisational change and service delivery in the public sector is information and communication technology (ICT) Systems and Services. At the corporate governance level, there is also a growing recognition that IT services and systems are a crucial component of the value chain for municipal service delivery.

Major challenges are placed on the Department's ICT and its resources by the ongoing alignment of ICT services and systems with the strategic aims and objectives of the municipality as well as by declarations of direction from the National Government and the Western Cape Provincial Government.

In order to guarantee alignment with the Municipality's strategy, this document strives to articulate and describe changes in the Municipality's IT Strategy. In order to address the ICT-related needs of the municipality and management, special attention is paid to recognising the new requirements and opportunities for information and communication technology.

Many crucial enabling resources, including as money, people, and information technology, must be handled skilfully to support the IDP if the municipality is to successfully implement its IDP and accomplish its strategic goals.

Many information technology services, without which the municipality's core and supporting operations could not function, are indirectly necessary for the attainment of the strategic objectives of the IDP for the municipality. Among the essential ICT-related services are:

- Provisioning of the Municipal Financial Management and Payroll Management software applications;
- Disaster Recovery Management;
- Municipal Web-site hosting;
- E-mail and internet services;
- Data storage;
- End-user support for the ICT environment
- Data recovery;
- ICT planning;
- Provisioning of network, wireless networks and telephony services;
- ICT Risk Management;
- ICT Contract Management;
- Public Wi-Fi; and
- Business Continuity

Figure 47: ICT Strategy rating/ Funding Type





Funding Type					Project Rating								
	Municipal Funding		Grant Funding		External Loan/ Funding		No funding required		Completed		In progress		Not completed / No budget available / District Function / Provincial Function

Table 48: ICT Strategy Implementation Plan

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: ICT STRATEGY														
IDP Ref No	Key Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Initiative (measurable action)	Description of Unit of Measurement	5-year target 2022 -2027	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target	Funding Type	Progress Rating				
				2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
TBC	Development of a 3- year Public Wi-Fi Strategy*	Number of 3-year Public Wi-Fi Strategies developed by 31 May	1	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	N/A						
TBC	Upgrading of the ICT Infrastructure Network (Cameras and High sites and Hardware Replacement) *	Number of the ICT Infrastructure Networks (Cameras and High sites and Hardware Replacement) upgraded by 30 June	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A						
TBC	Implementation of a desktop refreshment policy and hardware standardisation over a 3- year period	Number of desktop refreshment policies and hardware standardisation implemented by 30 June	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A						
TBC	Development of a 3- year Smart City implementation Strategy	Number of 3-year Smart City Implementation Strategies developed by 31 May	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A						

#### 4.3.22 Community Development

Community Development includes the development and implementation of effective community-based projects and programmes that address social needs within the broader George and its surrounding areas, including the Uniondale and Haarlem area. Developing and implementing effective community-based projects and programs, focussing on children and vulnerable adults, that address social needs. The municipality utilised stakeholders within the municipal bonds to assist with the implementation of its objectives such as:

- Project Hope (People living on the street);
- ECD's;
- Disaster assistance;
- Nutritional centre's;
- Aftercare Skills development;
- Pauper burials investigations; and
- LDAC

The Municipality in conjunction with the Project Hope (People living on the streets), the programme a Programme aimed at addressing the community challenges that people living on the street face daily. This programme entails:

- Acquisition of identity documents
- Reunification services
- Provision of necessities such as toiletries and clothing
- Typing of CV's and distributing it to local businesses.
- Women's Day function for women living on the street
- Regular information sessions with regards to community challenges.

Thus far 37 persons received identity documents, 22 persons were successfully reunified with their families, 15 persons gained accommodation, 31 persons received employment opportunities and 10 persons received accredited computer training.

However, in stark contrast to the success achieved with community development there has also been challenged which the municipality implemented actions to mitigate these challenges. There has been a shortage of staff however the municipality utilised its EPWP appointment process to assist with addressing the staff shortages as well as having a shortage of transport which was mitigated through hiring of vehicles.

The Municipality, through its Nutritional Centres program, has played a vital role in bridging the poverty gap, with a focus on chronically ill individuals, children, and the elderly. The program provides critical support to community-based nutritional centers by supplying soup hampers, electricity tokens, and gas money, helping to alleviate immediate food needs within the community.

Additionally, through its Relief of Social Distress program, the Municipality has extended support to individuals who have lost their homes due to fires in the municipal areas. This assistance includes the provision of basic necessities such as food hampers,

toiletries, blankets, and mattresses, offering an emergency lifeline to those affected during difficult times.

The Pauper Burial program has also provided compassionate assistance to disadvantaged families who are unable to afford the costs of burying their loved ones. Through this initiative, the Municipality ensures that families in financial hardship can still fulfill their burial rites with dignity.

Despite these successes, the Municipality has also faced several challenges in implementing its community development initiatives. Notably, there has been a shortage of staff, which has been partially addressed through the EPWP (Expanded Public Works Programme) appointment process, and a shortage of transport with only two (2) vehicles intended for use by the five (5) subsection to ensure service delivery.

The Municipality's comprehensive approach to providing support to communities through its community development department addresses a wide array of social challenges, ensuring that vulnerable populations receive the support they need. Through targeted initiatives such as Project Hope, nutritional support, relief programs, early childhood development, HIV/AIDS initiatives, LGBTQI Helpdesk, youth development programs, gender and disability mainstreaming, and life skills training, the Municipality remains committed to creating sustainable solutions that enhance the quality of life for all residents. By collaborating with key stakeholders and responding proactively to emerging social needs, these programs strive to foster a more inclusive, equitable, and resilient community for the future.

The municipality continued its drive-in relation to service delivery to the community through the following initiatives:

**Table 49: Community Development Initiative**

Service	Initiative
Soup kitchens established or supported	116 established soup kitchens the number decreased due to increase of food prices and the passing on of cooks
Initiatives to increase awareness on child abuse	When schools give permission to enter the schools, aftercare programmes taking place at 2 schools. Awareness sessions continue at pre-schools and primary school.
Youngsters educated and empowered	The information for Opportunities for the Youth continues through Community media and Info at Area Offices Outreach expo's been held throughout the year to inform the youngster, about opportunities to further studies etc.
Initiatives to increase awareness on disability and Gender/ Women empowerment	Support groups been formed to raise awareness on Gender and Disability empowerment. Information and Awareness regarding GBV, Gender and Disabilities been communicating through Community media, and the G & D forums
Initiatives to increase awareness on HIV/AIDS	In conjunction with different stakeholders the following programmes continue in the community: Education and Awareness Support groups (HCH, CRC) OVC programmes (Orphanage Vulnerable children) SHE programmes (Community Health Empowerment)
Initiatives to increase awareness on substance abuse and high drug and alcohol related crimes	Trainings take place in conjunction with SAHARA Awareness sessions, and referrals, in the communities are ongoing. Anti-drug abuse door to door campaigns took place in Lawaakamp, Maraiskamp and Parkdene Life skills Camp also took place with thirty learners from Lancewood Primary. This also aims to make youngsters aware of other alternatives to negative behavior They are capacitated with information that will enable them to make more informed choices with regards to challenges they might face
Special events hosted (World's Aids Day, World Disability Day, Youth Day, 16 Days of activism against	Human Rights Day take place in a form of a PRIDE parade. International candlelight day was commemorated in conjunction with, Dept of

Service	Initiative
women abuse), Khomanani day	health, and different stakeholders at Hospital International Nurses Day been held at the Blanco community World Aids Day take place in Touwsranten. Disability day been host in conjunction with Emmaus, sport day Khomanani day – women support group was Launched.
Vegetable gardens established	Seven (7) community food gardens with the aim to provide fresh produce to creches and soup kitchens. These gardens are in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Touwsranten - 2</li> <li>■ Borchards -2</li> <li>■ New Dawn Park – 1</li> <li>■ Andersonville – 1</li> <li>■ Kleinkrantz – 1</li> </ul> Currently two new community gardens are, established in Rosedale

Community development has been sub-divided into five (5) areas namely:

1. Gender / Disability Development;
2. Youth Development;
3. HIV –Aids;
4. Community Projects (ECD, Hope, Pauper burials, Disasters, Soup kitchens); and
5. Community Food Gardens and Special programs (LGBTQI+ helpdesk)

#### **4.3.22.1 Gender and Disability**

To mainstream Gender and Disabilities and include Persons with Disabilities into developmental programmes. The Developmental Plan integrates disability components into budget, programmes, policies and strategies. . To Mainstream Gender and Disability by integrating a gender equality perspective at all stages and levels of policies, programmes and projects. Women and men have different needs, living conditions and circumstances, including unequal access to and control over power and resources. The aim of gender and disability mainstreaming is to consider these differences when designing, implementing and evaluating policies, programmes and projects, so that they benefit both women and men and do not increase inequality but enhance gender equality. Advocacy: offer a supportive role and assisting people to understand their rights, help amplifying their voices and involvement in decisions making about their care.

- Education & Awareness: helping people develop skills, knowledge and values that can improve their lives.
- Special Callender Events: Women’s Month, International day for Persons living with Disabilities and 16 Days of Activism for No Violence against Women and Children
- Empowerment: Projects to empower women to give back their independence, access to resources and possible funding.
- Skills development: to provide opportunities, knowledge and skills that will enable people to develop their full potential and contribute to a better society.
- Accessibility: House assessments to see if the house is accessible for older people and people with disabilities

- Awareness (Events)
- Skills development

#### **4.3.22.2 Youth Development**

To facilitate and co-ordinate the strengthening of Youth Issues within George in order to have empowered young people who are able to realise their full potential in order to make a meaningful contribution to the development of South Africa.

- Awareness (Events);
- Job readiness;
- Career expo's;
- Online applications;
- Gardens; and
- Jobseekers

#### **4.3.22.3 Youth Cafe training programmes and Youth support to stakeholders and clients**

Identifies with IDP Goal/ Strategic Objective: To develop and grow George, by facilitating and co-ordinating the strengthening of Youth Issues within George. The Municipality drives its youth mandate through a Youth desk, established in George, Uniondale and Haarlem with a staff component of four. The George Youth Development Policy and Strategy, adheres to the National and Provincial Youth Policy as well as the National and Provincial Youth Strategy. Youth Development activities are in line with Garden Route Development plan for youth. Output takes place through the following focal areas:

- Personal Development, Provision of group or individual support to youth, e.g.in through Walk-in assistance at the Youth Desk for online applications, learnerships, database registrations, referral services of youth, etc. Peer Educator Programme. Provision of support to existing municipal youth development initiatives and stakeholder organisations, eg. Literacy development, in-school and afterschool support, etc.
- Skills Development. Provision and referral of opportunities for upskilling of youth, eg Career Guidance Workshops, computer training, patternmaking and sewing training, etc. Interns are appointed at different Municipal Departments through external funding received, eg National Treasury, Chrysallis Academy.
- Entrepreneurship: Work mainly through Local Economic Development, George Municipality and partner organisations for empowerment, such as Basic Business Training, mentoring and support.
- Stakeholder Engagements. Relationship with stakeholder organisations from the Public and private sector, including Faith based structures and Community participation structures, in order to support and strengthen mutual youth development activities. Memorandums of Understanding are undertaken to formalise working relationships.
- Marginalised Youth in rural areas. Dedicated site and official in Uniondale and Haarlem to provide entire basket of youth development services to youth in rural areas.

- Arts and Sports Development. Work closely with the internal Sports Department, as well as with the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture and locally based arts organisations to promote arts and sports development through programmes and training amongst the youth.
- Leadership Development. Developmental activities provided to youth in leadership, includes a combination of leadership and life skills training and exposure. Includes the George Junior City Council, youth development forums, etc.

#### **4.3.22.4 Gender and Disability**

The LGBTQI Help Desk offers a wide array of services to the LGBTQI community (Key populations) within the jurisdiction of the George Municipality, the helpdesk was established with a primary vision and mission to promote and advocate for LGBTQI human rights by lobbying for integrated and holistic inclusivity within the community and inclusive policies. The help desk provides integrated services to key populations such as support services, advocacy, community sensitization, education and awareness, and health and wellness services. The effective implementation of these comprehensive LGBTQI help desk initiatives is supported by one staff member.

The LGBTQI community often face discrimination and as such the Municipality has established safe spaces to facilitate and establish a support system for the affected individuals. The Municipal help desk further dedicates holistic help by providing information, creating awareness, making referrals, and basic counselling for LGBTQI individuals and promote transition and acceptance of issues such identity, relationships, and trauma.

The key component of the LGBTQI help desk is to advocate and promote community education and engagement to sensitize them on LGBTQI rights and the existence of the community. Output takes place through the following focal areas

##### **4.3.22.4.1 Support Services**

- LGBTQI Help Desk: A dedicated help desk providing information, support, and referrals to LGBTQI individuals.
- Counseling Services: Free or subsidized counseling services for LGBTQI individuals dealing with issues like identity, relationships, and trauma.
- Peer Support Groups: Facilitated support groups for LGBTQI individuals to connect, share experiences, and support one another.

##### **4.3.22.4.2 Advocacy and Education**

- Human Rights Advocacy: Advocating for the rights and dignity of LGBTQI individuals, including addressing hate crimes and discrimination.
- LGBTQI Sensitization Training: Training for municipal staff, community leaders, and organizations to promote understanding, acceptance, and inclusivity.
- Community Outreach: Engaging with LGBTQI community members through events, workshops, and campaigns to promote awareness, education, and social cohesion.

##### **4.3.22.4.3 Health and Wellness**

- HIV/AIDS Support Services: Providing access to HIV testing, treatment, and care, as well as support for people living with

HIV/AIDS.

- Sexual Health Services: Offering sexual health services, including STI testing and treatment, and family planning.
- Mental Health Support: Providing access to mental health services, including counseling and therapy, to support LGBTQI individuals' well-being.
- The treatment and care of those infected and affected by the HIV pandemic.

#### **4.3.22.4.4 Community Development**

- LGBTQI Community Events: Organizing and supporting events, such as Pride marches, to promote visibility, inclusivity, and community cohesion.
- Youth Empowerment Programs: Implementing programs to empower LGBTQI youth, including leadership development, mentorship, and skills training.
- Partnerships and Collaborations: Building partnerships with LGBTQI organizations, community groups, and stakeholders to leverage resources, expertise, and support.

#### **4.3.22.4.5 Food Gardens**

To meet the nutritional needs of the community by training and teaching them how to grow their own vegetables, and to strengthen the Nutritional centre's by providing them also with, vegetables from the community Gardens

#### **4.3.22.5 Thusong Centres**

Thusong Service Centres are one-stop, integrated community development centers, with community participation and services relevant to people's needs. Based on the Batho Pele Principles, these centres aim to empower the poor and disadvantaged through access to information, services and resources from government, non – governmental organizations, parastatals, business, etc.

The objectives of the Thusong Service Centre are:

- To bring government information and services closer to the people
- To promote access to opportunities as a basis for improved livelihoods
- To promote cost -effective, integrated, efficient and sustainable service provision to better serve the needs of citizens
- To build sustainable partnerships with government, business, and civil society
- To create a platform for greater dialogue between citizens and the three spheres of government.

The Thusong Centre model revolves around a Six-Block service model i.e. Government, Social and Administrative Services, Office Services, Education and Skills Development Services, Local Economic Development (LED) Services, Business Services and Communication opportunities and Information and Communication activities.

The Department of Local Government officially held a site-visit at the Rosemore and Pacaltsdorp areas to look for a suitable site to establish a Satellite Thusong Centre. Pacaltsdorp was identified as the most suitable area, because of the existing building which was being used by the Post Office. The community inputs at the IDP meetings in Pacaltsdorp expressed the need for a Thusong Centre in their area, to bring services closer to the people instead of them having to travel to town.



At the Provincial Thusong Provincial Forum meeting in Saldanha Bay on the 28 February -1 March 2023, funding was approved for a satellite Thusong Centre in George and the establishment of a Pacaltsdorp Satellite Thusong Centre would be funded by R150 000.00 as a Provincial Grant.

The Pacaltsdorp Satellite Thusong Service Centre opened its door on the 18 September 2024 and schedule government and local services will be rendered to the community of Pacaltsdorp

There are currently three(3) Thusong Service Centres within the George Municipality and is operational from 7h45 – 16h30

- Thembaletu Thusong Centre
- Waboomskraal Thusong Centre
- Pacaltsdorp Satellite Thusong Centre

The following Government and Local services are rendered at the different Centres on schedule and daily basis:

Departments	Services Rendered
South African Social Security Agency	Application for social grants; Older Person, Disability, Child Support, Foster Child and Care Dependency Grant
Department of Labour and Employment	Application : UIF , Employment Equity, Employment Services and other services
Department of Social Development	Substance Abuse, Persons with Disabilities, Children and Families, Youth Development, Sustainable Livelihood Programs and NPO Information
E-Centres	Access to Internet and email, government information and services , Accredited ICDL, ECDL and Basic computer training
Community Workers Program(CWP)	Provide sustainable employment solutions, development of public assets and services and promoting social and economic inclusion
Community Development Workers (CDW)	Assist with improving service delivery to public, inter-governmental coordination between the three spheres of government, facilitate community development and support participatory democracy
South African National Council for Alcoholism and Drug Dependence	Treatment, Prevention, Community Development, Research and Training, Workplace Intervention, Project Management and Mentorship
Area Offices	George Municipality complains, information, IDP and applications

Departments	Services Rendered
Department of Health ( Mobile Unit)	Child health, Emergency medical service, family planing, women's health. TB and Hiv/Aids, Men's and Mental health and home base care

#### **4.3.22.6 Thusong Outreach Programs**

The program dispenses on essential government and municipal services to mostly rural comminties, thereby pushing back the bounderies of poverty and inequility. This is done through our provincial and municipal outreaches, implemented with various partners, government departments and stakeholders assisting citizens with acces to governmet and municipal services .

This Outreaches program bring theservices closer to rural communities in Uniondale, Haarlem, Herold and surrounding areas. Geelhoutsboom and surrounding areas.

#### **4.3.22.7 Community Halls**

George Municipality has fifteen (15) community halls, facilities and three (3) Thusong Centres available to its communities. The Municipality aims to provide equal access to municipal facilities to all communities and the Thusong Centres provides several government services to the George Community.

This Section is responsible for:

Leasing and preparation of Community halls and Council chambers.

Maintenance of Community Halls including the Municipal main building.

Cleaning of offices in the main and sub-buildings; and

Providing assistance to lessees after hours at the various Community Halls.

#### **4.3.22.8 Libraries**

The municipality has 11 libraries, located in Avontuur, Blanco , Conville,George , Haarlem, Noll, Pacaltsdorp, Thembaletu, Tousranten ( new library being constructed), Uniondale, Waboomskraal. Uniondale is one of the oldest library.

The Department of Environmental Affairs has indicated to Provincial Library Service of a programme that they will be rolling out in the Western Cape. The aim of this programme is to make the public aware and to educate them with regards to environmental governance.

Thembaletu Library is the only library in George that was selected / indicated for this programme. This library received a huge white shelf that stands at a very prominent space, at the entrance, of the library. It is clear and visible for any member of the public as they enter the library. The shelf contains numerous pamphlets, brochures and information and educational material for the public (to make use of). The National Environmental Management Act states the need to promote active participation of communities in environmental governance, and to develop skills and capacity necessary for achieving equitable and effective participation with regards to environmental issues.

This Programme emphasises the need for environmental education and awareness, as well as the sharing of knowledge and

experiences, and the recognition of indigenous knowledge from communities and their leaders.

Active participation by all South African citizens in environmental management can be achieved only if the citizens are equipped with relevant information to acquire knowledge and make informed decisions.

The National Development Plan promotes active citizenry whereby citizens need to be involved in their own development and strengthening by means of inter alia Youth Service Programmes through community-based development programmes.

This programme is in line with imperatives of the National Youth Policy namely, social cohesion and nation building, economic participation and social transformation. The DEA's approach for this programme is alignment and integration into the provincial government youth development programmes to avoid duplication of programmes and deviation from provincial government priorities.

The degradation of our natural resources impacts negatively in our economy and exacerbates poverty etc.

Thus, the urgent need for robust implementation of public education and awareness programmes promoting protection, conservation and sustainable use of natural resources.

The latest initiative is the **YearBeyond, or YeBo**, is a Youth Service partnership between the Western Cape Government, The Community Chest of the Western Cape, the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation and numerous NGOs. It aims to provide 18 to 25 year-olds with a meaningful first work experience and a pathway to further studies or work while at the same time encouraging a culture of active citizenship and volunteerism.

The aim of this programme is to:

- invest in the personal and professional development of the youth;
- offer them support to transition into the world of work.

George Libraries formed part of this initiative last year (2022) and we already applied for Yeboneers for George Libraries for 2023. Last year 57 youngsters were allocated to us as George Libraries.

The latest development is the Parliamentary Information Corner at George Library. Citizens, especially the youth, will be able to receive information with regards to new bills, the constitution, etcetera in all three languages of the Western Cape.

Figure 48: Community Development Rating/Funding Type






















Funding Type					Project Rating									
	Municipal Funding		Grant Funding		External Loan/ Funding		No funding required		Completed		In progress		Not completed / No budget available / District Function / Provincial Function	

Table 50: Community Development Implementation Plan

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT														
IDP Ref No	Key Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Initiative (measurable action)	Description of Unit of Measurement	5-year target 2022 -2027	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target	Funding Type	Progress Rating				
				2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
TBC	Assist Community Food Gardens	Number of Community food gardens assisted 30 June	560	513	525	537	549	561						
TBC	Conduct Child abuse initiatives	Number of Child abuse initiatives conducted by 30 June	20	20	20	20	20	20						
TBC	Host Career exhibitions	Number of career exhibitions hosted by 30 June	2	2	2	2	2	2						
TBC	Information and Awareness sessions regarding GBV/HIIV AIDS	Number of information and awareness sessions regarding GBV/ HIV AIDS conducted by 30 June	20	20	20	20	20	20						
TBC	Conduct Gender and Disability forum meetings	Number of Gender and Disability forum meetings conducted by 30 June	8	8	8	8	8	8						

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT														
IDP Ref No	Key Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Initiative (measurable action)	Description of Unit of Measurement	5-year target 2022 -2027	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target	Funding Type	Progress Rating				
				2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
TBC	Conduct Substance abuse initiatives	Number of substance abuse initiatives conducted by 30 June	20	20	20	20	20	20						
TBC	Percentage expenditure of budget allocation for implementation of the WSP	Percentage expenditure of budget allocation for implementation of the WSP	98%	N/A	98%	98%	98%	98%		N/A				

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#### 4.3.23 Workplace Skills Plan

In terms of the Skills Development Act, a SETA is obliged to among other activities:

- Research and develop a Sector Skills Plan
- Receive and evaluate Workplace Skills Plans and Annual Training reports/ Implementation Reports from employers
- Identify and develop strategic projects arising from skills needs within the sector, funded by discretionary grants
- To register, train and support Skills Development Facilitators within the sector

To enable the development of the Sector Skills Plan, the municipality is required to formulate Workplace Skills Plan. Workplace skills plans (WSP) documents the skills needs in an organisation and describes the range of skills development interventions that an organisation will use to address these needs. A WSP is developed annually – for the period 01 April to 31 March - by a registered skills development facilitator (SDF) and is submitted to the SETA with which the organisation is registered, in this case the LGWSETA. The WSP facilitates access to the SETAs mandatory grant for skills training. Organisations are required to report against their WSPs in an Annual Training Report (ATR) that shows how they have addressed the priority skills defined in the WSP. An equally important purpose of the WSP is that it also provides important sector information to the SETA on employee profiles, skills needs and skills development interventions. This information in turn informs the development of the SETAs sector skills plan (SSP). The SSPs then further make a contribution to the national skills development agenda defined in the National Skills Development Strategy, now in its 3rd generation. Though developed at an organisation level to address in house skills development needs, the WSP has an important purpose in informing skills needs at a sector level and at a national level.

In terms of the Skills Development Levies Act employers, including municipalities, are obliged to register with the SA Revenue Services and pay 1 % of the monthly pay roll as skills levy. Upon the submission and approval of the Workplace Skills Plan and the Annual Training/Implementation Report by the municipality to the LGSETA, the municipality becomes eligible for both the mandatory training grant, and the discretionary training grant from the LGSETA. . Skills development plays a major role in the retention of staff and is an investment in our staff and promotes effective and efficient service delivery to our community. With the implementation of the Municipal Staff Regulations (MSR) No.890 more emphasis is placed on training and development of staff with a direct link to individual performance management. The MSR also considers the principles of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), mentoring and coaching and allows for not only accredited training but also in-service training as a means to train and develop staff.

#### 4.3.24 The Municipal Staff Regulations (MSR)

The Municipal Staff Regulations (MSR) No.890 came into effect on 01 July 2022. Below is an overview of the status of implementation of the MSR for George Municipality.

Focus Area	Actions	Status
The Regulation	Awareness Campaign	Yes
	GAP Analysis	Yes
	Human Resources Strategy	Yes
	Human Resources Implementation Plan	In Process
Strategic Focus	IDP Alignment	In Process
	5-Year Scorecards	In Process
Policies and SOPs for the implementation of each policy	Performance Management and Development Framework	Yes
	Recruitment and Selection Policy	Yes

Focus Area	Actions	Status
	Succession Planning Policy	Yes
	Talent Management and Retention Policy/Framework	In Process
	Training, Development and Education Policy	Yes
	TASK Job Evaluation Policy	Yes
	Induction Policy	Yes
	Acting Policy	Yes
	Policies and SOPs for the implementation of each policy	Exit Procedure Policy
Mentoring and Coaching Policy		Yes
Probation Policy		Yes
Rewards and Recognition Policy		Yes
POE and POE Maintenance Policy		Yes
Change Management Policy/Guidelines		In Process
Chapter 2: Staff Establishment, Job Descriptions and Job Evaluation	Organisational design metrics	Yes
	Review of Staff Establishment	Yes
	Review of Job Descriptions to include KPA's and competencies	In Process
	Employment Equity Policy	Yes
	Standardised Operating Procedure documents	In Process
Chapter 3: Recruitment	Skills Audit	In Process
	Selection panels	Yes
Selection and Appointment of Staff	Roles and Responsibilities of panel	Yes
	Vetting and Assessment	Ongoing
	Recruitment processes	Yes
	Critical and scarce skills, and retention policy	Yes
Selection and Appointment of Staff	Probation period reviews	Yes
	Filling of Vacant Posts Strategy	Yes
Chapter 4: Performance Management Development	Performance Calendar (IPM)	Yes
	Roles and Responsibilities	Yes
	PMDS Implementation Plan	Yes
	Moderation Committees establishment	Yes
	Capacity building to implement and manage performance	Ongoing
	Training in PMDS	Ongoing
	Develop KPI's for all staff	In Process
	Develop Performance Plans for all staff	In Process
	Staff coaches and mentors	No
	Implement PMDS software	Yes
	Assessment and moderation training	Yes
	Standardised Operating Procedure documents	In Process
Chapter 5: Skills Development	Skills development principles	Yes
	Roles and Responsibilities (Training Committee without Councillors, adding IDP, PMS, CFO and EE Forum Members.)	Yes
	Develop Personal Development Plans for all staff	In Process
	Add Skills Development KPI to all Managers Plans	Yes
Chapter 5: Skills Development	Update the Workplace Skills Plan	Yes
	Workplace Skills Plan must be reviewed – provide training	Yes
	Staff Personal Data Form	Yes

The George Municipality is fully committed to ensuring compliance with the MSR and have implemented measures to address the gaps.

#### 4.3.24.1 Execution and promotion of the Municipal Staff Regulations (MSR)

Subsequent to the promulgation of the MSR various sessions were held with Senior Management and Human Resources Officials to prepare for the implementation of the MSR which came into effect on 01 July 2022.

Support with implementation was provided by various role-players including but not limited to:

- The South African Local Government Association (SALGA);

- Department of Local Government (DLG); and
- Department Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA).

#### **4.3.24.2 Operational integration**

With the implementation of the MSR a change management process was required to enable staff readiness for the changes that are required in terms of the new legislation. The requirements of each chapter within the MSR required various changes to workflows, policies and standard operating procedures. Many of the required changes only required minor adjustments into the already existing operational processes.

#### **4.3.24.3 Promotion of the MSR**

Roadshows and awareness campaigns have been conducted during the first phase of implementation to promote the MSR to Councillors, Senior Management and staff. The successful implementation of the MSR is hugely dependent of the support from Senior Management who need to drive change within each Directorate. The establishment of working groups which involved both Councillor's and Senior Management was implemented to contribute to the promotion of the MSR.

#### **4.3.24.4 Impact on staff compliment**

Human Resources officials had undergone various training and information sessions to be able to support the implementation of the MSR. The new Regulations required various training interventions for management and staff to be compliant and adhere to the requirements as laid down in the MSR. The implementation of the MSR also brought across uncertainty amongst staff and have increased workloads. During the first few stages of implementation staff including human resources officials were overwhelmed with the number of changes required in the day-to-day operations, however as time passed the implantation of the MSR has become a reality and staff adapted to the change.

#### **4.3.24.5 Impact on the Strategic Objectives in the IDP**

It is required that there is alignment between the MSR and the IDP of Council. The implementation of the MSR should be linked to the IDP goals and therefore require re-prioritisation in terms of the MSR requirements. This includes the alignment of functions and possible restructuring of the organisation to meet the service delivery demands and compliance with the MSR requirements. Resources may need to be re-prioritised which impacts goals set out in the IDP. The MSR could be a key success factor in the achievement of the IDP's strategic objectives.

#### **4.3.24.6 Monitoring and compliance**

Ongoing gap identification through compliance audits are required to ensure full implementation of the MSR. The municipality is looking into a system or process to regularly monitor compliance by all departments within the municipality. Internal Audit has conducted a readiness review with the implementation of the MSR which identified gaps that have been addressed where possible. Other gaps require more time to address due to financial and human resources constraints including skills training and transfer of skills.

#### **4.3.24.7 Main challenges with the implementation of the Municipal Staff Regulations (MSR)**

- The competency framework does not include all competencies for posts at the municipality.
- Staff find it difficult to adapt to change.
- Performance management has been rolled out to all levels however many uncertainties still exist.
- Financial and human resource capacity constraints to implement the Municipal Staff Regulations is still a challenge.

#### **4.3.24.8 Way forward**

Continuous communication, awareness and training around the MSR is required to be successful with implementation of the regulations.

Resource allocation should be directed at supporting the implementation of the MSR.

Atomization of workflows to create user friendly systems that contributes to compliance with the requirements of the MSR.





Change management initiatives must continue to ensure that staff feel less overwhelmed and to increase buy-in.

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Figure 49: Workplace Skills Plan Rating/Funding Strategy

Funding Type					Project Rating								
	Municipal Funding		Grant Funding		External Loan/Funding		No funding required		Completed		In progress		Not completed / No budget available / District Function / Provincial Function

Table 51: Workplace Skills Plan Implementation Plan

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: WORKPLACE SKILLS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION														
IDP Ref No	Key Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Initiative (measurable action)	Description of Unit of Measurement	5-year target 2022 -2027	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Year 4 Target	Year 5 Target	Funding Type	Progress Rating				
				2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
TBC	Percentage expenditure of budget allocation for implementation of the WSP	Percentage expenditure of budget allocation for implementation of the WSP	98%	N/A	98%	98%	98%	98%		N/A				

# CHAPTER 5: Spatial Development Framework

## 5.1 The Purpose of the Spatial Development Framework

The purpose of the Municipal Spatial Development Framework (MSDF) is to interpret and represent the spatial development vision of the municipality.

The Spatial Development Framework (SDF) forms part of the spatial planning system of the Republic of South Africa and gives strategic guidance, development principles, norms and standards to guide spatial planning, land use management and land development.

In terms of Sect 12 (5) of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 (Act 16 of 2013) (SPLUMA) the MSDF must assist in integrating, coordinating, aligning and expressing policies and plans emanating from various sectors of the spheres of government as they apply in the municipal area. The MSDF abides by the development principles of SPLUMA and aims to address spatial imbalances and promote sustainability and resilience. Long-term risks related to spatial patterns of growth and development are identified and mitigated through policies and strategies.

The MSDF is a written and spatial presentation of a five-year spatial development plan for the spatial form of George and includes a longer-term spatial vision statement for the municipal area indicating the desired growth and development pattern for the next 10 to 20 years. The MSDF provides the spatial vision and seeks to guide the spatial development context of the municipality to enable growth absorption, address spatial imbalances, facilitate economic growth, promote social cohesion and protect the natural environment. The MSDF seeks to guide planning and development decisions across all sectors of government and specifically the municipality in its spatial planning and land use management decisions. Spatial strategies and policies are formulated to advise the evaluation of land use proposals and to promote specific outcomes. Information in the MSDF is provided to the public and private sector in a clear and accessible manner to provide direction for investment purposes: Promoting a rational and predictable land development environment to create trust and stimulate investment.

The MSDF provides direction for strategic developments and infrastructure investment that promotes efficient, sustainable and planned investments by all sectors and indicates priority areas where investment should be focused as a catalyst for development which supports the achievement of spatial objectives. The MSDF assists with the integration, coordination, alignment and expression of development policies and plans emanating from the various sectors of the spheres of government.

The MSDF is the foundation of the Capital Expenditure Framework (CEF) and creates the spatial basis through which specific arrangements are outlined to prioritise, mobilise, sequence and implement public- and private infrastructural and land development investment in the priority spatial structuring areas identified. (SPLUMA, 2013). Spatial considerations translate into projects executed through the IDP and SDBIP and implemented by various functional Departments.

## 5.2 The focus of the MSDFs

The MSDF is informed by three main strategic spatial development approaches to directing and managing development in the Greater George Area and the George City Area:

- i. Consolidate: Making what we have work better for our people
- ii. Strengthen: Build on George’s foundations for growth and resilience
- iii. Smart Growth: Invest in catalysts for social and economic prosperity.

### 5.3 The relationship between the MSDF and IDP

The MSDF is a high-level, core component of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and contributes to the realization of the Vision, Goals and Objectives of the IDP by guiding the spatial distribution of current and future land uses within the municipal area of George. The MSDF must facilitate (provide space for) the implementation of the priorities identified in the five-year Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and must also guide the general land use configuration over a longer planning horizon (10 to 20 years), whilst guarding against land speculation.

The IDP drives budget prioritisation and allocation decisions in terms of a rolling five-year development plan, and the Capital Expenditure Framework (CEF).

The MSDF is the spatial expression of the IDP and expressed community needs, while at the same time, the MSDF couches the IDP within a long-term spatial vision for the municipal area that seeks to implement the spatial vision, principles and policy directives set out in national and provincial legislation, strategies, policies and plan.

### 5.4 The Legislative Framework of Municipal SDFs

The Status Quo Report, which informed the compilation of the MSDF, listed 23 national and provincial policy directives, including:

The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996: The developmental duty of the local authority includes structuring and managing its administration, and budgeting and planning processes to give priority to the basic needs of the community, and to promote the social and economic development of the community; and to participate in national and provincial development programmes. The key message is to serve the people, and that planning must be joint, integrated and aligned; and express all spheres of government development plans and programmes within the municipal space.

- Municipal Systems Act (2000) (MSA): Section 26 of the MSD determines that an IDP is comprised of several core components which includes an MSDF that provides the basic guidelines for a land use management system for the municipality.
- Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act (SPLUMA) 2013 (Act 16 of 2013): Chapter 4 determines that all spheres of government must prepare Spatial Development Frameworks and Section 20 (Subsection 2) stipulates that
- The MSDF must be prepared as part of the Municipality’s IDP. The MSDF must satisfy criteria that addresses compliance with the development standards and norms as set out in SPLUMA (Section 21). The status of the SDF is elevated to a decision-making tool to ensure that land development decisions abide by the spatial structuring objectives of the IDP and MSDF (Section 22).
- Western Cape Land Use Planning Act, 2014 Act 3 2014 (LUPA). Chapter 10 of the LUPA expands on the criteria and requirements of a credible SDF and ensures that the process followed is well aligned with sound administrative justice.

In addition to the policy framework at the national and provincial levels, that links to the requirement for the compilation of the

MSDF, the related clause of the George Land Use Planning By-Law (LUPB), 2015 applies. The LUPB is a regulatory tool that guides municipal planning and planning processes. Chapter 2 of the George LUPB prescribes the process and participation and decision-making bodies that need to be established over the course of drafting and approving an MSDF.

The MSDF seeks to integrate policy- and legislative directives from National, Provincial, District and Municipal authorities as far as it impacts the spatial development structure of George. The Provincial Spatial Development Framework and the District Spatial Development Framework update processes have been initiated and will be advised by the MSDF2023 and the Status Quo and Amendment in the 2025-2027 cycle. Various updated Sectoral policies and plans were recorded since 2023, as listed in the 2025 Review of the MSDF2023.

### 5.5 George Municipality’s work on its MSDF

An MSDF Amendment is programmed on a 5-year cycle. Annual reviews highlight aspects which need to be considered in the Status Quo Analysis and MSDF-Amendment process. The MSDF2023’s Status Quo and Amendment cycle is planned for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 FY. Unless the yearly review identifies elements/policies, events or context changes which necessitates an immediate amendment cycle, the 5-year amendment cycle is retained, since:

- i. It supports continuity of spatial policy,
- ii. It guards against adjustments based on short term occurrences,
- iii. It entrenches principles of infill and densification, rather than urban sprawl,
- iv. It contributes to effective forward planning for infra-structure,
- v. It avoids confusion for investors and communities, by changing spatial elements and policies too often;
- vi. Allowance is made to add refinements to data supporting spatial elements on a continuous basis;
- vii. the growth absorption trajectory is made over a 20-year horizon. Spatial planning must, in its presentation of growth absorption, specifically the extension of the urban development boundary, guard against land speculation, consider only areas aligned with infrastructure planning and implementation and allow facilitation of environmental- and other factors over the longer term.

Section 34(a)(i) and (ii) of the Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000) speak directly to the need to “review” an MSDF annually in terms of **performance of the municipality** in relation to the **guidance provided in its MSDF**, as well as at any time deemed necessary **in response to changing circumstances**. The annual review allows for **proactive monitoring of the implementation of the MSDF**, while highlighting the need for actions that need to be taken to support the MSDF implementation on a sustained basis.

**Table 52: George Municipality’s work on its MSDF**

Steps Undertaken	Underpinning Legislation	When
1. The Council must decide whether to establish an Intergovernmental Steering Committee (ISC)	LUPA – Section 11 (a) and (b) Municipal Planning Bylaw, Chapter 2, Section 5	On 29 July 2021, the Council resolved to commence with the review and amendment of its 2019 MSDF. In this resolution, the Municipality also decided to establish an intergovernmental steering committee (ISC)
2. Notice of the proposal to compile an SDF must be published in two of the official languages of the province, the most spoken in the area in two newspapers circulating in the area. The notices must indicate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Municipal intention to compile an SDF</li> <li>• The process to be followed for the compilation of the SDF</li> </ul>	Relevant Bylaw on Municipal Planning Chapter 2 Section 3 (2)(a)(i)(ii) SPLUMA –Section 20 (3) (a) MSA Regulations, 2001 – Chapter 2	Public Notice Number 010/2021 was placed between 30 August 2021 and 30 September 2021 on municipal notices. It is noted that this public notice was also published in thegremlin.co.za

Steps Undertaken	Underpinning Legislation	When
	Section 4(a)	
3. The municipality must inform the Provincial Minister in writing of the intention to compile the SDF, indicate whether the ISC process will be undertaken and the process to be followed in the compilation.	Relevant Bylaw on Municipal Planning Chapter 2 Section 3(2)(b) (i-iii)	Letter received and dated 30 July 2021, addressed to the Provincial Minister.
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5. The municipality must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ In writing, invite written nominations for representatives to serve on the ISC from the following persons or organs of state:</li> <li>■ the head of the provincial department responsible for land use planning</li> <li>■ the head of the provincial department responsible for environmental affairs; and other relevant organs of state.</li> </ul>	Relevant Bylaw on Municipal Planning Chapter 2 Section 5	This was done in a letter dated 6 August 2021, signed by the Director for Planning and Development.
6. The project committee must compile a draft status quo report setting out an assessment of the existing levels of development and development challenges in the municipal area and must submit these to the ISC for comment.	Relevant By-Law on Municipal Planning Chapter 2, Section 6(1)	This was done. Draft Status Quo report and MSDF Review report was presented to the ISC on 18 March 2022.
7. It is noted that this public notice was also published in thegremlin.co.za	Relevant By-Law on Municipal Planning Chapter 2, Section 6(2)	The MSDF Status Quo Report and the MSDF Review Report were tabled and approved by the Council on 29 May 2022
8. After finalizing the status quo report the project committee must compile a first draft of the amendment of the municipal spatial development framework and submit it to the ISC for comment.	Relevant By-Law on Municipal Planning Chapter 2, section 6(3)	A draft version of the MSDF was presented to the ISC on 23 September 2022.
9. After consideration of the comments of the ISC the project committee must finalize the first draft of the amendment of the MSDF and submit it to the Council to approve the publication thereof for public comment in accordance with the process adopted in terms of Section 28 and 29 of the MSA.	Relevant By-Law on Municipal Planning Chapter 2, Section 6(4)	At an ordinary Council meeting on 27 October 2022, the Council supported the publication of the MSDF amendment for comment.
10. The public, the Provincial Minister and the District Municipality must be made aware that any MSDF amendment is also an IDP amendment. Therefore, the request for comment on the proposed MSDF amendment must also include a reference to an IDP amendment.  In terms of the MSA Regulations, Chapter 2 Section 3(4)(b), the public should be given a period of at least 21 days to submit their comments on the proposed MSDF amendments. (NB LUPA and SPLUMA require a 60-day comment period as is evident below).	MSA Regulations, Chapter 2 Section 3(4) (b)	This was done – see Notice 051/2022 In Provincial gazette number 8681 of 11 November 2022.
11. Invite the public / local community to submit written comments on this proposed amendment within 60 days of the publication thereof in the Gazette and the Media. (The media means the local newspaper or newspaper(s) of the area determined by the Council as “a newspaper of record”, or by means of radio broadcasts covering the area of the municipality. Such notification must be in the official languages of the area, as determined by the Council). The	SPLUMA – Section 20(3)(b) MSA Chapter 4, Section 21(1) and (2) MSA Regs Chapter 2 Section 3(6)	The 60-day public participation process is being undertaken between 11 November 2022 and 13 January 2023.

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District Municipality must be consulted regarding the proposed amendment.		
12. After consideration of the comments and representations received on the proposed amendment, the project committee must compile a final draft of the amendment of the municipal spatial development framework and submit it to the ISC for comment.	Relevant By-Law on Municipal Planning Chapter 2 section 6(5)	01 April 2023
13. After consideration of the comments of ISC, the project committee must finalize the final draft of the amendment of the municipal spatial development framework and submit it to the Council for adoption.	Relevant By-Law on Municipal Planning Chapter 2 Section 6(6)	01 May 2023
14. Any proposed amendment submitted to Council must be accompanied by a memorandum setting out the reasons for the proposal and must indicate how the amendment is in line with the District Municipality's Framework for Integrated Planning.	MSA Regulations Chapter 2 Section 3(2)	Schedule of amendments with reasons accompanies the MSDF
15. The Council or the project committee may at any time in the process of drafting an amendment to the spatial development framework request comments from the ISC.	Relevant By-Law on Municipal Planning Chapter 2, Section 6(8)	Comments were requested from the ISC during the MSDF amendment stages
16. The Municipal Council must consider all representations received in respect of the proposed MSDF amendment.	SPLUMA, Section 20 (3)(c) MSA Regs Section 3 (4)(b) and 3(6)	31 May 2023
17. If the final draft of the SDF is materially different from what was published, the municipality must follow a further consultation and public participation process before the SDF is adopted by Council.	Relevant Bylaw on Municipal Planning Chapter 2, Sections 6(7), and 7(2)	Advertised concurrently with IDP in April 2023
18. Once adopted by the Council, a notice of this adoption must appear in the media and the Provincial Gazette, within 14 days of the date of adoption.	SPLUMA Section 20(1) Relevant Bylaw on Municipal Planning Chapter 2, Sections 6(9), and 7(3)	Notice published in the Provincial Gazette on 09 June 2023 (notice 8767) and in the George Herald on 08 June 2023. Notices were posted on notice boards and placed on the Municipal webpage and via social media platforms
19. Once adopted, the Municipal Manager must submit a copy of the SDF as a core component of the IDP as adopted by the Council to the MEC for Local Government, within 10 days of the adoption. This submission must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ a summary of the public participation process</li> <li>■ a statement that the process set out in Section 29(1) of the MSA has been complied with</li> <li>■ a copy of the relevant Districts Framework for Integrated Development Planning (See Section 27 of the MSA)</li> </ul>	MSA Section 32 (1)	Submitted to MEC for Local Government on 02 June 2023
20. The Municipal Manager must also within 10 days of the adoption of the SDF, submit to the Provincial Minister: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ a written notice of the decision to adopt or amend a municipal spatial development framework, the adopted or amended SDF</li> </ul>	LUPA Section 14 (a) – (c)	Submitted to the MEC for Local Government on 02 June 2023

Steps Undertaken	Underpinning Legislation	When
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a report setting out the response of the municipality to the comments of the ISC or the Provincial Minister</li> </ul>		
MSDF 2023 Review: 2024 IDP Cycle	Section 34(a)(i) and (ii) of the MSA	MSDF Review, 2024 adopted by Council in May 2024
MSDF 2023 Review: 2025 IDP Cycle	Section 34(a)(i) and (ii) of the MSA	MSDF Review, 2024 to be adopted by Council in May 2025

## 5.6 The Spatial Challenges and Opportunities Identified in the Review of the 2019 MSDF

Further to spatial challenges and opportunities that were identified in the Review of the 2019MSDF, which advised the 2023MSDF, various observations from the 2024 and 2025 review cycles can be noted in the 2025 Review of the MSDF2023.

## 5.7 The Spatial Proposals of the SDF

### 5.7.1 Spatial development 20 -year vision statement

George Municipality’s integrated development vision of ‘A City for s Sustainable Future’, is supported by a Spatial Planning Vision to guide the George MSDF.

The Spatial Planning Vision is to: Develop George as a resilient regional development anchor of excellence for prosperity, inclusive- and smart growth.

### 5.7.2 Strategic Focus and Spatial Alignment between the IDP and MSDF

The MSDF subscribes to the vision, values and motto of the IDP.

The strategic goals of the IDP were applied as informants in developing the strategy focus of the MSDF. The George Municipality ascribes to a Smart city concept to create a George that is safe, secure and environmentally green and efficient. The MSDF is a tool to create a smart, integrated and inclusive city and enables spatial application of the Key Performance Areas where spatial implication applies.

Spatial alignment of various functional sectors- and master plans to the vision, strategies, policies and proposals in the MSDF is regarded as critical for the successful implementation of the MSDF.

With due regard to the three main pillars of a smart city, being governance and management services, infrastructure, and human – and social services, the spatial concept expressed in the MSDF is informed by the natural- and rural environment, the built environment and the socio-economic environment, focusing on the following key aspects:

Spatial configuration.

Settlement and population dispersion.

Population growth, Housing Demand and Growth Absorption.

Economic Growth and Performance.

Transformation and Integration.

Environmental Resilience.

As a result, the spatial concept of the MSDF is based on four spatial drivers which are applied at both municipal- and city scales.



These drivers include:

the natural and rural environment;  
settlements;  
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The performance of the spatial drivers is supported by the three spatial strategies described in 4.5 of the MSDF2023 and includes policies for guiding and promoting development in George.

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The link between the budget decision making process and the plans and strategies of the Municipality is enabled through the implementation of the Capital Expenditure Framework (CEF). In creating the link between finance, spatial planning and the infrastructure- or technical departments of the municipality the CEF creates a golden thread that runs from the Municipality's long-term strategic development vision, and sector planning, through the budget allocation process, to implementation. In this way, infrastructure spending should progressively realize the strategic vision of the Municipality.

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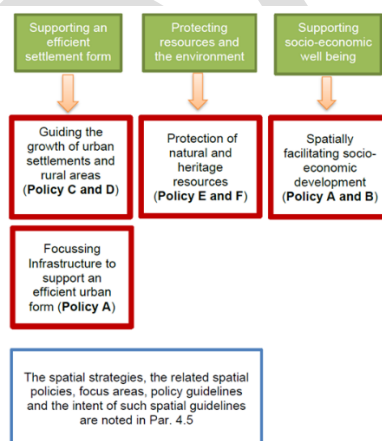
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### 5.7.3 Spatial Proposals and Structuring Elements of the SDF

The three main strategic spatial development approaches to the development in George (Consolidate, Strengthen and Smart Growth) are applied in the Strategies, Policies Guiding Principles and Implementation Actions contained in the MSDF, to ensure that the intent of the spatial strategies is realized. Three main spatial strategies apply:

**Figure 50: Spatial Development Approaches**



The Policies emanating from the guiding spatial strategies are indicative of “What” the MSDF wishes to achieve and include:

- a) Prioritize infrastructure which yields the best cost-benefit ratio, from a social and economic perspective and facilitates the spatial concept (10-year horizon).
- b) Facilitate enabling and inclusive Economic Growth.
- c) Manage the Growth of Urban Settlements, and accommodation of rural living, to ensure the optimum and efficient use of resources.

- d) Balanced, integrated housing options to be provided.
- e) Manage the use of land in the Municipal area in a manner which protects natural resources, ecological functioning and -services, as well as the rural character.
- f) Celebrate Heritage assets in a manner that contributes to the renewal of urban or rural quality and opportunity.

Details on the spatial principles applicable to these strategies and policies are contained in Table 14 in the MSDF2023) along with the policy guidelines that relate to “how” the spatial strategies and policies will be applied and are read with spatial elements which represent various spatial structuring concepts (Table 13 in the MSDF2023, including:

**Table 53: Spatial Structuring Concepts**

No	Name	Explanation
1	Node/ Precinct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nodes are areas where a higher intensity of land uses, and activities are supported and promoted. Typically, any given municipal area would accommodate a hierarchy of nodes that indicate the relative intensity of development anticipated for the various nodes, their varying sizes and their dominant nature.</li> <li>• A hierarchy of nodes is proposed for the municipal area. Nodes are strategically located areas on high-usage routes where a high concentration of activities and mix of land uses (commercial and public/community facilities) should be encouraged, appropriate to the character of the area and its role in the spatial structure. In addition, private sector investment should be supported through interventions in the public realm, which would typically require an urban design plan that addresses hard and soft landscaping, street furniture, street cross sections, parking and accommodation of public transport. A further critical component for the establishment of community nodes is the clustered provision of new public facilities such as schools, clinics and community halls. In addition, private sector investment should include interventions in the public realm, which would typically require an urban design plan that addresses hard and soft landscaping, street furniture, street cross sections, parking and accommodation of public transport and shared community spaces.</li> <li>• Some small-scale (micro/boutique) industries and limited-impact manufacturing land (such as cottage industries/small bakeries) use can be considered when it is linked with a Business/Commercial component.</li> </ul> <p>However, the Business/Commercial component must still be the dominant land use for the development as a whole or individually for each Business/Commercial Company</p>
1a	Central Business District (CBD) Category A Node	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Central Business district is the primary economic core of the city area, consisting of main businesses, commercial activities, corporate head offices, regional community services, transportation hubs and open spaces.</li> <li>• Focussing on mixed land uses including high-density residential.</li> <li>• Development of flats advised to include a retail component on the ground floor.</li> <li>• The CBD is subject to the restructuring zone together with the residential densification fringe, this fringe relates density in accordance with distance from public transport routes. Measured as walking distance from public transport routes (80u/ha (or more to be motivated) for 150m, 60u/ha in 151-350m and 45u/ha for 351-500m.</li> <li>• The CBD, as a whole is considered a residential densification area. Mixed use which includes large office blocks and retail uses is contained in the CBD core.</li> <li>• The proclaimed Restructuring Zone is included in the CBD</li> </ul>
1b	Commercial Precinct Category B Node	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commercial precincts act as areas of mixed use commercial and retail nodes. These sites include business opportunities, shopping centres and residential densification.</li> <li>• These zones are located along mobility routes with public transport transfer locations to promote access to facilities and services. Transport Orientated Development (TOD) envisioned for commercial precincts.</li> <li>• Residential densification promoted in areas surrounding commercial precincts.</li> </ul>

No	Name	Explanation
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offices not to be included in these areas, should only be located in the CBD.</li> <li>• Commercial precincts may include tourism related activities or facilities to increase viability.</li> <li>• Residential Densification– measured as walking distance from public transport route, directly adjacent to the node boundary (80u/ha (or more to be motivated) for 150m, 60u/ha in 151-350m and 45u/ha for 351-500m. Residential in node only above ground floor.</li> </ul>
1c	Neighbourhood Centre Category C Node	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neighbourhood centres are characterised by a cluster of shops including large and small retail facilities. These zones aim to provide for surrounding neighbourhoods.</li> <li>• Excludes the development of offices.</li> </ul> <p>These areas are limited to a maximum floor area of 12000m<sup>2</sup>.</p>
1d	Local Convenience Centre Category D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small shops (maximum 250m<sup>2</sup> leasable) to a maximum of (Building regulations) 1000m<sup>2</sup> leasable area in total per node.</li> <li>• Focus on providing day-to-day products for surrounding residents.</li> <li>• Can accommodate residential opportunities above ground, for example, flats, limited to two stories.</li> </ul> <p>This zone excludes offices.</p>
1e	Tourism Precinct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Areas identified to contain a combination of tourist related facilities and accommodation.</li> <li>• Not a retail node but may include tourism relates small shops (convenience), restaurants, sport and recreation- and services- conditions to be included in land use application.</li> <li>• Mitigation of environmental issues and impacts of climate change to be addressed during the development process.</li> <li>• Visual impact to be mitigated in areas of scenic value and along landscapes.</li> <li>• Public access to be protected in all instances.</li> </ul> <p>Applicable heritage and cultural resources to be protected and incorporated.</p>
1f	Agri-Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Areas located along the R102 and R404 have been identified as areas to promote agriculture activities in combination with recreational and tourist related facilities.</li> <li>• These zones seek to increase the viability of the airport support node.</li> <li>• Agricultural industry aimed at improving tourist related activities and facilities to be encouraged. Consent uses allowed on Agricultural Zone I properties to be used as a guide for development.</li> <li>• The subdivision of agricultural land will not be supported in principle, unless in an intensive agriculture area.</li> <li>• Urban residential land uses not supported; areas used for non-urban activities.</li> </ul> <p>Visual Impact (scenic vista) and context character are to be considered.</p>
A`	Airport Precinct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The airport precinct refers to the airport together with proposed land uses surrounding the area that will be ancillary to the airport.</li> <li>• Airport area includes airport infrastructure (including terminal building), tourism related uses and accommodation, renewable energy structures, warehousing/ light industrial (logistics, cargo and cold storage bulk freight) to support a freight facility extension and aviation-related use, transport-orientated development and facilities.</li> <li>• Non-residential node – no residential density zone applicable</li> <li>• Industrial support area, link to agri-processing zone</li> </ul> <p>Surrounding land used to be restricted in order to protect the flight airspace.</p>
1h	Mixed use investment sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicable to all relatively large-scale developments (more than 20 housing opportunities, with a mix of or either social and economic uses)</li> <li>• The nature of proposed development on these sites varies based on the site context.</li> <li>• These project areas aim to provide a graded income- and density mix, combined with significant public realm interventions and transport-oriented infrastructure/facilities.</li> <li>• Integrated development to include appropriate socio-economic opportunities and fine grain integration of uses</li> </ul> <p>Attention is to be given to the integration of these uses with adjacent development (urban or rural) fabric and transportation/infrastructure/natural/ environmental/NMT networks.</p>
1i	Public realm	<p>These areas are designated for investigation of upgrading of public realm to create community areas, markets, trading spaces etc.</p>

No	Name	Explanation
1j	Utility precinct	In addition to municipal infrastructure networks, various utility precincts are noted to accommodate combined utility infrastructure uses, including solar installations, water-sewer- and refuse infrastructure
2	Gateway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gateways indicate entrance points to urban settlements which require road design and land use management interventions (visual impact, signage and landscaping) to enhance the sense of place. Interventions along access routes are focused on physical upgrades, roadside development management and land use management interventions.</li> </ul> <p>Areas outside these gateways are to be treated as rural landscapes. (Additional gateways added to rural settlement areas, including Hoekwil, Uniondale, Herolds Bay; and any area with an urban edge to indicate transition from rural to urban.)</p>
3	Green Gateway	Green gateways are strategic access points that must provide public access to the green system/network, including coastal access points, and access to tourist precincts and protected areas.
4	Commercial Corridor/ Activity Spine/Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commercial Corridors refer to routes that form activity spines along which a mix of high-density urban uses should be encouraged, and public transport should be promoted.</li> <li>• AMP to reflect roadside development environment.</li> <li>• Fine grain access supported, or secondary access system provided.</li> <li>• Activity (mixed use) corridor, along public transport route, with secondary access possibilities. Includes TOD opportunity, business/retail, industrial transition, tourism, and higher density residential.</li> <li>• Only existing offices (not extension of office use).</li> <li>• Road design to support pedestrian orientated development and vehicle access should not be a priority for business use. Specifically aimed at supporting vibrant, existing street front activity.</li> <li>• Development of roads as “Complete Streets”, inclusive of high-quality pedestrian, non-motorized transport, public transport and private car travel, within a high-quality green landscape that celebrates the ‘sense of place’ of George.</li> </ul> <p>Stormwater planning to show active use of the road verge for recreation purposes, as part of SUDS planning.</p>
5	Mobility Route/ Principal Arterial Routes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobility routes refer to roads that function as primary mobility routes linking settlements as well as neighbourhoods.</li> <li>• Access management plans (including access spacing) to reflect urban- and rural areas in order to support nodal precincts. All areas within the urban edge are to be considered urban. Mobility specifications are not to be applied in areas indicated as community spines.</li> <li>• The main public transport routes follow the main arterials and link the main nodes and precincts.</li> </ul> <p>Zones of residential densification are encouraged along the main routes.</p>
6	Scenic Route	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scenic routes refer to routes that provide vistas over scenic landscapes and the experience of a sense of place. All main roads (highways and main arterials are considered scenic routes to a degree, but the main scenic routes are noted in Par <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b>).</li> </ul> <p>Land use management for scenic routes should be aimed at retaining the sense of place and important vistas from these routes. The focus is thus largely on managing development adjacent to these routes.</p>
7	Retained Rural Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retained rural areas include undeveloped (wilderness), rural and agricultural areas that must be retained, protected and/or improved (e.g., alien clearing). The protection of these areas is critical to ensure that the ecosystems which support life in the George area function optimally and that agriculture as a key driver of the local economy retains its viability.</li> <li>• Retained rural areas do not promote or encourage the land to be used for land uses normally associated with urban areas. Although, agri-processing initiatives and developments can be allowed.</li> <li>• Development guidelines should be agreed upon upfront for these areas of significant rural character and landscape value, particularly where these fall within areas of high botanical, heritage, cultural and scenic value within the urban edge.</li> <li>• General development guidelines include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Appropriate treatment of interfaces, heights, form of development and intensity - reinforce rural landscape and activity character and reflect compact unobtrusive nodes, conforming to local vernacular in terms of scale, form and design.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) Development to comprise natural/scenic/culturally compatible land uses informed by transformation thresholds, including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Resort and holiday accommodation.</li> <li>(ii) Recreation facilities; and</li> <li>(iii) Social and Community Facilities (e.g., ECDs).</li> </ul> </li> <li>c) Limit development footprints of low-density housing and facilities: WC: Rural Development Guidelines.</li> <li>d) Maintaining the dominance of the natural and agricultural landscapes.</li> <li>e) Create a dominant ecological conservation and preservation area as a major component of undisturbed landscape to form part of the Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs).</li> <li>f) Create strategic ecological corridors through the site to strengthen the linkages between CBAs.</li> <li>g) Introduce a gradient of landscape uses that filter from conservation areas (biodiversity and/or heritage) through to the community gardens that act as a functional buffer between the conservation area and development, protecting conservation worthy places and heritage areas (e.g., farmsteads).</li> <li>h) The settings of special cultural features are to be protected by providing them with ‘breathing space’ and leaving public views uncluttered.</li> <li>i) Traditional patterns of plantings are to be protected by ensuring that existing tree alignments are not destroyed but are reinforced or replaced by enhancing traditional patterns with suitable species.</li> <li>j) Avoid infrastructure projects which create visual and physical barriers, and ensure sensitive siting of infrastructure, especially renewable energy installations (e.g., solar).</li> <li>k) Maintaining dominant landscape features and their continuity (e.g., ridges, valleys).</li> <li>l) Avoid wall and land-locked effects by maintaining visual permeability to surrounding rural landscapes.</li> <li>m) Provide view corridors and pedestrian/open space linkages.</li> <li>n) Low impact/green technologies implemented wherever possible, and</li> <li>o) Integrate settlement patterns with the existing water system through the use of green infrastructure and sustainable urban drainage systems. This may require an Environmental Impact Assessment, Visual Impact Assessment and/or Heritage Impact Assessment.</li> </ul>
8	Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical Biodiversity Areas are areas required to meet biodiversity targets for ecosystems, species and ecological processes, as identified in a systematic biodiversity plan.</li> <li>• The primary purpose of including the CBA (and ESA) layer on the data layers (municipal GIS) is to guide decision-making about where best to locate development. It should inform land use planning, environmental assessments and authorizations, and natural resource management by a range of sectors whose policies and decisions impact biodiversity. It is the biodiversity sector’s input into multi-sectoral planning and decision-making processes.</li> </ul> <p>Note: An area being designated as a CBA is a scientific determination and not a zonation. Areas indicated as CBAs indicate sensitivity and not development rights. Sensitivity is determined by many factors in addition to the vegetation type and condition. Any dispute over whether a site qualifies as a CBA needs to be undertaken through a verification protocol. It is not up to the EAP/specialist/applicant to decide whether a site qualifies as a CBA or not.</p> <p>Note: Data presented by ESA and CBA may show fragmented areas but must be read with other environmental indicators such as Priority Natural areas, hydrological buffers, scenic routes and related requirements.</p>
9	Ecological Support Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ecological Support Areas (ESAs) are not essential for meeting biodiversity targets but play an important role in supporting the ecological functioning of CBAs and/or in delivering ecosystem services.</li> <li>• CBAs and ESAs may be terrestrial or aquatic.</li> <li>• The primary purpose of including the ESA layer on the Focus Area Framework Plans is to guide decision-making about where best to locate development. It should inform land-use planning, environmental assessments and authorizations, and natural resource management, by a range of sectors whose policies and decisions impact biodiversity. It is the biodiversity sector’s input into multi-sectoral planning and decision-making processes.</li> </ul>

No	Name	Explanation
		CBA and ESA must be applied as components of a continuous whole in the evaluation of environmental impact.
10	Priority Natural Area Layer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The layer refers to a combination of the proclaimed protected areas, Critical Biodiversity Area, Environmental Support Area, Coastal Management Line and Garden route national park buffer area (SANParks) to be read with the hydrological buffer area and slope analysis.</li> <li>• Area indicated as a continuous environmental area.</li> <li>• The layer includes the environmental conservation agreements, Marine buffer area along the coast as well as environmental stewardship areas.</li> <li>• The intent of this area is not to negate development but to seek to reduce the negative impact on areas that may influence the environmental integrity of the whole area.</li> <li>• The intent of this layer is to maintain high biodiversity areas and not just to mitigate negative impacts</li> <li>• Mitigation to be considered on site specific circumstances. (Include conservation agreement areas and marine buffer areas and coastal protection zones on the environmental layer).</li> <li>• Input from relevant environmental authorities required on proposed developments.</li> </ul> <p>Climate change adaptation is to be considered in all decision making regarding new development and/or development upgrades</p>
11	Green Core	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Green Core comprises of the following: green spaces including vacant plots, public and private open spaces (which include formal recreational facilities and ancillary uses), and green corridors in urban areas that connect retained rural areas. Green Cores are thus envisioned to form supporting ecological corridors (to CBAs and ESAs) and at the same time provide recreation areas and potential opportunities for urban agriculture.</li> <li>• These areas should be protected from inappropriate urban development.</li> <li>• Only low-key interventions aimed at providing appropriate public/community facilities (possibly through a long-term lease to private sector operators) and security measures should be allowed.</li> <li>• Planning for such interventions must include urban design and landscaping plans and, in some instances, the inputs of environmental specialists may be required to deal with issues such as floodplain management and impacts on heritage resources. In addition, the interface with surrounding private land holdings may need to be addressed as fencing and physical access may pose a challenge.</li> </ul> <p>The purpose of the Green Core is to establish a functional open space system.</p>
12	Intensive Agriculture. Peri-Urban Farming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These are agricultural areas situated on the urban fringe, which could be suitable for intensive farming, and/or land reform projects depending on the specific circumstances.</li> <li>• Principle use remains agriculture (Agriculture Zone I) and division to a minimum area of 40ha is supported, subject to comment from the relevant authorities.</li> </ul> <p>Land use management issues that will have to be addressed include plot sizes; the nature of agriculture practices including tunnel farming (i.e., visual impact) and livestock farming (it would for instance not be desirable to accommodate certain types of livestock farming adjacent to residential areas); the scale and placement of structures that may be allowed, managing the visual impact of smaller land parcels; and the potential for secondary uses such as farmstalls.</p>
13	Approved Housing Projects	Approved housing projects indicate sites where public housing development projects are in the implementation phase.
14	Proposed Future Housing Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed future housing projects indicate sites that have been identified as potential sites for public housing development projects and where feasibilities have been completed to the satisfaction of WC: DoHS, which support development in principle, including identified priority social housing sites identified</li> </ul> <p>The Human Settlements Plan shows areas under investigation and should aligned with the principles of the MSDF.</p>
15	Gap Housing possibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Areas identified for investigation for gap housing (ownership)</li> </ul>
16	Industrial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Industrial refers to existing and proposed industrial areas.</li> <li>• Industrial development, and in particular, agri-processing is regarded as a key driver of the local economy.</li> <li>• It is thus suggested that the new trends in manufacturing can be accommodated in the land use</li> </ul>

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		<p>management system, in particular the need for smaller premises.</p> <p>Some overlap with Business/ Commercial land uses can be accommodated, should it be linked to industrial uses.</p>
17	Residential Densification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Densification zones are areas within existing settlements where residential densification should be accommodated and promoted through appropriate mechanisms such as redevelopment, infill, subdivision, second dwellings, sectional title, greenfield or brownfield development.</li> </ul> <p>Densification is promoted in all urban areas with a specific focus on areas surrounding primary transport corridors and identified nodes. Density – measured as walking distance from public transport route (80u/ha (or more to be motivated) for 150m, 60u/ha in 151-350m and 45u/ha for 351-500m.</p>
18	Public/ Community Facility/ School/ Education	This designation includes a variety of public and community facilities, libraries and various educational facilities such as crèches, schools and tertiary educational facilities as well as, ancillary uses such as sports fields, boarding facilities and student accommodation.
19	Urban Infill	A key strategy of this SDF is the infill development of strategic sites in urban areas. Urban infill is largely focused on achieving higher densities in urban settlements and providing a greater variety of housing options to speed up the delivery process and create more sustainable settlements.
21	Urban Nodes	Urban Nodes form the highest order in the hierarchy of settlements in the municipal area. These nodes represent the areas for high intensity urban development for integrated human settlements where the largest spectrum of specialized land uses should be accommodated in the municipal area. Urban Nodes can be divided into the Primary Regional Service Centre and the Secondary. Refer to Error! Reference source not found..
22	Rural Nodes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rural Nodes or settlements are nodes in the rural hinterland within the Retained Rural areas, including the Agricultural Zone.</li> <li>They are located along key movement routes and serve as service centres for the rural areas and agricultural areas.</li> </ul> <p>They should provide services and goods to the immediate rural areas, but not on the same level as the Urban Nodes, which should serve as centres where specialized goods and services are provided.</p> <p>- The Hierarchy of settlement and nodes apply. Refer to Error! Reference source not found..</p>
24	Small Holding areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Areas recognized as small holding areas and land uses allowed as per the GIZSB and the Rural Development Guidelines.</li> </ul> <p>Smallholding areas are restricted as per the relevant LSDF. Refer to Error! Reference source not found..</p>
25	Heritage Sites older than 60 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>These are sites that contain buildings/structures older than 60 years.</li> </ul> <p>The Heritage Inventory 2016 identifies sites (GIS Layer). Heritage precincts are to be delineated. The Heritage Strategy will aim to add substance to the heritage identification and protection intent.</p>
26	Informal Settlements	An unplanned settlement on land which has not been surveyed or proclaimed as a township, consisting mainly of informal dwellings (shacks).
27	Backyard formalization zones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>These are areas where significant back yarding occurs and where policy relating to formalization/upgrading of backyard dwelling, either through ownership options or other interventions may apply.</li> </ul> <p>To be delineated with due process.</p>
28	Biodiversity Stewardship Sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biodiversity stewardship is an approach to entering into agreements with private and communal landowners to protect and manage land in biodiversity priority areas, led by conservation authorities in South Africa.</li> <li>It recognises landowners as the custodians of biodiversity on their land.</li> <li>Biodiversity stewardship is based on voluntary commitments from landowners, with a range of different types of Biodiversity Stewardship Agreements available to support conservation and sustainable resource use.</li> <li>Some types of Biodiversity Stewardship Agreements are formally declared as Protected Areas in terms of the Protected Areas Act, providing long-term security for the sites involved.</li> </ul> <p>Conditions regarding biodiversity stewardship agreements may be set in properties in the priority natural areas.</p>



No	Name	Explanation
29	Urban Edge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Urban Edge is defined as a delineated line that serves to manage, direct and control the outer limits of urban development.</li> <li>• This urban edge should be implemented as a planning tool in order to promote the principles of densification, infill development, and compact city, and to establish limits beyond which urban development should not be permitted.</li> </ul>
30	Cemetery	An investigation to identify additional cemetery space is underway. The extension of existing cemetery facilities, where appropriate, is noted (to be confirmed)
<b>Disclaimers: Spatial Elements</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spatial Element Designations Disclaimer 1 - The designations of spatial elements, except for the Urban Edge, on the maps relate to described elements, which may be updated as information becomes available and do not have to strictly follow cadastral boundary lines. In the event of uncertainty in the application of the designated spatial element, the Municipality has the authority to confirm or make the determination if the land is located within or outside the designated spatial element. The Municipality has the authority to correct minor amendments on an ad-hoc basis in the event of oversights or minor administrative errors, or where it is deemed necessary, without amending the actual physical text or maps of the SDF document itself.</li> <li>• Designations Disclaimer 2 - Due to the scale of the designations on maps, these map elements can cover large tracts of land. Cadastral specific determinations if required in terms of more detailed design and planning of the actual area to be developed as part of the land survey and registration activities, architectural design, and any other legislated approval processes, would also be determined on an ad-hoc and need-to-know basis. This would also not require the actual physical amendment of the text or maps of the SDF within the actual document itself.</li> </ul>

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## 5.8 Implementation Framework

The SPLUMA guidelines require, as part of the MSDF, a high-level Implementation Framework setting out the required measures that will support the adoption of the SDF proposals while aligning the capital investment and budgeting process moving forward.

### 5.8.1 SPLUMA REQUIREMENTS

SPLUMA requires that MSDF's include an Implementation Framework that contains the following:

- i. Necessary amendments to the Municipal Zoning Scheme By-Law
- ii. Specification of institutional arrangements necessary for implementation
- iii. Specification of implementation targets, including dates and monitoring indicators; and
- iv. Specification where necessary, of any arrangements for partnerships in the implementation process.

#### 5.8.1.1 Sector Requirements

Part 5.1.2 of the MSDF2023 refers:

The MSDF is a long term, transversal planning and coordination tool and a spatial expression of the George Municipality's IDP. While the MSDF is informed by the Sector Plans, strategically and spatially, the Sector Plans should be led by the MSDF. To this end, with the adoption of this revised MSDF for the George Municipality, when the Municipality's Sector Plans are reviewed, the MSDF is a key consideration or framework for such a review in order to ensure alignment and for the sector plans to realise their full potential as implementation tools of the MSDF.

Various updated Sector Plans were considered in the 2025 review of the MSDF2023. (See attached as Annexure XX). The sector plans have been developed in line with the spatial concept and policies underpinning the MSDF2023. No immediate amendment to the MSDF 2023 is required. The absorption of development, at a higher growth rate than the official expectation reflected in the 2023MSDF, will impact on the growth absorption timeframe estimated in the MSDF2023.

#### 5.8.1.2 Municipal Zoning Scheme By-law Alignment

Alignment between MSDF2023 and the George Integrated Zoning Scheme Bylaw (GIZSB), was sought over the course of the amendment process of MSDF. The process of amendment of the MSDF and GIZSB was integrated. The amended Zoning Scheme Bylaw was promulgated in 2023 and contains policies from the MSDF, incorporated in the zoning scheme as new parameters. A schedule of amendments to both documents was kept. Alignment will be reviewed every five years from the promulgation of the Bylaw.

#### 5.8.1.3 Institutional Arrangements

Implementation actions are to be budgeted and scheduled by the various responsible Departments, as prioritized in the CEF(in process). Limited Environmental Management capacity was provided to initiate the development of a Climate Change Action Plan, based on the Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Policies applicable to the District and to initiate studies/plans to support environmental protection in the George Municipal Area

The MSDF PC and ISC were consulted to provide input to the MSDF review processes.

#### 5.8.1.4 Specification of Implementation Targets

The MSDF Implementation Framework was adopted concurrently with the adoption of the MSDF and IDP in May 2023. The prioritization of implementation projects identified in the MSDF and respective sector plans have been provisionally consolidated

in the CEF and ranked in accordance with the criteria set in the prioritization tools. The CEF has not been finalized

#### 5.8.1.5 Partnership in the Implementation Process

The development of the Implementation Framework may identify additional opportunities for partnership, over and above the inter-governmental partnerships in respect of standard service provision. The process to date has identified the following specific partnerships in the Implementation process:

- i. Biodiversity Stewardship Agreements with conservation authorities
- ii. Participation in the Neighborhood Development Participation Program
- iii. Participative structures for the CBD regeneration project
- iv. Conditional Land Availability and Project Agreements relating to implementation projects

### 5.8.2 Settlement hierarchy, priority development areas and themes

#### 5.8.2.1 Settlement Hierarchy

The settlement Hierarchy of George is categorized as follows:

**Table 54: Settlement Hierarchy**

Settlement Type	Function / Role	Settlement Type
Regional Development Anchor (Services Centre)	Main urban centre in terms of location of new housing, jobs, services and facilities with a focus on development and densification. The centre hosts main health, education, and cultural facilities as well as government services. As an economic hub, it contains industry, services sector and Innovative business environments.  Significant regional commercial, service and administrative centre, industrial node, and transport and logistics hub: an emerging “regional” city with well-integrated residential and higher order activity centres.	George City Area
Secondary Service Centre (District town)	Urban centres with a special function (often tourism related) as well as a role in terms of servicing the surrounding areas and containing a mix of economic activities and services.	Uniondale (Rural Settlement and Service Centre)  Wilderness (Coastal residential, tourism, and local business node, recreation area.)
Small (rural) town	Urban area with a dominant rural character, a limited and mostly singular economic base (e.g., tourism, agricultural services) and functions as a service centre to its broader environs.	Haarlem
Rural / Tourism Settlement	A rural or recreational nodal point is characterised by community functions as well as a state of permanence (settled population). Such settlements function as agri-service centres, tourism centres, and educational centres, individually or providing a combination thereof.	Herolds Bay and surrounding (existing) estates Victoria Bay Touwsrante Hoekwil Kleinkrantz Le Grand
In addition to the abovementioned settlement areas, there are low residential density areas, including:		
Small Holdings	Low density rural living, with an agriculture component. (Small Holdings areas noted in relevant LSDF)	Victoria Bay SH Uniondale SH Haarlem SH Victoria Hights/Bay SH Wilderness Heights SH Rondevlei SH

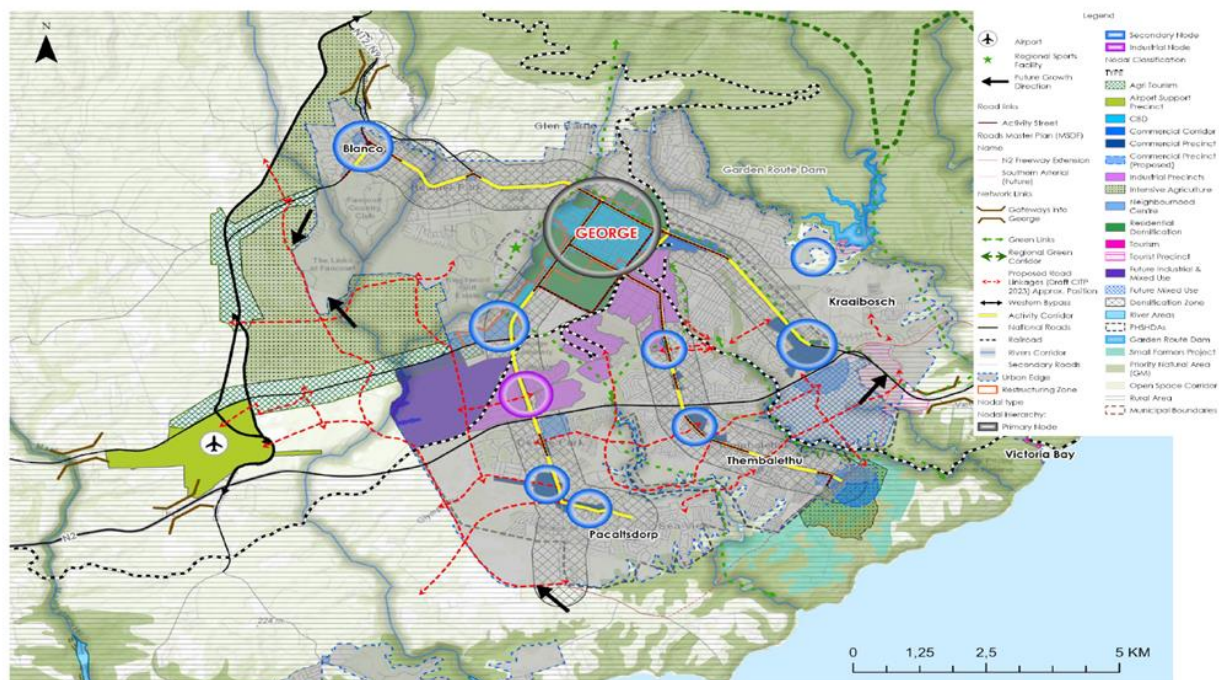
Settlement Type	Function / Role	Settlement Type
		Onder- and Bo- Langvlei SH Pacaltsdorp south SH Blanco SH Hoekwil SH
Farms (registered as farm portions)	Agricultural and natural use with very low-density residential settlement	
Within the rural areas identified hamlets/rural places are localities where rural support services are located.		
Rural Place (Hamlet)	Minor local service points or places of gathering e.g., schools, churches, rural shops, and transport nodes (bus stops, railway stations), usually have no, or relatively limited resident population/ settlement.	Avontuur Noll Herold (incl Campher) De Vlucht
Minor Rural Places in the Greater George Area (mostly locality reference points only)		
Minor Rural Place	Agri-area	Rooiloop Snyberg Barandas Toorwater Nietgenaamd
	Agri-area	Roorivier
	Agri-area	Eseljacht
	Agri-area	Ongelegen
	Agri-area	Molenrivier
	Agri-area	Eensaamheid
	Agri-area	Geelhoutboom
	Agri-area	Hoogekraal
	Agri-area	Sinksabrug
	Agri-area	Waboonskraal

**5.8.2.2 Priority Investment Area**

The priority investment areas are the principal mixed-use nodes and precincts, including the George CBD and secondary nodes, economic zones, and specific overlay zones.

Map 30 included in the MSDP shows the various components of the spatial categorisation in the city area.

**Figure 51: MSDP Spatial Categorisation**



In addition to the nodes/precincts identified in secondary towns, the priority investment areas in the city area include:

- a) Priority Investment Area: George CBD Priority Investment Area: York - Beach Road Corridor, Pacaltsdorp and the Pacaltsdorp Precinct and densification area.
- b) Priority Investment Area: Nelson Mandela Boulevard / Sandkraal Road Corridor, Thembaletu
- c) Priority Investment Area: Blanco Node
- d) Priority Investment Area: George Southeast and the Nelson Mandela Boulevard / Rosemoor / Conville Corridor
- e) Priority Investment Area: Knysna Road Densification and Mixed-Use Interface
- f) Priority Investment Area: Priority Investment Area: Gwayang – Groeneweide Mixed Use Precincts/Nodes and development area

### **5.8.3 Policy Framework**

#### **5.8.3.1 Local Spatial Development Frameworks (LSDF's)**

Currently, there are ten (10) approved LSDF's and one (1) draft. The LSDF's presents a tool to refine the link between the MSDF intent and the implementation management thereof. The boundaries of the LSDF's must be reviewed to improve alignment with the functional areas identified in the MSDF and applied in the CEF. Although most of the LSDF's were adopted in 2015/2016, some of the implementation actions were conceptualized to align with the 2013 MSDF. As the MSDF is a 20 year plan, the strategic alignment with SPLUMA, which resulted in the amended MSDF2023 reflecting the majority of the spatial elements reflected in the LSDF's. Actual growth absorption (land use management approvals and building plans) in high absorption areas, such as Pacaltsdorp, does not align, in some aspects, with the LSDF adopted for the area. A gap analysis was done for each of the LSDF's, which will inform the amendment of the LSDF's to improve alignment with the 2023MSDF. The LSDF review process, with Pacaltsdorp and the CBD being priority, will inform, in turn the 2027 MSDF.

#### **5.8.3.2 Land Use Management System**

The George Land Use Planning Bylaw gives clear expression to procedures, requirements and processes related to land use management and abides by the principle of good administration.

The George Land Use Management System includes an established land use management scheme, contained in the George Integrated Zoning Scheme Bylaw (GIZSB), which has been aligned with the policies of the MSDF. The review process was done in tangent with the MSDF Amendment Process.

The GIZSB applies to the entire municipal area and seeks to promote resilience in all land use activities, incorporating environmental management instruments and a range of categories of land use management to ensure that the needs of the urban and rural environment are addressed, from a land use management perspective.

The land use scheme gives effect to the MSDF and IDP.

#### **5.8.3.3 Municipal Policy Framework**

Several policies have been developed and drafted, in addition to the Bylaws, through which implementation of the policies of the MSDF is addressed.

The overarching Governmental Policy Framework includes various guiding documents, which have been listed and reviewed in the Status Quo stage of the MSDF Amendment process. Additional policies were received and reviewed in the MSDF participative process (via the ISC) and in the MSDF Review 2025.

## 5.9 Catalytic Initiatives

The following Catalytic Projects have been identified:

- a) The Gwayang Mixed Use Development comprised of industrial, commercial and residential development, including the municipal utility zone;
- b) Metro Grounds Industrial Development – site for light industry, training and SMME;
- c) The Thembalethu Neighborhood Development Programme – proposed nodal development and settlement regeneration;
- d) The Garden Route Dam Education precinct – proposed tertiary education / research facility with mixed residential development;
- e) Affordable Housing and Social Housing implementation priorities;
- f) The York Street South Precinct – restructuring zone;
- g) Affordable housing projects in Protea Park and Delville Park.

## 5.10 Internal- and Inter-municipal planning

A Project Committee (PC) and an Intergovernmental Steering Committee (ISC), which included neighbouring Municipalities and the District Municipality, were established to include the participation of Internal and External Departments, compliant with the requirements of the LUPB Bylaw, during the compilation of the MSDF2023. In addition to the actions listed in Par 5.5, interaction with Departments included workshops, assimilating documents supplied by the Departments and providing data/documents at various stages (Status Quo, Review, Amendment, Yearly Review). The mainstreaming of the MSDF and thus affording opportunity to input aspects such as the spatial elements, spatial concepts and implementation framework of the MSDF2023 fostered alignment with the planning initiatives of sectoral departments. Integration of the spatial framework concepts and policy with other spatial plans on a provincial, district and municipal (adjacent) level was facilitated.

## 5.11 Private Sector Joint Planning

MSDF2023. The comments received in response to such participation advised the compilation of the final MSDF2023 as detailed in the relevant Participation Report, which was presented to Council prior to the adoption of the MSDF.

Development (governmental and private) proposals are presented at weekly Pre-Application meetings, where alignment with spatial –and land use planning policies and procedures are discussed. Input from Infrastructure Departments and the Environmental Planning Division is provided in such meetings to assist the private sector in moving forward in the planning and implementation of developments that require land use management input and alignment with the MSDF Policies.

The MSDF Status Quo Assessment and Amendment Process (2025-2027) affords opportunity for public participation into the next amendment cycle of the MSDF.

## 5.12 Further Planning Work

(Refer to the progress on the Implementation Framework in the 2025 Review of the MSDF, attached as Annexure xx)

Further Planning work, identified thus far in the MSDF Amendment process includes:

Heritage Strategy and Precinct Identification: Strategy Completed and Adopted. Precinct Plan and Overlay zones for Pacaltsdorp and the CBD were presented to Council and in public participation stage. The process to investigate the heritage resources in

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Blanco, Haarlem and Uniondale is in the tender stage

Municipal Open Space Study and classification: To be included in the Environmental Section's evaluation of Ecological Infrastructure

Environmental Management Plans for Municipal Nature Reserves: Completed

Environmental Management Plans for open spaces, riparian areas and biodiversity corridors: In process

Strategy for biodiversity and tree offsets. Not yet commenced

Climate change action plan: In process;

Haarlem and Uniondale Overlay Zones to enable subdivision and land release and economic development respectively: Completed investigation. Overlays not recommended

Overlay zone for Thembaletu to improve urban design, place making, enable economic opportunity and appropriate informality: In process

Pacaltsdorp: Nodal development Investigations to unlock economic development opportunities: Not yet commenced;

Technical studies to facilitate the release of serviced residential land for affordable housing: commenced and related to land release processes

Design Guidelines for High Density and Social Housing developments: Completed;

The CBD regeneration initiative: Commenced.

- a) Heritage Strategy and Precinct Identification: Strategy Completed and Adopted. Precinct Plan and Overlay zones for Pacaltsdorp and the CBD were presented to Council and in public participation stage. The process to investigate the heritage resources in Blanco, Haarlem and Uniondale is in the tender stage
- b) Municipal Open Space Study and classification: To be included in the Environmental Section's evaluation of Ecological Infrastructure
- c) Environmental Management Plans for Municipal Nature Reserves: Completed
- d) Environmental Management Plans for open spaces, riparian areas and biodiversity corridors: In process
- e) Strategy for biodiversity and tree offsets. Not yet commenced
- f) Climate change action plan: In process;
- g) Haarlem and Uniondale Overlay Zones to enable subdivision and land release and economic development respectively: Completed investigation. Overlays not recommended
- h) Overlay zone for Thembaletu to improve urban design, place making, enable economic opportunity and appropriate informality: In process
- i) Pacaltsdorp: Nodal development Investigations to unlock economic development opportunities: Not yet commenced;
- j) Technical studies to facilitate the release of serviced residential land for affordable housing: commenced and related to land release processes
- k) Design Guidelines for High Density and Social Housing developments: Completed;
- l) The CBD regeneration initiative: Commenced.

### 5.13 Checklist in Support of Decision Making

Standard Checklists are included in Planning Reports on all land use management applications, and presented to the authorized official and planning tribunal. Such checklists include general considerations applicable to all applications, relate to procedural compliance and alignment with spatial planning policy, gauge the impact on infrastructure and the natural environment and consider the impact on the public interest. The checklists are used to promote good governance and fair administration and are included in all applications to serve before the Planning Tribunal.

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# CHAPTER 6: Ward Priorities and Planning

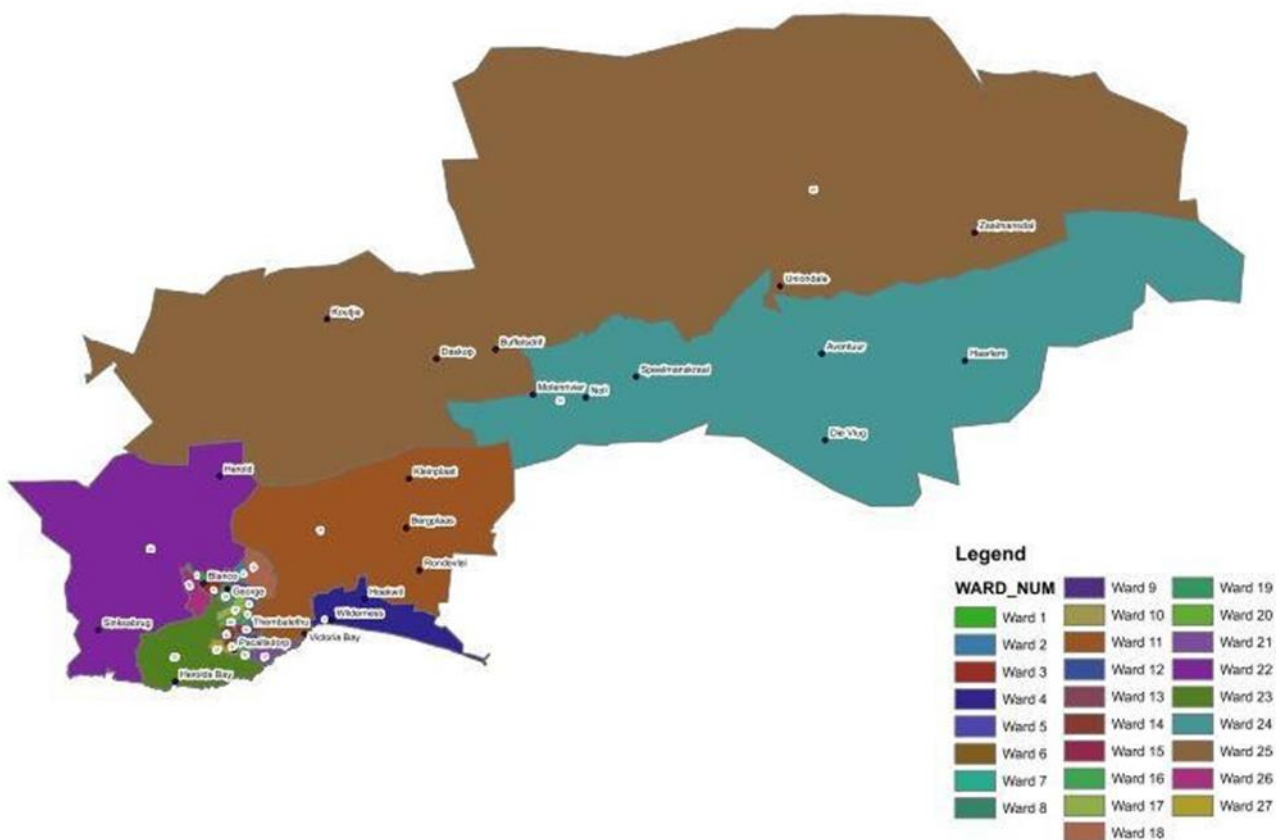
## 6.1 Introduction

The IDP process is about determining stakeholder and community needs and priorities as informants to future state intervention. These needs and priorities are then documented and considered as part of operational output, i.e. service delivery, to improve the quality of life of residents within the municipal area.

This chapter focuses on the input received from the stakeholders during these engagements. The input, i.e. issues raised, were refined and prioritised as informants of the budget and development priorities of the Municipality.

The following map shows the geographical area of George Municipality.

**Figure 52: Geographic Location of Wards 1-28**



## 6.2 Community Participation

Chapter 4 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No. 32 of 2000) (MSA) requires municipalities to create a culture of community participation. According to section 16(1)(a)(i) of the MSA, “A municipality must develop a culture of municipal governance that complements formal representative government with a system of participatory governance, and must for this purpose encourage, and create conditions for, the local community to participate in the affairs of the municipality, including in the preparation, implementation and review of its integrated development plan in terms of Chapter 5”. It is therefore essential to have effective public participation structures in place.

Engagement with the Spatial Development Framework (SDF), Integrated Development Plan (IDP), Budget, and Sector Plans, as well as major municipal policies, by-laws, and decisions, is essential to ensure that these initiatives are designed and implemented

collaboratively with the community. This approach enhances the credibility of the needs identified in the IDP, the budget allocations addressing these needs, and the Strategic Development and Implementation Programme (SDBIP) designed to execute programs and projects aligned with community needs.

Encouragingly, there is a notable trend of mature and constructive public discussions, indicating an increased understanding of the municipality's operations among community members. Direct participation and involvement of ward councillors, communities, and stakeholders in identifying ward-based priorities have significantly enhanced the quality of discussions between the public and the municipality. Ward councillors play a crucial role as intermediaries between the municipality and the public, leveraging their position in Council to ensure that community needs are effectively understood and addressed. However, councillors must uphold the code of ethics for Councillors, maintaining integrity and accountability towards constituents and the municipality to foster responsible local governance.

Public participation occurs through diverse means and platforms, tailored to suit specific audiences or communities. Communities from varying socio-economic backgrounds often utilize different communication channels. It is essential to cater to these differences and utilize all available platforms optimally, recognizing that certain communities may exhibit apathy towards engagement initiatives.

### **6.3 Drafting of the 5th Generation IDP 2022 – 2027 Public Participation**

Community participation in the drafting of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) is paramount. The fundamental aim of such engagement is to empower communities to determine their own needs and thus facilitate sustainable development. Local residents possess invaluable insights into the improvements necessary for their areas. By prioritizing these needs, they articulate their vision for development.

To enhance community involvement in the formulation of the 5th Generation IDP 2022-2027, the George Municipality has adopted a revised approach to public participation during the analysis phase. This initiative aims to identify the community's requirements comprehensively. During a Council meeting on 25 August 2023, the George Municipal Council endorsed the IDP and Budget Time Schedule, integral components of the comprehensive IDP and Budget Process Plan as mandated by Section 28 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000.

In October/November 2024 the IDP office embarked on a public participation process to provide all 28 wards in George with feedback on their ward priorities. The process followed over a five day period in ward clustered manner in the following community halls, Uniondale, Rosemoor, Thembaletu, Pacaltsdorp and the main Town Hall. Clustering ward together according to their similarities. George Municipality opted to engage exclusively with Ward Committees and Ward Councillors. This approach was chosen to streamline the feedback process and ensure direct input from community representatives. As a result, the amended 5th generation IDP 2022-2027 will proceed to council approval, showcasing the collaborative endeavours of the municipality and its residents.

### **6.4 Public Participation Statistics (Prior Year)**

The public participation process was a bit less challenging October/November 2024. All meetings took place as planned and Haarlem and Uniondale got their own meeting. The municipality managed to acquire participation from all 28 wards, through the ward committee platforms. The attendance ranged between very good in some wards and others less. Ward Committee members represented their wards in most meetings.

Additionally, here are some statistics that you may find useful to provide a more complete picture of the public participation process:

- Total number of meetings held: 5
- Platform: Clustered ward committee meetings
- Dates of the meetings: 31 October, 4,5,6 & 7 November 2024

The public participation process was challenging during October/November 2022. Some meetings were postponed, and others had to be rescheduled three times. Despite the challenges, the municipality managed to acquire participation from all 28 wards. The attendance ranged between very good in some wards and others less. Ward Committee members represented their wards in most meetings.

### **6.5 Public Participation Process 2024**

The Integrated Development Plan (IDP) unit initiated a Public Participation Feedback session over a 5day period across all wards in the George municipal area, aimed at achieving several key objectives:

- Dispensing feedback to all 28 wards concerning their respective 10 Capital projects and their 10 Operation projects emanating from the IDP.
- Offering feedback on sector department requests.
- Offering departmental service desks to address service delivery concerns

### **6.6 Sector Department Engagements**

The IDP unit has implemented various initiatives to foster collaboration between sector departments and the George municipality, ensuring that ward priorities beyond the municipal budget's scope are effectively addressed. Multiple efforts were made to engage with sector departments through both the District Municipality and our Provincial counterparts.

- On 8 August 2023, a preparation meeting was held with the Garden Route District to solicit assistance with engaging the sector departments.
- On 19 September 2023, engagement sessions were conducted with Sector Departments to gather feedback on George municipal ward priorities.

In September 2023, a sector engagement session was successfully conducted with local counterparts, yielding valuable feedback on sectoral requests. However, participation from all sector departments was not achieved, hindering comprehensive feedback on issues arising from respective wards. Subsequently, communication has been initiated with Provincial counterparts, seeking assistance in obtaining feedback from outstanding sector departments to ensure comprehensive coverage of community needs within the IDP. The culmination of these efforts was the successful Public Participation Feedback open day held on 2 October 2023.

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## 6.7 Participatory Improvements

The community public participation realm remains dynamic and continued improvements are made, and the municipality continuously fosters engagement aimed at improving communication between municipality and the community.

The municipality has gained the following:

- Consider scheduling meetings towards the end of the week rather than on a Monday for better attendance and participation.
- Improve time slot management to ensure meetings run efficiently and stay on schedule.
- Discourage questions during the presenter's presentations to maintain the meeting's flow, instead, allocate time for questions afterwards.
- Ensure venue setup is completed the day before the meeting, involving all departments, to prevent last-minute chaos.
- Focus feedback presentations exclusively on the topic of discussion, avoiding the introduction of unrelated information.
- Emphasize the importance of ward councillors and ward committee members taking public participation seriously and attending meetings more consistently.
- Organising Ward Committees into groups based on numerical ranges (1-10, 11-20, 21-28) proved effective in promoting orderliness throughout the event.
- The presence of departmental service desks added significant value, and it was well-received by the wards.
- Facilitating inter-departmental engagement provided valuable networking opportunities and collaborative discussions.
- The interaction between ward councillors and various departments was enjoyable and productive for both parties.
- The overall event was successfully executed, indicating its positive outcome and effectiveness.

## 6.8 October 2024 Public Participation Approach

In 2024 the IDP office conducted review sessions with all 28 wards in respect of their ward priorities

- The objective of the day was to provide Ward Councillors and Ward Committee members with an opportunity to have interactive sessions focused on discussing their ward priorities.
- During these meetings, Ward Councillors updated their committees on the progress of these priorities.
- The sessions focused on feedback related to the 10 capital and 10 operational priorities outlined in the Integrated Development Plan (IDP).
- Attendees had the opportunity to engage with the various departments regarding service delivery concerns. Each department had a service desk available for discussing issues beyond the ward priorities, if needed. The IDP Open Days served as a comprehensive municipal resource hub, providing the community with access to information on municipal services and facilitating one-on-one discussions with municipal departments. This platform enabled residents to voice their community needs and inquiries directly.

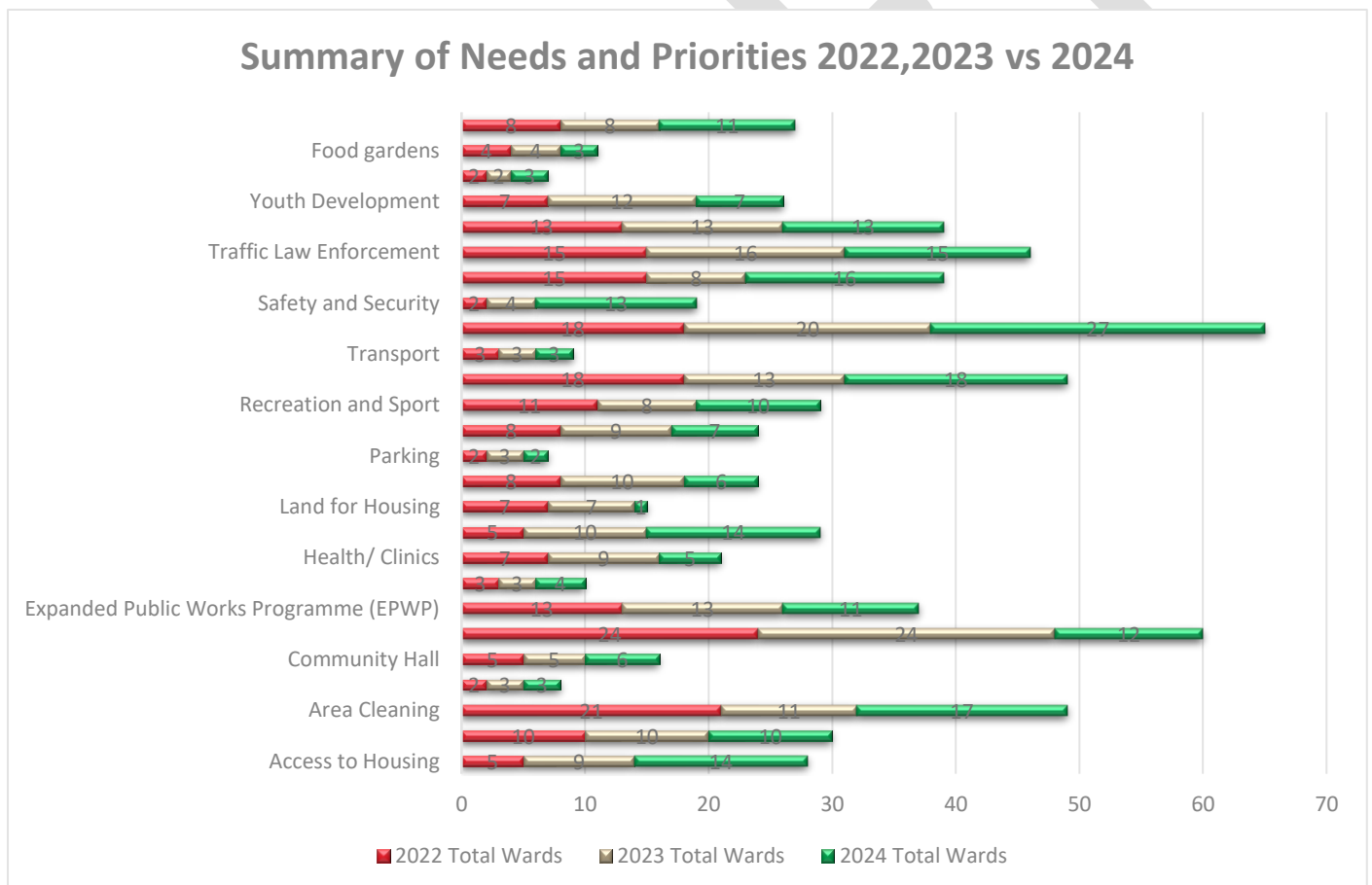
The meetings was scheduled as indicated in the table below:

Date	Ward Cluster	Time	Venue
Monday, 04 November 2024	5,6,7,8,17,20	09h00-15h00	Rosemore Community Hall
Tuesday, 05 November 2024	9,10,11,12,13,15,21	09h00-15h00	Thembaletu Zone 3 Hall
Wednesday, 06 November 2024	1,2,3,4,18,19,22,23,26,28	09h00-15h00	Main Hall, George Municipality
Thursday, 07 November 2024	14,16,27	09h00-15h00	Pacaltsdorp Community Hall
Tuesday, 12 November 2024	24, 25	10h00-15h00	Uniondale Community Hall

### 6.9 Summary of Needs and Priorities

The graph below presents a summary of the key priorities and needs raised by communities during the public participation. It also depicts the priorities identified by community members and range as follows:

**Graph 12: Summary of needs and priorities**



The table below indicates which priority areas were raised in the different wards:

**Table 55: Priority areas per ward (2022, 2023 and 2024)**

Community Need/ Priority	Wards	2022	2023	2024
		Total Wards	Total Wards	Total Wards
Access to Housing	1,5,8,9,10,11,16,17,20,21,22,24,25,27	5	9	14
Area beautification	1,2,4,5,7,11,16,24,27,28	10	10	10
Area Cleaning	1,2,4,5,6,7,10,11,14,17,18,19,20, 21,23, 24,27	21	11	17
Cemetery	1,25,27	2	3	3
Community Hall	6,8,11,16, 20,21	5	5	6
Electricity	11,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,24,26,27,28	24	24	12
Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP)	1,2,3,4,5,10,11,16,17,19,20,26	13	13	11
Finance	12,16,24,25	3	3	4
Health/ Clinics	1,6,12,17,22	7	9	5
Housing	1,5,8,9,10,11,16,17,20,21,22,24,25,27	5	10	14
Land for Housing	1,13,16,20,21,24,25	7	7	1
LED	1,10,13,16,17,25	8	10	6
Parking	1,4	2	3	2
Parks	4,5,7,14,16,23,24	8	9	7
Recreation and Sport	3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,26	11	8	10
Roads	1,2,3,5,6,8,9,15,17,19,20,21,23,24,25,26,27,28	18	13	18
Transport	4,22,24	3	3	3
Roads and Stormwater	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27	18	20	27
Safety and Security	1,2,3,4,7,8,9,11,12,19,20,22,25	2	4	13
Side Walks	2,4,5,6,7,8,11,14,17,18,19,20,23,25,27,28	15	8	16
Traffic Law Enforcement	3,5,6,8,10,11,13,15,16,21,22,24,25,27,28	15	16	15
Sanitation Services	1,2,3,4,7,8,15,16,18,19,21,22,23	13	13	13
Youth Development	1,7,8,12,16,24,26	7	12	7
Multi-purpose centre	1,5,16	2	2	3
Food gardens	6,9,20	4	4	3
Go George	1,4,7,14,19,17,20,22,23,24, 26	8	8	11

### 6.10 Sector Department Priorities

The table below indicates ward priorities submitted by the 28 wards that require either National or Provincial intervention. The municipality has also submitted the priorities to the Garden Route District Municipality as per the Municipal ONE Plan to facilitate Intergovernmental relations engagements.



**Table 56: Sector priorities**

No Feedback received from Sector Departments			Feedback from Sector Departments
Ward	Priority No	Priority	Sector Feedback
1	1	Housing (Provision of mixed development housing)	Parcels for mixed use residential have been identified in the Human Settlements Plan. Precinct planning will be undertaken, which will include feasibility and assembly of development rights. Funding sources needs to be sought as the area falls outside the PSHDA. Cost for the planning is estimated at R750'000
	2	Public safety (Satellite Police Station (Crime rates high))	Will be escalated to Provincial Government Department of Community Safety
	8	Multi-Purpose Centre (Multi-Purpose Centre for Blanco)	Due to national fiscal situation, no capital funding is available for new projects.
	9	Land and housing (land needed for small farmers)	Will be escalated to the relevant Provincial Department
	10	Paving of street to Kretzenhoop	This is not a public road, but an access street which forms part of Erf 1424, which belongs to Western Cape: Department of Education (this matter was raised numerous times in previous IDPs as well)
	9	Parking at Blanco Clinic	The upgrade of clinics is a provincial function. They are in the process of planning the upgrades to the facility.
4	3	Improve free Wi-Fi	The public library in Touwsrante has free Wi-Fi for the public, but the library is being upgraded and is closed to the public at the moment. It may possibly be opened to the public from December 2023.
5	5	Multi-Purpose/ Thusong Centre	Due to national fiscal situation, no capital funding is available for new projects
	6	Library	Due to national fiscal situation, no capital funding is available for new projects.
	10	Housing (housing development protea park)	Will be escalated to the relevant Provincial department
6	6	Asbestos roofs	Programme under consideration by National
	7	Sport and Recreation (Roof Canopy in the Clinic (Community would also like a Day Hospital))	The Allied Health building burnt down at Rosemoor. Rehab services were de-escalated to Conville CDC. In the process of introducing an appointment system to prevent overcrowding. The plan in future is to have a consolidated CDC on the grounds of Harry Comay Hospital but this requires further discussion and investigation.
	8	Mobile clinic	Comprehensive plans for future health services are rendered within this geographical area. There are about 4 clinics within a 3 km radius. Need to determine where a mobile clinic is needed.



No Feedback received from Sector Departments <input type="checkbox"/>			Feedback from Sector Departments <input type="checkbox"/>
Ward	Priority No	Priority	Sector Feedback
7	2	Satellite Police station	Will be escalated to Provincial Government Department of Community Safety
	3	Upgrade of clinic fence	Will be escalated to the Provincial Department
	5	Satellite Fire station	Will be escalated to the District/Provincial Department
	6	library	Due to national fiscal situation, no capital funding is available for new projects.
	10	Satellite Police station	Will be escalated to Provincial Government Department of Community Safety
8	1	Satellite Police Station	Will be escalated to Provincial Government Department of Community Safety
	2	Library with Wi-Fi	Due to national fiscal situation, no capital funding is available for new projects.
9	1	Housing (Rectification of houses for Mbfala Street, Zone 4)	Rectification Programme has been discontinued
10	10	New Crèche	Education does not have a mandate to build / refurbish / maintain creches. Only responsible for the registration of existing and operational ECD centres.
11	1	Housing (RDP houses renovation)	No Programme exists for the renovation of RDP houses
	5	Housing (Upgrade toilet and accommodate disabled)	Provincial funding required
	6	Housing (Asbestos roof to be repaired)	Programme under consideration by National - to replace asbestos roofs
12	1	Clinic	There are already 2 health facilities within Thembaletu (CDC and Clinic in Kuyasa). Need to specify where a clinic is needed. For new clinics to be considered, population development and growth need to be factored in. As well as staffing, facilities and contract management. We encourage the community to either use Thembaletu CDC, Kuyasa Clinic or Lawaakamp.
	2	Old Age Home and place for handicapped people	Will be escalated to the Provincial Department
	3	Build high school	Nothing on the radar of Education for this area.
13	3	Land for old age home	Will be escalated to the relevant Provincial Department
	4	Redevelop the RDP house and toilets in Zone 3	Rectification Programme has been discontinued
	8	Creche to be built at the Old Post Office	Education does not have a mandate to build / refurbish / maintain creches. Only responsible for the registration of existing and operational ECD centres.

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Ward	Priority No	Priority	Sector Feedback
14	5	Satellite fire station	<p>The Pacaltsdorp residential area still falls within the 8-minute response attendance time required by the Fire Service according to the SANS code 10090.</p> <p>The Fire Department is planning an extensive public education programme, focusing on school children and the prevention of Fire Incidents in and around the house.</p> <p>(Programme is awaiting printed material from Provincial government before rolling out during winter months.)</p>
15	6	Change of ownership in houses	A list of outstanding title deeds should be submitted to the Section: Property Management to investigate
16	10	Upgrade Clinic to hospital	Pacaltsdorp clinic through the NHI revitalization grant will receive upgrades and additions to improve service delivery. Contractors are already onsite, and the estimated completion date is September 2024. George Regional Hospital already serves the population of George and performs the function of a level 2 hospital.
17	5	Multipurpose centre	Due to national fiscal situation, no capital funding is available for new projects
	6	Upgrading and Expansion of schools	Conville PS – In progress "Look and Feel Project " Infrastructure - Stage 8. (Awaiting Approval) Not to rebuild of school, but: Replacing the Roof, replace 8 mobile classrooms / upgrade of ablution facilities, etc.
	7	Upgrading and Expansion of Conville Clinic	The plan is to consolidate all the clinics into one CDC on the grounds of Harry Comay Hospital. Further discussions are needed to ensure that the health department can provide comprehensive healthcare services to all its clients within the George geographical area.
	8	Skips	Application submitted to DFFE for MIG Funding to procure skips and yellow plant
	4	Home based care opportunities	Will be escalated to the Provincial Department of Health
20	3	Housing opportunities	Metro Development in progress funding allocated by DoHS
	4	School fence (Heidedal Primary)	Planned for 2023/24
21	3	Library	Due to national fiscal situation, no capital funding is available for new projects.
	8	Build rehab centre	Will be escalated to the relevant Provincial Department
	9	Housing toilets in informal settlements	Part of Interim Basic Services planning - funding dependent on PDoHS
	10	Old age home	Will be escalated to the relevant Provincial Department

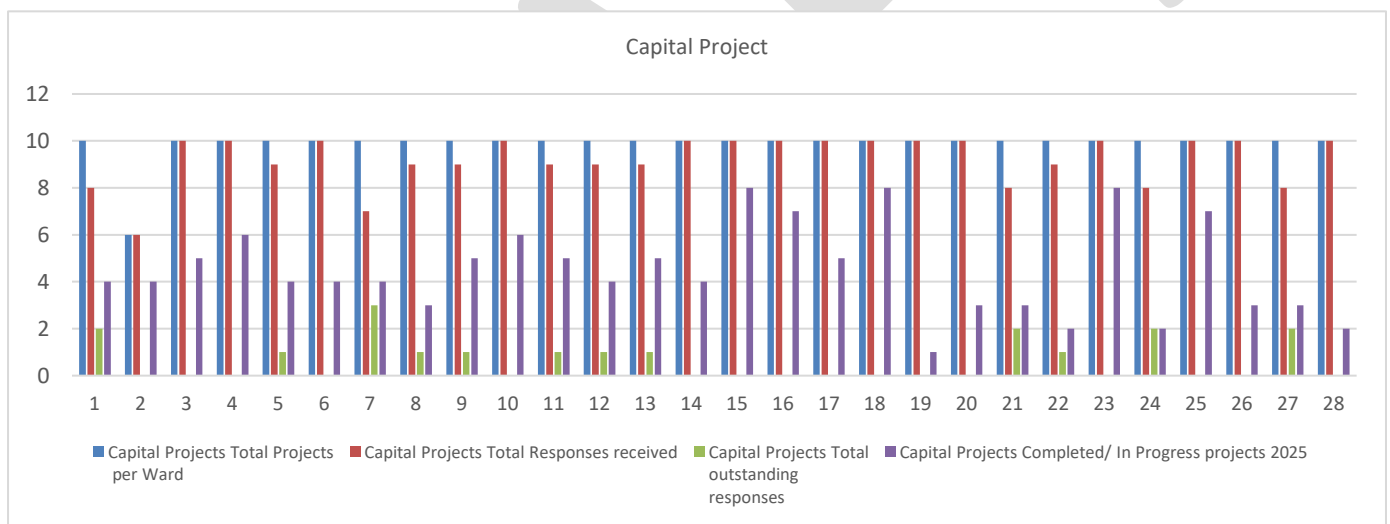
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Ward	Priority No	Priority	Sector Feedback
22	1	Herold Clinic - More operating days/help for Nurse Katrina Maritz Waiting areas: Containers or canopies as waiting areas	Need to factor in the population headcount. This will determine whether the increase operation hours will be increased. The department will investigate the matter and see best how the community can receive the service as well as the containers/canopies. Herold Clinic: Mobile population 2074, town population 1755, therefore 2 days clinic and 3 days mobile are equitable access.
	7	Geelhoutboom – Emergency services	Will be escalated to the Provincial Department of Health
24	4	EPWP (Build multipurpose centre)	Due to national fiscal situation, no capital funding is available for new projects
	9	Sassa Office/ Home Affairs Office/ SARS	Will be escalated to the relevant government departments
	5	Electro-technical services (Electrical boxes for informal settlement)	This will be escalated to Eskom
25	3	Houses Purchase of lands Dr Smook or expropriate with compensation Plot and Plan, BNG housing, Middle class housing Transfer of municipal property in GRDM to GM Rent to own formula	Subject to the approval of the Human Settlements Plan and pipeline
	6	Multipurpose centre Office space for Sassa, Home Affairs, Dept. Labour, DSD (3 days per week). Space for training centre – Purchase of Old FNB Building, R5 MILLION over 3 years)	Due to national fiscal situation, no capital funding is available for new projects.
	9	New cemetery and wall of remembrance (Purchase of new cemetery. Ground. Development of a crematorium and Hall of remembrance - R5 million)	Viable land is still being investigated, the existing Cemetery has space occupied by pig farmers, the space can be used for burials and the farmers can move to the commons.
	2	Uncapped Wi-Fi (For the Uniondale Youth Advisory Office and the Main Building in Town)	This is a provincial mandate; George Municipality does not provide internet services to the public domain.
	5	EMS bus	Will be directed to the relevant Provincial Department
26	10	Old age home	Provincial mandate and will be escalated to the relevant provincial department
27	1	Building of a Centre for our senior citizens in the Europe area as approvals already took place years back	Provincial Mandate and will be escalated to the relevant department
	10	Upgrading of the clinic in Pacaltsdorp	Provincial Mandate and will be escalated to the relevant department

### 6.11 Ward Priorities

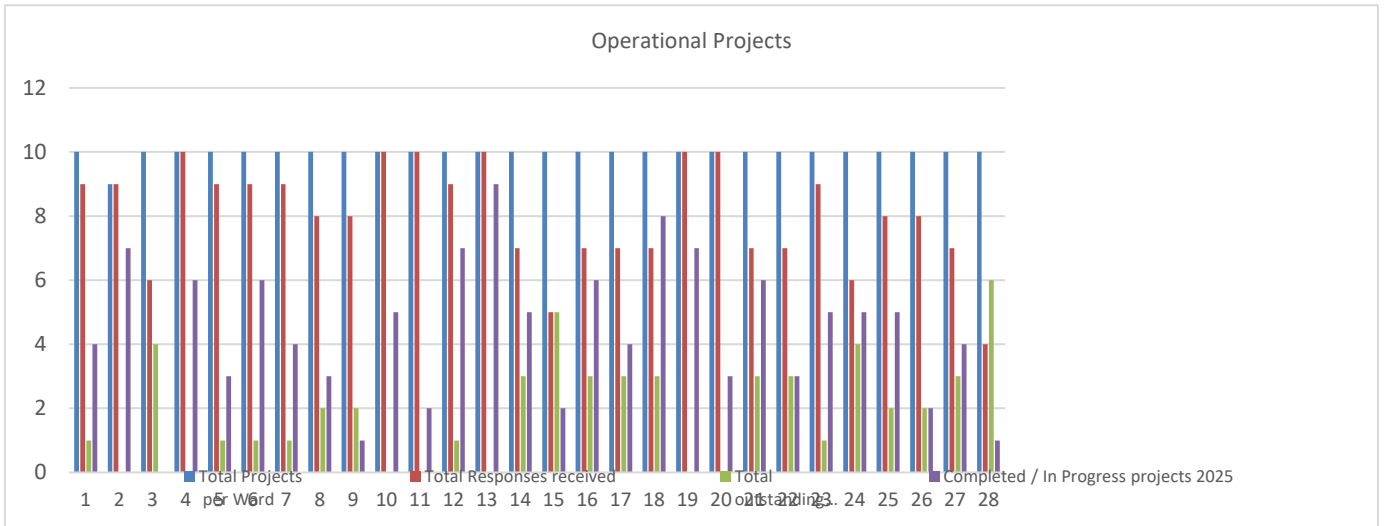
Emanating from the community needs and inputs, the following 10 key priorities per ward were identified by the ward councillor for the period 2022 – 2027. During the annual IDP review, these key priorities may be reviewed and re-prioritised. Chapter 6 outlines George Municipality’s approach to public engagement, shedding light on both capital and operations projects. The initial phase of public participation occurred in October/November 2022, during which each ward had the opportunity to pinpoint 10 capital projects and 10 operations projects. Subsequently, in October 2023, the IDP unit conducted a comprehensive review of these projects, through a public participation open day. The graphs below illustrate the extent of responsiveness to the identified ward projects.

As we embark on this insightful journey through the landscape of Ward Projects and Progress, let us acknowledge the significance of these localized endeavours in shaping the broader tapestry of our city/region. The stories encapsulated herein not only reflect the municipality’s commitment to responsive governance but also serve as a compass guiding the municipality’s endeavours towards an inclusive, prosperous, and harmonious future for all residents.

**Graph 13: Ward Priorities-Implementation of Capital Projects**



**Graph 14: Ward Priorities-Implementation of Operational Projects**



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6.11.1 Ward Priorities: Ward 1





Table 57: Ward 1 Ward Priorities

Ward Priorities

Emanating from the community needs and inputs, the following **10 key priorities per ward** was identified by the ward councillor for the period 2022 – 2027. During the annual IDP review, these key priorities may be reviewed and re -prioritised.


Ward Priorities: Ward 1

Table 2: Ward 1 – Ward Priorities

Project Rating							
	Project completed.		Project in progress.		Not completed / No budget available		District Function / Provincial Function

CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 1													
BLANCO: DE RUST, GOLDENVALLEY, HEATHER PARK, HOUTBOSCH, RIVERLEA						CLLR JEAN SAFERS							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency		Progress Rating					Update
						(National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
1	Housing	SO3	Provision of mixed development housing	Planning and Development	Integrated Human Development	National/ Provincial		Parcels for mixed use residential have been identified in the Human Settlements Plan. Precinct planning will be undertaken, which will include feasibility and assembly of development rights. Funding sources needs to be sought as the area falls outside the PSHDA. Cost for the planning is estimated at R750'000					Department is busy negotiating with WCG to take transfer of the properties under their control. Further negotiations required to obtain properties under the control

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CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 1													
BLANCO: DE RUST, GOLDENVALLEY, HEATHER PARK, HOUTBOSCH, RIVERLEA						CLLR JEAN SAFERS							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
												of national government . Call for development proposals for these properties for more affordable, student and rental housing will follow after completion of the land acquisition process. Public engagements and land use application process must follow thereafter. Services installation to be resolved with services departments. Department will seek funding through the HAD	
2	Public Safety	SO2	Satellite Police Station (Crime rates high)	Community Services	Community Safety	National/ Provincial	☹️	Will be escalated to Provincial Government Department of Community Safety					Request will be forwarded to Organizational Development at Provincial level for a feasibility study to be conducted.
3	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Upgrading of roads and dark alleys	Civil Engineering	Roads	Local	😊	Roads Department will discuss with ward councillor and establish the problem areas Dark Alleys an be public open space and not with CES, so specifics are required					Upgrades was done on the following: Protea Close, Crowley, Vloed & Claassen Streets and the dark alleys, as well as Bus stop 7.
4	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Upgrading of stormwater pipes (Malgas and Jonas streets)	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local	😐	At current we don't have any capacity problems, although the challenge of illegal dumping into the system and at the outlet is causing a number of blockages, which are being attended to by the operational staff					No progress yet

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CAPITAL PROJECTS														
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 1														
BLANCO: DE RUST, GOLDENVALLEY, HEATHER PARK, HOUTBOSCH, RIVERLEA						CLLR JEAN SAFERS								
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)		Progress Rating					Update	
								2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
5	Sport & recreation	SO1	Sport Stadium needs pavilion	Community Services	Sport	Local	😊	Funding application was submitted to Western Cape Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport for the construction of at least 6 x Steel Structure Pavilions in September 2022. Awaiting the outcome. Budget requests will be submitted in the 2023/2024 budget for prioritisation					R 700 000 (Subject to approval)	Project completed
6	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Upgrading of sewage system	Civil Engineering	Sanitation	Local	😊	R 500'000	R500'000					Upgrades completed in the Blanco area – Riverlea. The Blanco sewer system is constantly monitored
7	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Upgrading of embankments (keerwalle) in die Rus	Planning and Development	Housing	Local	😊	Project is complete. Department will seek funding for new cases.					Project complete.	
8	Multi-Purpose Centre	SO1	Multi-Purpose Centre for Blanco	Corporate Services	Libraries	Provincial	😐	. Due to national fiscal situation no capital funding is available for new projects					The building of multi-purpose facilities is a Provincial mandate, and the request will be forwarded to the relevant government department for funding.	
9	Land and housing	SO3	Land needed for small farmers	Planning and Development	LED	District / Provincial	😐	LED to investigate the need and the type of farming activities to be accommodated. Spatial Planning will investigate the land available in the area. Investment Properties will convene a meeting with the Department of Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development					Assessment of possible space for community food gardens  Request will be forwarded to Organizational Development at	



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CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 1													
BLANCO: DE RUST, GOLDENVALLEY, HEATHER PARK, HOUTBOSCH, RIVERLEA						CLLR JEAN SAFERS							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
							(Cradock Street) and the Garden Route District Municipality Property management section to further investigate and address the need.					Provincial level for a feasibility study to be conducted.	
10	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Paving of street to Kretzenhoop	Western Cape Mobility Department	Roads	Provincial	😊	This is not a public road, but an access street which forms part of Erf 1424, which belong to Western Cape: Department of Education					The George CIP for 2023-2027 does not state any information regarding this. Further investigation is required.




OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 1										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
1	Cleaning of river – Malgas river	Community & Protection Services	PARKS	😊	Ward councillor must report to the department, cleaning teams are sent out on a regular basis					Alien Clearing on rivers, will be prioritised for 2025/26
2	Expansion of cemetery and fencing thereof	Community & Protection Services	Community Services	😊	Fencing_ budget will be sourced for 25/26 financial year. Expansion of the cemetery or new cemetery will be processed once the cemetery infrastructure plan is finalised and approved by Council					Complete
3	Markets next to George Road	Strategic Growth & Development	LED	😊	In March 2024, LED renovated the stalls in Blanco to lease to Informal Traders in need of trading space, however the space remains underutilised. A meeting will be convened with Crll Safers to find a way forward.					Was removed due to social problems





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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 1										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
4	Beautify of Blanco Bridge	Community Services	Community Services	☹️	Ward Councillor to make contact with the department and discuss the specific need.					It is still not clear what the councillor wants, but there is a meeting scheduled for 28 February 2025 for clarity.
5	Go George bus stops at Rus and Malgashoek	Community & Protection Services	Go George	☹️	GO GEORGE is aware of these requests and the viability will be re-considered once the full Phase 4 services have been rolled-out and the impact across the system has been assessed.					Numerous visits by the MEC, waiting on feedback
6	Facilities at the sports field	Community & Protection Services	Sport	😊	All upgrading needs to be included in a masterplan for prioritisation and implementation. The Department is in the process to draw up a Sports Development Masterplan which will incorporate all these sport development needs.					Upgrades was done at the sport field The sport Development office continuously engage with sport stakeholders to ascertain needs and priorities. Sport Masterplan was adopted by Council outlining the development framework
7	Cleaning of Jonas and Vloed streets	Community & Protection Services	Cleansing	😊	Continued clean-up campaigns					Cleaning is done on a regular basis through EPWP
8	Youth development	Community & Protection Services	Youth Development	☹️		R20 000				Nothing done yet, feedback required
9	Parking at Blanco Clinic	Planning & Development	Provincial	☹️	The upgrades of clinics is a provincial function. They are in the process of planning the upgrades to the facility.					NHI project for upgrades and revitalization of the clinic. NDoH is the custodian of the project. Current delays and the Provincial Office raised the issues with NDOH. Awaiting further feedback from NDOH.



Ward Priorities: Ward 2

Table 3: Ward 2 – Ward Priorities

Project Rating							
	Project completed.		Project in progress.		Not completed / No budget available		District Function / Provincial Function

CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 2													
DENNEOORD (PORTION), FERNRIDGE						CLLR DANIEL CRONJE		 					
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2024/2025	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
1	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Replacement of water pipes	Civil Engineering	Water	Local		R 2 500 000	R 1 00 000	R 500 000	R 500 000	R 500 000	Project has started. Ongoing project
2	Public Safety	SO3	Resurface of street Wellington Street, 8 <sup>th</sup> Street, Eiland Street, Adderley Street, Berg Street	Civil Engineering	Roads	Local		Upgrading prioritization done in accordance with the Pavement Management System					Ongoing Streets are being resurfaced according to the streets master plan

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CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 2													
DENNEOORD (PORTION), FERNRIDGE						CLLR DANIEL CRONJE		 					
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2024/2025	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
3	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Sidewalks	Civil Engineering	Roads	Local	😊	The list of prioritized sidewalks for the 2022/23 financial year are already finalized and implemented. Consideration for the upgrading of sidewalks will be done during the prioritization of sidewalks for the 2023/2024 financial year and outer years, but it will need to compete with other sidewalks in the broader George Municipality and dependent of the available budget at the time.					No upgrading of sidewalks planned in this ward for 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years
4	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Upgrade of Kiddies playground in Aanhou street	Community Services	Social Development	Local	😊		R50 000				Complete but poor quality repairs was done.
5	Safety & Security	SO2	Safety Cameras - Entrance to ward	Community Services	Protection Services	Local	😊	Focus points are on the Transport routes. Other cameras are subject to availability of funding inclusive of logistic requirements i.e Optic fibre, SAPS identified crime spots etc.					Cameras installed at all the entrances and exits of this Ward
6	Safety & Security	SO2	Financial support for Neighbourhood watch (tools of trade)	Finance	Projects (R50 000)	Local	😊	Funding can be requested through the Ward Committee platform (Ward Base allocation) Neighbourhood watch must be registered to qualify for assistance.					Not done





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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 2										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
1	Cleaning of feeding rivers	Community & Protection Services	Parks	☹️	Ward councillor must report to the department, cleaning teams are sent out on a regular basis					Residents clean the river themselves. No long-term plan in place. Feedback needed.
2	Cleaning of stormwater pipes	Civil Engineering	EPWP	😊		<b>R1368528,00</b>				Ongoing
3	Cleaning of fire breaks	Community Services	EPWP	😊	Most fire breaks are in place. Discussions between different role players, FPA and DEFF are in process					Ongoing
4	Cleaning of railway line	Community Services	Provincial	😊	Notices are sent to Transnet on a regular basis in order for them to clean their railway line					Ongoing
5	Streetlights	Electro-technical Services	Electrical Projects	😊	Ongoing streetlight maintenance	<b>R50 000</b>				Ongoing
6	Spotlights	Electro-technical Services	Electrical Projects	😊	An identification process has been initiated and will be communicated with the Ward Councillor	<b>R20 000</b>				The lights on the Wellington Street bridge were sorted and new poles have been erected and are working. This is done.
7	Control of Baboons	Community & Protection Services	Community Services	☹️	Baboon complaints are dealt with. The baboons are moving according to habitat and feeding. Methods to deal with baboons are continuously addressed in media sources. Cape Nature are the responsible organisation who deals with baboons while the Municipality plays a supportive roll.					Needs urgent attention
8	Clearing of sidewalks in Wellington Street	Community Service4s	Cleansing	☹️		<b>Operational</b>				Not on standard
9	Clearing of sidewalk ditches in Wellington Street, 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Eiland Street, Adderley Street, Berg Street	Community Services	Parks and Garden and Cleansing	😊		<b>Operational</b>				Herbicide is applied as and when needed and the gutters are cleaned



Ward Priorities: Ward 3

Table 4: Ward 3 – Ward Priorities



Project Rating							
	Project completed.		Project in progress.		Not completed / No budget available		District Function / Provincial Function

CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 3													
DIE BULT, GLEN BARRIE, HEATHER PARK (PORTION), HEATHERLANDS, KING GEORGE PARK, KINGSWOOD GOLF ESTATE PHASE 1, SPORT PARK						CLLR ERIKA BROWN							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
1	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Purchasing of a thermal heat drone for Anti-land invasion in all wards, but specifically for use in Ward 3 for the protection and monitoring of green belts.	Community Services	Community Services	Local		Currently no budgetary provision has been made but will be considered in the budgeting process for the following financial year. Until such time that this can be purchased, the drone of Fire Services will be utilised on an ad-hoc basis.					THE Anti land invasion unit are now amalgamating with Law Enforcement the Fire department has a drone if required in Emergency situations.
2	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Sewerage line upgrade - Lochlamandt Drive	Civil Engineering	Sanitation	Local		R 500 000	R 500 000				Project not listed on PRP as high priority.

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CAPITAL PROJECTS												
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 3												
DIE BULT, GLEN BARRIE, HEATHER PARK (PORTION), HEATHERLANDS, KING GEORGE PARK, KINGSWOOD GOLF ESTATE PHASE 1, SPORT PARK						CLLR ERIKA BROWN		 				
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
3	Safety & Security	SO2	CCTV & Lighting - Security Parks <b>Spotlights at:</b> Davidson road,van Riebeeck Park parking area, Arum Road entrance to the forest, Plantation Road on grass strip, Witfontein forest entrance by substation, Outeniqua Park Rugby Stadium parking area.	Community Services	Law Enforcement	Local 😊	Focus points are on the Transport routes. Other cameras are subject to availability of funding inclusive of logistic requirements i.e Optic fibre , SAPS identified crime spots etc.		R100 000	R100 000	R100 000	Funding to be specified for this project on new budget for additional cameras – already cameras installed at strategic points
4	Basic infrastructure services	SO2	Litter Bins - Witfontein, Langenhoven, Plattner	Community Services	Cleansing	Local 😊	R252000	Each ward to receive between 5 to 8 refuse bins.			Done (more required)	
5	Sport and recreation	SO3	Outdoor gym / jungle gym / skate labs (Rooirivierriif)	Community Services	Parks and Gardens	Local 😊	Outdoor Gyms are currently being rolled out.	R50 000			Complete	
6	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Boardwalk from Parkrun forest to Rooirivierriif	Planning and	Environmental Planning	Local 😞	The viability will be investigated.				DEADP did not support this and therefore the	

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CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 3													
DIE BULT, GLEN BARRIE, HEATHER PARK (PORTION), HEATHERLANDS, KING GEORGE PARK, KINGSWOOD GOLF ESTATE PHASE 1, SPORT PARK						CLLR ERIKA BROWN		 					
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
			Introduce urban green infrastructure to support integration and functionality of open space system. Recreational use for greenbelts eg boardwalks.	Development								project will not be done.	
7	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	<b>Upgrading of roads:</b> Alfred & Edward Streets <b>William Drive:</b> Section that connects with Aldolfes lane, <b>William Drive:</b> Section that connects with Augustus & Frederick lanes. <b>Meent street</b> – area that connect to Quar Street, <b>George Rex Street</b>	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local	😊	Prioritization of roads for paving and resealing are being done in accordance with the Pavement Management System (PMS) and dependent on the available funding for a particular financial year. Upgrading of roads takes place in consultation with the approved IDP, roads master plan, roads hierarchy (road classification), pavement management system, how many vehicles using the road, available budget, etc..					George Rex was completed in 2024/25, the other streets will be considered during 2024/25 or 2025/26 financial year
8	Basic infrastructure services	SO1	Welcome entrance sign to Outeniqua Pass, not just the sign. (Built brick structure)	Strategic Growth & Development	Tourism	Local	😞		R120 000	A welcome billboard was erected on the entrance to George on that road in 2022, but the severe windstorms caused irreparable damage. The insurance has since reimbursed the cost of the board, and the call for proposals for new welcome signs will		Nothing yet	



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CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 3													
DIE BULT, GLEN BARRIE, HEATHER PARK (PORTION), HEATHERLANDS, KING GEORGE PARK, KINGSWOOD GOLF ESTATE PHASE 1, SPORT PARK						CLLR ERIKA BROWN		 					
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
										commence before the finalisation of the 2-25_26 budget, to make provision for signs to be erected at all the entrances, including this one. The process is complicated with several preparations such as building plans, road authority and artwork approvals, taking extended periods to coordinate.			
9	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Park boards for parks	Community Services	Parks and Gardens	Local	😊		R5 000			Complete	
10	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Working with Dept of Forestry to replace border fence at Barry and Plane roads, Glen Berry	Community Services	Parks and Gardens		😞	The fence is DFFE's, and discussions still need to take place in 2023/24 to check the viability of replacing the fence. We cannot request any funds for this project as this is not our land and fence.					The fence is DFFE's, and discussions still need to take place in 2023/24 to check the viability of replacing the fence. We cannot request any funds for this project as this is not our land and fence.

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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 3										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
1	Cautionary sign Golf Park 3 & Zebra crossing at George Hospital	Civil Engineering	Roads and Stormwater	☹️	R10 000					Not done
2	Curb stone (Arbor / Plantation / Essen streets)	Civil Engineering	Roads and Stormwater	☹️	R50 000					Not done
3	Alien removal in green belts	Community Services	EPWP	😊	This is an ongoing operation, and it is done according to the Alien Vegetation Management Plan.					This is an ongoing operation, and it is done according to the Alien Vegetation Management Plan. Areas of critical concern that can be cleared will be discussed with the councilor.
4	Grids for stormwater drains	Civil Engineering	Roads and Stormwater	☹️	R50 000					Grids are not a viable option due to theft and vandalism, thus no work is planned in this regard
5	Boundary fences - Barrie/Arum/Plane streets	Community Services	Department Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment (DFFE)		Will be escalated to the relevant provincial department					Impossible request, will be removed from IDP
6	Mirrors - Blind corner at Victor Smith 5	Civil Engineering	Civil Engineering		Civil department will investigate					To be removed from IDP
7	A ramp at parking area in King George Park	Civil Engineering	Civil Engineering		The proposal is not supported because by doing so the area will be used illegally for parking.					To be removed from IDP

Ward Priorities: Ward 4

Table 5: Ward 4 – Ward Priorities

Project Rating							
	Project completed.		Project in progress.		Not completed / No budget available		District Function / Provincial Function

**CAPITAL PROJECTS**

**WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 4**



HOEKWIL, KLEINKRANTZ, KLEINKRANTZ FARMS, PINE DEW, TOUWSRANTEN, WILDERNESS, WILDERNESS HEIGHTS, THE DUNES, DRIE VALLEYEN

CLLR MARLENE BARNARDT





No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update (Ward Councillor)
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
1	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Upgrade water pipe sewerage (Bulk Sewer upgrade – Kleinkrantz)	Civil Engineering	Sanitation	Local 	R 4 000 000	R 2 400 000				Completed
2	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Garden refuse disposal site	Community Services	Cleansing	Local 	Skips to be procured for garden refuse	R500 000	R250 000	R250 000		In planning phase
3	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Whites road upgrade	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local 	R1 000 000	R6 675 000	R3 325 000			Complete

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CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 4													
HOEKWIL, KLEINKRANTZ, KLEINKRANTZ FARMS, PINE DEW, TOUWSRANTEN, WILDERNESS, WILDERNESS HEIGHTS, THE DUNES, DRIE VALLEYEN						CLLR MARLENE BARNARDT							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update (Ward Councillor)	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
4	Public Transport	SO3	Go George	Civil Engineering	Go George (James Rob)	Local	😊	Currently GO GEORGE is focused on rolling out services to Phase 4A (Thembaletu). This priority has been supported by the National Department of Transport and further grant funding is dependent on the roll-out of Phase 4A. Following the successful roll-out and stabilisation of services in this phase, the areas of Herolds Bay and Wilderness will be focused on					Waiting on response
5	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Retainer walls for mountain view street & improved drainage from MR352	Civil Engineering	Civil Engineering	Local	😊	Done					Complete
6	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Pavement for pedestrians	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local	😊	The list of prioritized sidewalks for the 2022/23 financial year are already finalized and implemented. Consideration for the upgrading of sidewalks will be done during the prioritization of sidewalks for the 2023/2024 financial year and outer years, but it will need to compete with other sidewalks in the broader George Municipality and dependent of the available budget at the time.					Complete
7	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Parking in Wilderness village & Kleinkrantz	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local	😊	The directorate has conducted various studies. Vacant land will have to be identified for additional parking		<b>R650 000</b>			Site visits was done. Waiting on progress  In conjunction with Town Planning for land availability

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CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 4													
HOEKWIL, KLEINKRANTZ, KLEINKRANTZ FARMS, PINE DEW, TOUWSRANTEN, WILDERNESS, WIDERNESS HEIGHTS, THE DUNES, DRIE VALLEYEN						CLLR MARLENE BARNARDT							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update (Ward Councillor)	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
8	Safety and Security	SO3	Fire hydrants	Civil Engineering	Water	Local	😊	R 150 000	R 150 000	R 150 000			Need update
9	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Paving/ Tar : Renskoen Road, Whites Road, Watsania Road	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local	😐	Upgrading of roads takes place in consultation with the approved IDP, roads master plan, roads hierarchy (road classification), pavement management system, how many vehicles using the road, available budget, etc. The list of prioritized roads for the 2022/23 financial year are already finalized and implemented. Consideration for the request for resealing and paving of roads will be done during the prioritization of roads for the 2023/2024 financial year.					Part of Whites road complete. Renskoen road not on the master plan.
10	Sport and Recreation	SO2	Play Parks & gym Equipment	Community Services	Parks and Gardens		😊		R50 000				Complete

OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 4										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
1	Speed calming measures	Civil Engineering	Traffic Services	😊	No budget required. Cameras provided by service provider. Cllr to provide area of concern					Feedback received from Civil Engineering Department. No

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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 4											
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update	
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
										new speed humps to be erected	
2	Refuse Management	Community Services	Cleansing	😊	Refuse managed as per refuse collection schedule. All complains to be directed to refuse collection section.					Complete	
3	Improve free wifi	Corporate Services	Libraries	😊	The public library in Touwsrante has free WiFi for the public, but the library is being upgraded and is closed for the public at the moment. It may possibly be opened to the public from December 2023.					Complete	
4	Parks: Touwsrante & Kleintrantz	Community Services	Parks and Gardens	😊	There are parks in the areas, however some of them have been vandalized, there's no need for additional parks.					Complete: Gym Equipment was erected	
5	Training for Neighbourhood watch members	Corporate Services	Social Development	😐	Funding can be requested through the Ward Committee platform (Ward Base allocation) Neighbourhood watch must be registered to qualify for assistance. Neighbourhood watches must be established through the CPF in conjunction with the South African Police Services					Nothing done yet. Neighbourhood watches must be accredited to quality.	
6	Cleaning of invasives plants	Community Services	Parks and Gardens	😊	This is an ongoing operation according to the Alien Vegetation Management Plan					Ongoing according to priorities and available budget	
7	Implement SDF and prevent illegal land use	Planning and Development	SDF	😐	MSDF is being amended and implementation plan will determine priorities. Implementation of MSDF is an ongoing process in all decision making. New inspectors are being appointed to assist with monitoring of contraventions this will serve the whole of George.					<b>R842 358.60</b> Funding needed for more inspectors	In progress





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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 4										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
8	2-3 extra lights in Hoekwill	Electro-technical Services	Streetlights	☹️	Conducting a feasibility study for the appropriate positioning of the lights		<b>R50 000</b>			In planning phase Request of additional lighting received for Corner of Duiwe rivier and Kerk street for additional lighting and is in progress
9	More street sweeping	Corporate Services	EPWP	😊	Ongoing. EPWP workers cleaning streets daily.					Complete
10	Social programmes	Corporate Services	Social Services	😊		<b>R50 000</b>				Ongoing programmes

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Ward Priorities: Ward 5




Table 6: Ward 5 - Ward Priorities

Project Rating							
	Project completed.		Project in progress.		Not completed / No budget available		District Function / Provincial Function

**CAPITAL PROJECTS**



**WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 5**

LE VALLIA, PROTEA PARK (PORTION), BERGSIG (GEORGE EAST, BO-DORP (PORTION), LOERIE PARK	CLLR MONIQUE SIMMERS		
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No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)		Progress Rating					Update
								2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
1	Basic infrastructure services	SO2	Spotlights in Knysna Road from Engen to Mall	Electro-technical Services	Streetlights	Local						<b>R150 000</b>	Nothing yet. Budgeted for in the 2025/2026 financial year
2	Basic infrastructure services	SO2	Various CCTV cameras – Gelderbloem Street Grovers Street Meyer Street Van Kerwel Circle Corner of Kalkoentjie street	Community Services	Law Enforcement	Local		Focus points are on the Transport routes. Other cameras are subject to availability of funding inclusive of logistic requirements i.e Optic fibre, SAPS identified crime spots etc.					Funding to be specified for this project on new budget – Cameras has been installed at strategic points in this ward
3	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Slip Lane at Wolhunter & Knysna Road, arrows at the robot	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local		Upgrading of intersection is linked to new developments in the area, periodic maintenance of traffic signals and future planning of the corridor This entails conducting a detailed investigations in the corridor to get an acceptable signal progression.					Nothing yet. Budget conversations for 2025/2026 and 2026/2027






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CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 5													
LE VALLIA, PROTEA PARK (PORTION), BERGSIG (GEORGE EAST, BO-DORP (PORTION), LOERIE PARK						CLLR MONIQUE SIMMERS		 					
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)		Progress Rating					Update
								2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
4	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	<b>Solar lights in ward</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parkie Area at Leen Street, Le Vallia</li> <li>• Meyer Street Bridge, George East</li> <li>• Charlotte Street 1, Bergsig</li> <li>• Kanna Street,</li> <li>• Protea Park</li> </ul>	Electro-technical Services	Streetlights	Local	☹️		R200 000		R300 000		Work will commence in new financial year
5	Basic infrastructure services	SO1	Library	Corporate Services	Libraries	Provincial	😊	Due to national fiscal situation no capital funding is available for new projects.					The provision of library facilities is a Provincial mandate and the request will be forwarded to the relevant government department for funding.
6	Basic infrastructure services	SO4	Multi-Purpose/ Thusong centre	Corporate Services	Libraries	Provincial	😊						
7	Sport and Recreation	SO3	Upgrading of Rosemoore Sport stadium	Community Services	Sport and Recreation	Local	😊	Currently for the 2022/2023	2023/2024		2024/2025		Tartan Track in progress

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CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 5													
LE VALLIA, PROTEA PARK (PORTION), BERGSIG (GEORGE EAST, BO-DORP (PORTION), LOERIE PARK						CLLR MONIQUE SIMMERS							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
							financial year they are currently upgrading the netball courts at Rosemoor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R700 000.00 - Grant</li> <li>• R500 000.00- CRR</li> </ul>	Synthetic Track - R11 739 130 (Grant) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rosemoor Tartan Track (Phase 1)- Council Contribution R2 000 000.00 (CRR)</li> <li>• Rosemoor Tartan Track (Phase 2)- Council Contribution R2 000 000.00 (CRR)</li> <li>• Rosemoor Indoor Arena - R320 000.00</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rosemoor Synthetic Track - R 6 484 310</li> <li>• Rosemoor Tartan Track (Phase 1)- Council Contribution R2 500 000.00 (CRR)</li> <li>• Rosemoor Tartan Track (Phase 2)- Council Contribution R1 500 000.00 (CRR)</li> </ul>			
8	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Upgrading of Park Street (widening of street)	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local		Prioritization of roads for paving and resealing are being done in accordance with the Pavement Management System (PMS) and dependent on the available funding for a particular financial year. Upgrading of roads takes place in consultation with the approved IDP, roads master plan, roads hierarchy (road classification), pavement management system, how many vehicles using the road, available budget, etc. The list of prioritized roads for the 2022/23 financial year are already finalized and implemented.					Nothing yet
9	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Upgrade of Swart Lelie Street	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local							Swaardlelie Street was resealed in 2024/25 financial year, no widening needed.

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CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 5													
LE VALLIA, PROTEA PARK (PORTION), BERGSIG (GEORGE EAST, BO-DORP (PORTION), LOERIE PARK						CLLR MONIQUE SIMMERS							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
			(widening of street)									Consideration for the request for resealing and paving of roads will be done during the prioritization of roads for the 2023/2024 financial year, but it will need to compete with other roads in the broader George Municipality and dependant of the available budget at the time.	Park Street is a bus route and depending on budget the upgrading thereof will be considered in 2026/27 financial year due to other bus routes being a higher priority as a result of their condition
10	Housing	SO3	Housing Development - Protea Park	Planning & Development	Human Settlements	Provincial 						Will be escalated to the relevant Provincial department	Call for development proposals for Sweetpea Street properties for more affordable, student and rental housing will follow after completion of the land use application process. Services installation to be resolved with services departments. Department will seek funding through the HDA.

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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 5										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
1	Adopt a spot - George High	Community Services	Department of Education	☹️	A person or entity can submit an adopt a spot application to Community Services to utilise the sites for a community project.					Nothing yet.
2	Play parks	Community Services	Parks and Gardens	😊	Gym trims have been installed and focus in 2023 will be to expand them	R50'000				Complete  (Outdoor gym)
3	Swap shops in ward	Community Services	Community Services	☹️	No funding currently to establish swap shops in the ward					Not municipal mandate, the municipality is facilitating with interested stakeholders t fund swap shops.
4	EPWP opportunities	Corporate Services	EPWP	😊	Ward-based Cleaning project already in place					EPWP programmes are ongoing in all wards
5	Beautification of Le Vallia	Community Services	Community Services	😐	R50 000	R50 000				The details of the required beautification needs to be investigated from the councillor.
6	Paving of sidewalks	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	😊	Prioritization of upgrading of sidewalks are dependent on the available funding for a particular financial year. In the recent past, requests are being put forward for the upgrading of sidewalks as requested via the budget process, but minimal budget is available due to various reasons. As a result of this, in most of the cases funding are than used to focus on sidewalks along major routes (collector and distributor roads) in residential areas where the need exist, rather than requests which via the IDP which might be along minor routes (cul-de-sac, low pedestrian volumes, etc					Sidewalks in progress
7	SMME's	Strategic Development & Growth	LED	😐	LED to convene a discussion with Cr Simmers to determine the specific needs and see how this Item can be integrated in the broader SMME development programme already running across George.					Money is allocated for the 2024/2025 financial year
8	Side screen/Score board for cricket field	Community Services	Sport and Recreation	☹️			R50 000		100 000	Nothing yet





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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 5										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
9	Roller for cricket pitch together with fencing	Community Services	Sport and Recreation	☹️	Fencing around cricket pitch is provided for as part of the maintenance activities at the Ground. The playing. The provision of rollers for the playing preparation remains the responsibility of the end user					Not done
10	Conversion of the ablution block as a cricket clubhouse.	Community Services	Sport and Recreation	😊	Maintenance at the building and have repaired the electrical and plumbing infrastructure to ensure that the building is functional. A provisional amount of R 1 000 000, 00 has been provisionally provided for in the 2025/2026 financial year for the upgrade of the clubhouse, subject to approval We encourage clubs and sporting associations assist the municipality in sourcing funding from outside to assist with the funding of these projects.					An amount of R1 million was budgeted for the upgrade of the clubhouse

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Ward Priorities: Ward 6

Table 7: Ward 6 – Ward Priorities



Project Rating							
	Project completed.		Project in progress.		Not completed / No budget available		District Function / Provincial Function

CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 6													
PROTEA PARK (PORTION), ROSEMOORE, URBANSVILLE						CLLR JAYZEE JANTJIES							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
1	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Upgrade of roads (to accommodate Go George busses)	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local		The list of prioritized roads for the 2022/23 financial year are already finalized and implemented. Consideration for the request for resealing and paving of roads will be done during the prioritization of roads for the 2023/2024 financial year, but it will need to compete with other roads in the broader George Municipality and dependant of the available budget at the time.					Construction work in progress Beer and O'Connel Street is currently under construction, with St Mary's being planned for upgrading during 2026/27 financial year
2	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Satellite fire station	Community Services	Fire & Rescue	Local		No need for Satellite station. According to SANS 10090 within respond time					Not done due to the SANS 10090 standards

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CAPITAL PROJECTS														
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 6														
PROTEA PARK (PORTION), ROSEMOORE, URBANSVILLE						CLLR JAYZEE JANTJIES		 						
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency		Progress Rating					Update	
						(National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
3	Basic infrastructure services	SO2	CCTV Camera (on all Go George routes)	Community Services	Law Enforcements	Local	☹️	Focus points are on the Transport routes. Other cameras are subject to availability of funding inclusive of logistic requirements i.e Optic fibre , SAPS identified crime spots etc.					In progress, as and when funding is available	
4	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Mass Light: Rosa Rest and Congregational	Electro-technical Services	Streetlights	Local	😊		R500 000					Complete (overachieved, more installed then requested)
5	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Go George (Beer street totally destroyed by the busses)	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local	☹️	CES (GIPTN) is aware of the deteriorating condition of the road and is currently actively investigating possible options for remedial work					In progress Under construction, to be completed during 2025/26 financial year	
6	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Asbestos roofs	Planning & Development	Human Settlements	Local	☹️	The housing rectification program has been discontinued and thus there is no funding available for the replacement of roofs. Owners are required to maintain their properties and cannot expect that the municipality or the state is going to do this for them.  Nonetheless, the Department will investigate all matters submitted by the councillors and submit a funding application to the National Department of Human Settlements for consideration. The Department will also request WCG to undertake Housing Consumer Education drives to remind owners of their responsibilities.					Nothing done	

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CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 6													
PROTEA PARK (PORTION), ROSEMOORE, URBANSVILLE						CLLR JAYZEE JANTJIES							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
7	Sport and Recreation	SO3	Roof Canopy in the Clinic (Community would also like a Day Hospital)	Planning & Development	Properties	Provincial	☹️	The allied health building burnt down at Rosemoor. Rehab services de-escalated to Conville CDC. In the process of introducing appointment system to prevent over crowding.The plan in future is to have a consolidated CDC on the grounds of Harry Comay Hospital but this requires further discussion and investigation.					The allied health building burnt down at Rosemoor. Rehab services de-escalated to Conville CDC. In the process of introducing appointment system to prevent over crowding.The plan in future is to have a consolidated CDC on the grounds of Harry Comay Hospital but this requires further discussion and investigation
8	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Mobile clinic	Planning & Development	Health	Provincial	☹️	Comprehensive plan in future health services are rendered within this geographical area. There are about 4 clinics within a 3 km radius. Need to determine where a mobile clinic is needed.					Comprehensive plan in future health services are rendered within this geographical area. There are about 4 clinics within a 3 km radius. Need to determine where a mobile clinic is needed.
9	Sport and Recreation	SO1	Youth Centre	Corporate Services	Social Development	Local	☹️					R250 000	The building of youth centres is a Provincial mandate and the request



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CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 6													
PROTEA PARK (PORTION), ROSEMOORE, URBANSVILLE						CLLR JAYZEE JANTJIES							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
												will be forwarded to the relevant government department for funding.	
10	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Fencing for the graveyard	Community Services	Community Services	Local	☹️				<b>R600 000</b>		The graveyards fencing is expensive as the cemetery covers a big area, will be done over two years, 25/25 and 26/27 depending on available budget for fencing

OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 6											
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update	
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
1	Food gardens	Corporate Services	Social Development	☹️		<b>R50 000</b>					Not achieved – feedback required from department
2	Outdoor gym	Community Services	Parks and Gardens	😊			<b>R50 000</b>				Achieved in ward 17, which is right next to ward 6 (sister ward)

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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 6											
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update	
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
3	Neighbourhood watch	Community Services	Law Enforcement	😊	Funding can be requested through the Ward Committee platform (Ward Base allocation) Neighbourhood watch must be registered to qualify for assistance. Neighbourhood watches have to be established through the CPF in conjunction with the South African Police Services					Achieved	
4	Maintenance of community hall	Corporate Services	Auxiliary Services	😐		50 000	30 000	10 000	10 000	Not achieved, feedback required from department	The maintenance of halls is funded via the Operating Budget according to a Maintenance plan.
5	Skips for dumping site	Community Services	Cleansing	😊	Application submitted to DFFE for MIG Funding to procure skips and yellow plant	R500 000	R250 000	R250 000	R250 000	Skips are procured and the first roll out will be in 24/25 financial year and the second roll-out will be in the 25/25 year. This project covers whole municipality, and the budget must be removed as its not split.	
6	Deforestation of kloof and spandiel streets informal area	Community Services	Parks and Gardens	😐	The viability will be investigated, there is a deforestation contractor on a three-year tender.	R 50 000				Not Achieved	
7	<b>Road signs (Bus route in Rosemoor)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>St Mary's street (Busy corner)</li> <li>Beer street</li> <li>Newouht street</li> <li>Oconnel street</li> <li>Fothem street</li> </ul>	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	😊	Civil Department will discuss with the ward councillor as specific information is required regarding what type of road signs are referred to, according to the department all mandatory road signs are in place.					Done	





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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 6										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Canary street</li> </ul>									
8	Sidewalk maintenance	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	☹️	Prioritization of upgrading of sidewalks are dependent on the available funding for a particular financial year. In the recent past, requests are being put forward for the upgrading of sidewalks as requested via the budget process, but minimal budget is available due to various reasons.					In Progress Currently sidewalks adjacent to major bus routes are being upgraded. Other sidewalks will be prioritized as funding becomes available
9	Job creation promotes community clean up	Community Services	Cleansing	😊	Ward-based cleaning project already in place					Achieved (Ongoing)

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Ward Priorities: Ward 7

Table 8: Ward 7- Ward Priorities



Project Rating							
	Project completed.		Project in progress.		Not completed / No budget available		District Function / Provincial Function

CAPITAL PROJECTS																
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 7																
BALLOTSVIEW (PORTION), LAWAAIKAMP, MARAISKAMP						CLLR VULINDLELA MRUQHLI		 								
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency		Progress Rating					Update			
						(National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025			
1	Basic infrastructure services	SO1	Youth Centre	Corporate Services	Youth Development	Local										The building of youth centres is a Provincial mandate and the request will be forwarded to the relevant government department for funding.
2	Basic infrastructure services	SO2	Satellite Police station	Community Services	Safety & security	Provincial		Will be escalated to Provincial Government Department of Community Safety								
3	Basic infrastructure services	SO2	Upgrade of clinic fence	Community Services	Community Services	Provincial		Will be escalated to the Provincial Department								

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CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 7													
BALLOTSVIEW (PORTION), LAWAAIKAMP, MARAISKAMP						CLLR VULINDLELA MRUQHLI		 					
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective Linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency		Progress Rating					Update
						(National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
4	Basic infrastructure services	SO5	Satellite municipal office	Community Services	Area Offices	Local	☹️	Noted. Not currently budgeted. Financial aspects to consider for future planning.					Time frames required
5	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Satellite Fire station	Community Services	Community Services	District	☹️	Will be escalated to the District/Provincial Department					
6	Basic infrastructure services	SO1	Library	Corporate Services	Libraries	Provincial	☹️	Due to national fiscal situation no capital funding is available for new projects.					The building of multi-purpose facilities is a Provincial mandate and the request will be forwarded to the relevant government department for funding.
7	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Upgrade sewage system	Civil Engineering	Sanitation	Local	😊	R1500 000	R1000 000				Sewer upgrades completed
8	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Upgrade of road, paving and side walks in Ballotsview	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local	☹️	Prioritization of roads for paving and resealing are being done in accordance with the Pavement Management System (PMS) and dependent on the available funding for a particular financial year. Upgrading of roads takes place in consultation with the approved IDP, roads master plan.					In progress

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CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 7													
BALLOTSVIEW (PORTION), LAWAAIKAMP, MARAISKAMP						CLLR VULINDLELA MRUQHLI		 					
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective Linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency		Progress Rating					Update
						(National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
9	Sport and Recreation	SO3	Upgrade of sport facilities	Community Services	Sport and Recreation	Local	😊	"Funding application submitted to the DCAS for the installation irrigation system and steel structure pavilions in Sept 2022 Awaiting outcome of application "	R 900 000 – Project ongoing and expected completion is June 2025	R 460 000			R460 000 has been received for the construction of steel pavilions. This project is currently on going and will be completed May 2025
10	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	High mass light	Electro-technical Services	Streetlights	Local	😊			R500 000			Complete

OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 7											
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update	
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
1	Recycling and cleaning projects	Community Services	Cleansing	😊	Requests for ongoing and additional clean-up projects can be submitted to the Cleansing Section.						

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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 7										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
2	Painting of stadium	Community Services	Sport and Recreation	☹️	"All maintenance conducted as per maintenance schedule. Vandalism at the facility creates major challenges regarding maintenance"					Not done
3	Repair of mid-block	Community Services	Community Services	☹️	R1000 000	R500 000				Not done. Feedback required from department
4	Upgrade the play park	Community Services	Parks and Gardens	😊		R50 000				The project was completed as per the allocated budget.
5	Utilizing open spaces to public value	Planning & Development	Spatial Planning / Environmental Planning	☹️	Undertake open space classification and package project for development of urban green infrastructure – Estimated R450 000 to conclude classification and pipeline of projects			Capital TBD	Capital TBD	Envisaged for 2025/26 and 2026/27
6	Repair of the hall ward 7, Lawaakamp Hall and Parkdene hall	Corporate Services	Auxiliary Services	😊		R30 000	R30 000	R30000	10 000	The maintenance of halls is funded via the Operational Budget and according to a maintenance plan.
7	Upgrade sidewalks Nelson Mandela Blvd.	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	😊	There are already sidewalks on both sides of NMB in this particular ward, thus no budget will be allowed					In progress
8	Small Bridge light	Electro-technical Services	Streetlights	😊		R500 000	R500 000			A Highmastlight was erected close to the bridge on the Lawaakamp side at the back providing lighting to the bridge and the N2 highway. Lights cannot be replaced due to vandalism
9	Go George stops upgrade	Civil Engineering	Go George	😊	Maintenance of GO GEORGE Infrastructure follows a process of identification through field monitoring and audits to produce a prioritised maintenance list in consultation with Civil Engineering Services. In lieu of budget availability, maintenance is implemented accordingly.					In progress

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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 7										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
10	Equipment for the old age home	Provincial	Provincial	☹️	Provincial mandate and request will be channelled to Province					





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Ward Priorities: Ward 8

Table 9: Ward 8 – Ward Priorities



Project Rating							
	Project completed.		Project in progress.		Not completed / No budget available		District Function / Provincial Function

CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 8													
BALLOTSVIEW, PARKDENE						CLLR SAMUEL VORSTER							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
1	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Satellite Police Station	Community Services	Law Enforcement	Provincial		Will be escalated to Provincial Government Department of Community Safety					Request will be forwarded to Organizational Development at Provincial level for a feasibility study to be conducted.
2	Basic infrastructure services	SO1	Library with Wi-Fi	Corporate Services	Libraries	Provincial		Due to national fiscal situation no capital funding is available for new projects.					The building of multi-purpose facilities is a Provincial mandate, and the request will be forwarded to the relevant government department for funding.



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CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 8													
BALLOTSVIEW, PARKDENE						CLLR SAMUEL VORSTER							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
3	Basic infrastructure services	SO1	Youth Centre (Masakane Centre)	Corporate Services	Youth Development	Local	☹️	Masakhane Youth Centre will need further investigation relating to its location and cost associated.					The building of youth centres is a Provincial mandate and the request will be forwarded to the relevant government department for funding..
4	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Upgrading of Roads (Sidewalks)	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local	😊	Prioritization of roads for paving and resealing are being done in accordance with the Pavement Management System (PMS) and dependent on the available funding for a particular financial year. Upgrading of roads takes place in consultation with the approved IDP, roads master plan, roads hierarchy (road classification), pavement management system, how many vehicles using the road, available budget, etc. The list of prioritized roads for the 2022/23 financial year are already finalized and implemented. Consideration for the request for resealing and paving of roads will be done during the prioritization of roads for the 2023/2024 financial year, but it will need to compete with other roads in the broader George Municipality and dependant of the available budget at the time.					In progress
5	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Upgrading of Sewerage system	Civil Engineering	Sanitation	Local	😊	R 1000 000	R 500 000	The CES Directorate work strictly according to the pipe replacement prioritization Matrix (PRP). The PRP is a preventative maintenance model which guides the Directorate in terms of rolling		Completed	

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CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 8													
BALLOTSVIEW, PARKDENE						CLLR SAMUEL VORSTER							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
											out pipe replacements and capital expenditure per ward.		
6	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Asbestos roofs must be replaced	Planning & Development	Housing Projects	Local	☹️	The housing rectification program has been discontinued and thus there is no funding available for the replacement of roofs. Owners are required to maintain their properties and cannot expect that the municipality or the state is going to do this for them. Nonetheless, the Department will investigate all matters submitted by the councillors and submit a funding application to the National Department of Human Settlements for consideration. The Department will also request WCG to undertake Housing Consumer Education drives to remind owners of their responsibilities.					Nothing yet
7	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Fencing of all power stations (krag bokse)	Electro-technical Services	Maintenance & repairs	Local	☹️	A feasibility study will be conducted				A site visit has been arranged to identify the risks and propose mitigating measures to address it.	
8	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Speed humps in long streets in ward	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local	☹️	Requests for traffic calming must be submitted with the specific street names for investigation					Nothing yet
9	Basic infrastructure	SO3	Paving of side walks	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local	☹️	In order to do a Ward Specific Answer, we need to be crystal clear about what Council can afford and is willing to spend on sidewalks the next few					Nothing yet

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WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 8													
<b>BALLOTSVIEW, PARKDENE</b>						CLLR SAMUEL VORSTER							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
	ure services							years, this is lacking and as such it's impossible to meet the Councillor's request					
10	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Bulk infrastructure (water and sanitation)	Civil Engineering	Sanitation	Local	😊	R 2000 000	R 4300 000				Pumpstation civil works and Inlet upgrade complete. Mechanical/Electrical work in progress





OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 8											
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update	
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
1	Law enforcement in ward	Community Services	Law Enforcement	😞	Law Enforcement in the area. Patrols are done according to needs in every area. Identified hotspots i.e Dumping are given preference. More staff will be appointed to have more visible patrols.					Law enforcement must be stationed at halls	
2	Community projects	Corporate Services	Social Development	😞		R50 000					The Community projects is a Provincial mandate and funds are set aside to address the needs as funds become available.

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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 8										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
3	Vegetables gardens	Corporate Services	Social Development	☹️		R50 000				Busy with projects over weekends
4	Removal of weed on sidewalks	Community Services	Community Services	😊	Ongoing operation					Ongoing process
5	Area Office for the ward	Community Services	Customer Care	😊	Not currently budgeted. Financial implications for future planning					Community Hall office can be used to service the community
6	Upgrading of the community hall	Corporate Services	Auxiliary Services	😊		R100 000				Done
7	Cricket pitch needed	Community Services	Sport and recreation	☹️	Suitable land should be identified for the development of cricket pitches and other facilities.					This should form part of the Spatial Planning of the Municipality. The identification of additional land for sport remains a priority and we would request to engage the Ward committee regarding the required land.
8	Pophuis Creche needs the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canopy (Afdak)</li> <li>• Paving around building</li> <li>• General maintenance</li> </ul>	Corporate Services	Social Development	😊	The needed maintenance intervention will be addressed in the maintenance programme of corporate services in the next financial year. The minor issues will be addressed by end of May 2023					The maintenance of creches is addressed through a maintenance plan and actions are taken as funds become available. The needs of the creche in question will be addressed when the more funding becomes available.

Ward Priorities: Ward 9

Table 10: Ward 9 – Ward Priorities


Project Rating							
	Project completed.		Project in progress.		Not completed / No budget available		District Function / Provincial Function




**CAPITAL PROJECTS**



**WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 9**



**THEMBALETHU : ZONE 4, ZONE 7, ZONE 8 (PORTION)**

**CLLR THEMBINKOSI LENTO**

No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update (2024)
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
1	Housing	SO3	Rectification of houses for Mbfala Street, Zone 4	Planning & Development	Human Settlements	Provincial 	The housing rectification program has been discontinued and thus there is no funding available for this. The Department will also request WCG to undertake Housing Consumer Education drives to remind owners of their responsibilities with regards to maintaining their house					
2	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	28th street in Zone 7 to be paved	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local 	Prioritization of roads for paving and resealing are being done in accordance with the Pavement Management System (PMS) and dependent on the available funding for a particular financial year. Upgrading of roads takes place in consultation with the approved IDP, roads master plan.					In progress (update required by ward councillor)
3	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	34th Street to be resealed	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local 						Nothing yet

CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 9													
THEMBALETHU : ZONE 4, ZONE 7, ZONE 8 (PORTION)						CLLR THEMBINKOSI LENTO							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update (2024)	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
4	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Tambo square to be resealed	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local	☹️						Nothing yet
5	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Lusaka street to be resealed	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local	☹️						In progress
6	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Dube village to be electrified	Electro-technical Services	Maintenance & repairs	Local	😊		R2 000 000	R2 000 000			Funding is allocated annually, and the implementation follow the council decision.
7	Basic infrastructure services	SO2	Installation of camera ( 29 <sup>th</sup> Street, 34 <sup>th</sup> street, 32 <sup>nd</sup> street and 20 <sup>th</sup> street)  Lusaka and Tambo street	Community Services	Safety & security	Local	😊	Focus points are on the Transport routes. Other cameras are subject to availability of funding inclusive of logistic requirements i.e Optic fibre, SAPS identified crime spots etc					A total of 32 cameras with 2 ANPR cameras are installed in Thembaletu, additional cameras will be installed with the Isolethu Node project as the project commence

CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 9													
THEMBALETHU : ZONE 4, ZONE 7, ZONE 8 (PORTION)						CLLR THEMBINKOSI LENTO							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update (2024)	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
8	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Blondies Block shortage of housing	Planning & Development / Electro-technical	Human Settlements / Electro-technical	Local	😊	Part of the UISP programme of PDoHS -for enhanced service sites only. Interim basic services provided at prescribed ratios.					Electrification Funding is allocated annually, and the implementation follow the council decision
9	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Dube village emergency exit road No entrance or exit for emergency services	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Provincial	😊	Part of Interim Basic Services planning - funding dependant on PDoHS. The site of Dube village is very steep. Structures will need to be moved to create access. There is however, no space nearby to move them due to extensive land invasions in the area.					Nothing yet
10	Sport and Recreation	SO3	Sport field and recreation	Community Services	Sport and Recreation	Local	😊	Suitable land should be identified for the development of cricket pitches and other facilities.					This should form part of the Spatial Planning of the Municipality. The identification of additional land for sport remain a priority and we would request to engage the Ward committee regarding the required land











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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 9											
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update	
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
1	Spray light (Blondies area, 28 <sup>th</sup> Street)	Electro-technical	Street Lights	😊		R20 000					A Spray light will be erected opposite the blondies shop as we receive the ordered material
2	Street signage in all streets in Zone 4, Zone 7 and Zone 8	Civil Engineering	Roads	😊	Investigation will be lodged with the relevant Councillor about finding a solution to street name signage, currently this are prone to theft and vandalism of street name signage					Nothing	
3	Absence of informal signage in iKapa, Blondie, Dube Village, Mdywadini, kwaStyebityebi, Telkom	Civil Engineering	Roads	😊							
4	Food gardens in Zone 4 Tambo square (Back of Rhafus Tarven)	Community services	Social Development	😊		Nothing					Nothing
5	MDYWADINI informal emergency exit road no entrance or exit for emergency services	Civil Engineering	Roads	😊	Investigation will be lodged with the relevant Councillor about finding a solution to exit roads					Nothing	
6	Telkom emergency exit road no entrance or exit for emergency services.	Civil Engineering	Roads	😊							
7	iKapa informal settlements the road to be re gravel	Civil Engineering	Roads	😊	Upgrading of roads takes place in consultation with the approved IDP, roads master plan, roads hierarchy (road classification), pavement management system, how many vehicles using the road, available budget, etc. The list of prioritized roads for the 2022/23 financial year are already finalized and implemented.					Nothing	
8	kwa Styebityebi informal area road to be re gravelled	Civil Engineering	Roads	😊							



Ward Priorities: Ward 10

Table 11: Ward 10 – Ward Priorities



Project Rating							
	Project completed.		Project in progress.		Not completed / No budget available		District Function / Provincial Function

CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 10													
THEMBALETHU : ZONE 6						CLLR ZUKILE GOM							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)		Progress Rating					Update
								2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
1	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Rectification of houses	Planning & Development	Human Settlements	Provincial		The housing rectification program has been discontinued and thus there is no funding available for this. The Department will also request WCG to undertake Housing Consumer Education drives to remind owners of their responsibilities with regards to maintaining their house					Provincial mandate
2	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Reseal of all roads (Zabalaza, Mayibuye, Masakhane)	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local		Upgrading of roads takes place in consultation with the approved IDP, roads master plan, roads hierarchy (road classification), pavement management system, how many vehicles using the road, available budget, etc. The list of prioritized roads for the 2022/23 financial year are already finalized and implemented. Consideration for the request for resealing and paving of roads will be done during the prioritization of roads for the 2023/2024 financial year.					In progress

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CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 10													
THEMBALETHU : ZONE 6						CLLR ZUKILE GOM		 					
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)		Progress Rating					Update
								2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
3	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	New Hall	Corporate Services	Axillary Services	Local	😊	New Hall will be considered in the 2025 Financial Year.					New Hall will be considered in the 2026 Financial Year, as the building plan consideration processes and funding are to be finalized in 2025.
4	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Paving of gravel (Nkonjane, Ncelu, Khumbula, Nzondelelo)	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local	😊	Upgrading of roads takes place in consultation with the approved IDP, roads master plan, roads hierarchy (road classification), pavement management system, how many vehicles using the road, available budget, etc. The list of prioritized roads for the 2022/23 financial year are already finalized and implemented. Consideration for the request for resealing and paving of roads will be done during the prioritization of roads for the 2023/2024 financial year.					Ncelo & Nkonjane Streets complete Other streets in progress
5	Sport and recreation	SO3	Mini sport field (Facility for children) Erf 2456	Community Services	Sport and recreation	Local	😐	Suitable Land Should be identified for the development of sport facilities. This should form part of the Spatial Planning of the Municipality					Nothing done, feedback required from department
6	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Better fencing Lingelethu creche	Corporate Services	Social Development	Local	😊		R500 000				In progress

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CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 10													
THEMBALETHU : ZONE 6						CLLR ZUKILE GOM		 					
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
7	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Speed humps: Tabata Street Zabalaza Street Mpolweni Street	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local	☹️	Speed bumps are not warranted in these streets, transgression of the speed limit should be monitored and enforced by Traffic Services					Zabalaza & Empolweni streets need speedhumps  Investigations were conducted and speed humps are not warranted in these streets.
8	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Maintenance of storm water drain	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local	😊	This is an operational matter, which can easily be attended to if we know where the problem areas are. We do have a planned maintenance schedule per ward, but it would greatly assist if we can be made aware of problem areas, to prioritize it					Done
9	Housing	SO3	<b>Transfer of deeds</b> Lukhanyo street deed transfer.	Planning & Development	Human Settlements	Local	☹️	List of 75 properties investigated. Only 1 still in name of municipality. The other properties in private ownership. Occupation of the house will be investigated. Further discussions with WCG required on way forward.					Councillor will investigate and update
10	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	New Crèche	Corporate Services	Social Development	Provincial	☹️	Education does not have mandate to build / refurbish / maintain creches.  Only responsible for registration of existing and operational ECD centres..					Provincial mandate

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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 10										
Priority Ranking	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
1	Training of small farmers	Strategic Growth and Development	LED	☹️	The WC Department of Agriculture (DOA) as well as the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) as the custodians are continuously working with the small farmers at different intervals which includes empowerment programmes. Currently does not have capacity to coordinate or facilitate this function, however, a request for 2 Agro-economic interns was submitted to the WC Department of Agriculture in August 2024. On the 4 December 2024 the WC DOA (HOD) approved the allocation of the 2 interns to George Municipality. The interns are anticipated to start in April 2025. Therefore, these needs will be addressed in collaboration with DALRRD & WC DOA in the 2025-2026 financial year.					Nothing done
2	<b>Closure of open land</b> 2456 Mayibuye street Zone 6 and thembacast site for land closure	Planning & Development	Properties/ Planning	☹️	Site included in Ilisoletu Project 8 to be developed as a Public Open Space.		Concept Design	Detail design and SDP	TBD	Currently in planning phase
3	Maintenance of crèche Illegelethu Creche	Corporate Services	Axillary Services	😊	<b>R450 000</b>	<b>R1500000</b>	<b>R800 000</b>	<b>R500 000</b>	<b>R500 000</b>	The maintenance of the creches will be addressed as part of the maintenance plan, as funds become available.
4	Soup kitchen	Corporate Services	Social Development	😊	<b>R3.8 million</b>	<b>R4.5 million</b>		<b>R5 Million</b>		The Soup kitchens are supported and funded by the Social Development section with soup products, electricity and gas being bought for them.
5	Street cleaning	Community Services	Cleansing	😊	Ward-based Street Cleaning project already in place. EPWP workers appointed.					Ongoing
6	Refusal removal in Zabalaza area	Community Services	Cleansing	😊	Refuse collection are done on a daily schedule.					Done
7	Support on NPO's (Non Profit Organisations)	Community Services	Social development	☹️	MOU's between George Municipality and NPO's dawned up, resources been shared and depends on viability of funds					Nothing done





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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 10										
Priority Ranking	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
8	Support on neighbourhood watch	Community Services	Law Enforcement	☹️	Funding can be requested through the Ward Committee platform (Ward Base allocation) Neighbourhood watch must be registered to qualify for assistance.					In progress
9	Development of youth	Corporate Services	Youth	☹️	<b>R50 000</b>	<b>R 60 000</b>	<b>R65 000</b>	<b>R70 000</b>	<b>R75 000</b>	Youth projects is a Provincial mandate and funds are set aside to address the needs as funds become available

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Ward Priorities: Ward 11

Table 12: Ward 11 – Ward Priorities

Project Rating							
	Project completed.		Project in progress.		Not completed / No budget available		District Function / Provincial Function



CAPITAL PROJECTS														
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 11														
THEMBALETHU : ZONE 3 (PORTION), ZONE 5 (PORTION), ZONE 4 (PORTION), GARDEN ROUTE EAST, GLENWOOD, KAAIMANS, KRAAIBOSCH 195, KRAAIBOSCH MANOR AND ESTATE, SAASVELD, VICTORIA BAY, BLUE MOUNTAIN, BOVEN LANGE VALLEY 189 (PORTION), DUIWERIVIER, OUTENIQUA BERG (EAST) AND WEST, DIEPRIVIER 178, NEW MELSETTER 178, AVONTUUR166,  WOODVILLE FARMS, BARBIERS KRAAL156, KAAIMANS, FAR HILLS HOTEL, BALLOTS BAY (PORTION), GARDEN ROUTE MALL, DRIE VALLEYEN 186 (PORTION), SANDKRAAL 197 (PORTION)							CLLR SIFISO NTONDINI							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency		Progress Rating					Update	
						(National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
1	Housing	SO3	RDP houses renovation	Planning & Development	Human Settlements	Provincial		The housing rectification program has been discontinued and thus there is no funding available for this. The Department will also request WCG to undertake Housing Consumer Education drives to remind owners of their responsibilities with regards to maintaining their house						
2	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Build community hall	Corporate Services	Axillary Services	Local						<b>R12 000 000</b>		New Hall will be considered in the 2027 Financial Year, as the building plan consideration processes and funding are to be finalized in 2026.

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CAPITAL PROJECTS												
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 11												
THEMBALETHU : ZONE 3 (PORTION), ZONE 5 (PORTION), ZONE 4 (PORTION), GARDEN ROUTE EAST, GLENWOOD, KAAIMANS, KRAAIBOSCH 195, KRAAIBOSCH MANOR AND ESTATE, SAASVELD, VICTORIA BAY, BLUE MOUNTAIN, BOVEN LANGE VALLEY 189 (PORTION), DUIWERVIER, OUTENIQUA BERG (EAST) AND WEST, DIEPRIVIER 178, NEW MELSETTER 178, AVONTUUR166,  WOODVILLE FARMS, BARBIERS KRAAL156, KAAIMANS, FAR HILLS HOTEL, BALLOTS BAY (PORTION), GARDEN ROUTE MALL, DRIE VALLEYEN 186 (PORTION), SANDKRAAL 197 (PORTION)							CLLR SIFISO NTONDINI					
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
3	Sport and recreation	SO3	Sport field for al sport	Community Services	Sport	Local 😊	Suitable land should be identified for the development of cricket pitches and other facilities.  This should form part of the Spatial Planning of the Municipality					. The identification of additional land for sport remain a priority and we would request to engage the Ward committee regarding the required land
4	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Traffic circles need paving	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local 😊	Upgrading of roads takes place in consultation with the approved IDP, roads master plan, roads hierarchy (road classification), pavement management system, how many vehicles using the road, available budget, etc. The list of prioritized roads for the 2022/23 financial year are already finalized and implemented. Consideration for the request for resealing and paving of roads will be done during the prioritization of roads for the 2023/2024 financial year.					Site inspection was done, feedback required from Civil Engineering
5	Housing	SO3	Upgrade toilet and accommodate disabled	Planning & Development	Human Settlements	Provincial 😊	Toilets will only be provided if it is not linked to the house or if there is already a toilet in the house. Councillor must provide a list of properties that requires a disabled toilet. The list will be provided to the WCG for funding consideration.					
6	Housing	AO3	Asbestos roof to be repaired	Planning & Development	Human Settlements	Provincial / National 😊	The housing rectification program has been discontinued and thus there is no funding available for the replacement of roofs. Owners are required to maintain their properties and cannot expect that the municipality or the state is going to do this for them.					



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CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 11													
THEMBALETHU : ZONE 3 (PORTION), ZONE 5 (PORTION), ZONE 4 (PORTION), GARDEN ROUTE EAST, GLENWOOD, KAAIMANS, KRAAIBOSCH 195, KRAAIBOSCH MANOR AND ESTATE, SAASVELD, VICTORIA BAY, BLUE MOUNTAIN, BOVEN LANGE VALLEY 189 (PORTION), DUIWERVIER, OUTENIQUA BERG (EAST) AND WEST, DIEPRIVIER 178, NEW MELSETTER 178, AVONTUUR166,  WOODVILLE FARMS, BARBIERS KRAAL156, KAAIMANS, FAR HILLS HOTEL, BALLOTS BAY (PORTION), GARDEN ROUTE MALL, DRIE VALLEYEN 186 (PORTION), SANDKRAAL 197 (PORTION)							CLLR SIFISO NTONDINI						
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
							Nonetheless, the Department will investigate all matters submitted by the councillors and submit a funding application to the National Department of Human Settlements for consideration. The Department will also request WCG to undertake Housing Consumer Education drives to remind owners of their responsibilities.						
7	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Sewage and drain needs attention	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local	😊		R200 000				Still ongoing problem
8	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Stormwater pipe is too small and ward struggle with over flow of water in the area	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local	😊	The Stormwater system is designed for the 1 in 5 year storm occurrence. The problem occurs when Illegal dumping into the stormwater system causes blockages reducing the capacity water the system can handle.					Receiving attention
9	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Installation for camera	Community Services	Law Enforcement	Local	😊	Focus points are on the Transport routes. Other cameras are subject to availability of funding inclusive of logistic requirements i.e Optic fibre, SAPS identified crime spots etc					A total of 32 cameras and 2 ANPR cameras are installed in Thembaletu, with the Isolethu Node project, additional cameras will be installed as project commence. Additional funding for specific need to be placed on new budget.

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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 11										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
1	Streetlights	Electro-technical	Streetlights	😊		R20 000	R20 000	R20 000	R20 000	Complete
2	Natural plantation for plants	Community Services	Parks & Gardens	😊	Planting of trees in sidewalks where its viable.	R50 000				Trees are planted as the budget becomes available
3	Parks needed	Community Services	Parks and Gardens	😐	Viable open space will be investigated					The playpark equipment will be installed in 2025/26
4	Recycle bin	Community Services	Cleansing	😊	Do not have recycle bins at present.					Municipality does not issue recycling bins. Compost bins were provided to the residents who applied for them.
5	Cleaning of ward	Community Services	Cleansing	😊	EPWP workers appointed to do Ward-based cleaning.					EPWP were appointed
6	Safety	Community Services	Law Enforcement	😊	The Municipality are in the process with the establishment of a Community Safety Forum, where all major role players will take part. This will be a combined effort to deal with crime involving all role players.					Ongoing, The Municipality assists where they can, but the SAPS are mandated to deal with Criminal matters
7	Yard boundaries to be established	Planning & Development	Human Settlements	😐	Nature of the query must be determined. If the matter relates to the position of boundary pegs, unfortunately, the owner will need to appoint a land surveyor to do so. If the query relates to an original RDP or BNG house being erected over a property boundary, the Department can submit a request to the WCG to assist in the rectification in terms of the Title Deed Restoration program.					Feedback required from department
8	Update new water meter	Civil Engineering	Civil Engineering	😐		R150'000				Feedback required from department




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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 11										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
9	Shacks don't have water meter numbers	Civil Engineering	Civil Engineering	😊	Enhanced Service sites have water meter numbers					Update required from Civil Engineering
10	Repair meter box House number 2002 Ngcakani Str Surname Malobola	Electro-technical Services	Electro-technical Services	😞	Complaints must be lodged with customer care offices as soon as possible					There was no complaint lodged for electricity on collaborator and the house occupants were on indigent and had a 20A suppl. sorted
11	Illegal electricity connection	Electro-technical Services		😊	Ongoing operations	Ongoing operations	Ongoing operations	Ongoing operations	Ongoing operations	Illegal electricity connections pose severe risks both socially and financially. They not only compromise the safety of residents but also negatively impact the operations of George Municipality and the communities that legally utilize electricity. Electrification funding is allocated annually and the implementation follow the council decision.



Ward Priorities: Ward 12

Table 13: Ward 12 – Ward Priorities



Project Rating							
	Project completed.		Project in progress.		Not completed / No budget available		District Function / Provincial Function



CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 12													
Themba lethu: Zone 8 (Portion), Zone 9 (Portion)				CLLR ERIC MDAKA									
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
1	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Clinic	Planning & Development	Human Settlements	Provincial		<p>There is already 2 health facilities within Themba lethu (CDC and Clinic in Kuyasa). Need to specify where a clinic is needed.</p> <p>For new clinics to be considered, population development and growth needs to be factored. As well as staffing, facilities and contract management. We encourage the community to either use Themba lethu CDC, Kuyasa clinic or Lawa aikamp.</p>					<p>There are already 2 health facilities within Themba lethu (CDC and Clinic in Kuyasa). Need to specify where a clinic is needed.</p> <p>For new clinics to be considered, population development and growth needs to be factored. As well as staffing, facilities and contract management. Communities are encouraged to either use Themba lethu</p>

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CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 12													
Thembalethu: Zone 8 (Portion), Zone 9 (Portion)						CLLR ERIC MDAKA		 					
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
												CDC, Kuyasa clinic or Lawaai kamp.	
2	Basic infrastructure services	SO1	Old Age Home and place for handicapped people	Planning & Development	Planning & Development	Provincial	😞	Will be escalated to the Provincial Department					Update required
3	Basic infrastructure services	SO1	Build high school	Planning & Development	Properties	Provincial	😞	Nothing on the radar of Education for this area.					Update required
4	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Maintenance and building of transformer: Replacement of 50kva to 100kva Transformers at (EDameni, Mandela Village & New France)  Re-Servicing of Transformers taken off at Lawaai &	Electro-technical Services	Electrical maintenance	Local	😞	Electrification Funding is allocated annually and the implementation follow the council decision. Delay due to Energising of the Thembaelthu Substation scheduled for early 2025.					In progress

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CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 12													
Themba lethu: Zone 8 (Portion), Zone 9 (Portion)						CLLR ERIC MDAKA							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
			Borchards which were replaced by Kiosk boxes, be installed in EDameni, Mandela Village, France, Botswana & New Valley informal settlements.										
5	Youth Development	SO1	Youth centre	Corporate Services	Youth	Local	😐		R400 000			Youth centres is a Provincial mandate and funds are set aside to address the needs as funds become available	
6	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Paving and maintaining road 17,18,19th streets, Zone 8	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local	😊	Upgrading of roads takes place in consultation with the approved IDP, roads master plan, roads hierarchy (road classification), pavement management system, how many vehicles using the road, available budget, etc. The list of prioritized roads for the 2022/23 financial year are already finalized and implemented. Consideration for the request for resealing and paving of roads will be done during the prioritization of roads for the 2023/2024 financial year.					Done
7	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Reseal 13th & 15th Street	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local	😐						Not done

CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 12													
Thembalethu: Zone 8 (Portion), Zone 9 (Portion)						CLLR ERIC MDAKA		 					
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)		Progress Rating					Update
								2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
8	Basic infrastructure services	SO5	Convert old France school to multipurpose centre	Corporate Services	Corporate Services	Provincial	😊	A Modular Hall can be erected at R400 000   year 2025/26					The building of multipurpose centres is a Provincial mandate and funds are set aside to address the needs as funds become available
9	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Provision of communal flushing toilet	Planning & Development	Human Settlements	Local	😊	Part of Interim Basic Services planning - funding dependant on PDoHS. Department in the process of rationalising the provision of chemical toilets. Will allocate toilets removed from other informal settlements until IBS project is implemented.					20 Biochemical toilets was delivered, waiting on the rest
10	Sport	SO3	Erecting of sport field at New Valley	Community Services	Sport	Local	😊	Suitable land should be identified for the development of cricket pitches and other facilities. This should form part of the Spatial Planning of the Municipality.					The identification of additional land for sport remain a priority and we would request to engage the Ward committee regarding the required land.

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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 12										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/25
1	Support small farmers	Planning & Development	LED	☹️	The WC Department of Agriculture (DOA) as well as the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) as the custodians are continuously working with the small farmers at different intervals which includes empowerment programmes in Themba lethu. The DALRRD in collaboration with the WC DOA has been rolling out empowerment programmes with the support of LED. The DALRRD has been advancing the EIA at the portion of farm 197 Themba lethu FPSU. LED has been actively participating and in constant engagement with farmers despite the incapacity we are currently facing. Fortunately, the WC DOA has approved the allocation of 2 Agri-interns to assist on a 24 month contract.					Discussion with LED regarding land for small farmers in George.
2	Gardens- fencing and seeds	Corporate Services	Social Development	😊		R450 000				The food garden programme is run by the Social Development section and more funding will be provided for the purchase of seed as funds become available.
3	Streets clean up	Community Services	Cleansing	😊		R3 826 990,80				EPWP were appointed
4	Maintenance of streetlights	Electro-technical	Streetlights	😊		R50 000	R50 000	R50 000	R50 000	The department is busy with a streetlight maintenance plan to be implemented for the greater area
5	Black Bags	Community Services	Cleansing	😊	Black bags distributed 4 times per year. Currently busy with distribution.					Done
6	CWP opportunities	Planning & Development	LED	☹️	LED is currently interacting with CWP on certain projects in Themba lethu, but CWP office could only confirm its presence in three wards 9, 15 and 21. Stating that other Ward Councillors do not want the CWP in their wards.					Further engagements and needs analysis to be conducted with Crll Mdaka and CWP Manager to activate projects.







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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 12										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/25
7	Upgrading of RDP Houses	Planning & Development	Human Settlements	☹️	The housing rectification program has been discontinued and thus there is no funding available for this. The Department will also request WCG to undertake Housing Consumer Education drives to remind owners of their responsibilities with regards to maintaining their house					Not possible – remove from IDP
8	Place of safety for women and children	Community Services	Social Development	😊	The municipality do not have a facility, But we have the Phambili centre in Rosemoor, mother and child... for children we have the St Mary's Childrens home, and Moreson Kinderhuis.					Review with Ward Committees
9	Informal Traders stalls	Planning & Development	LED/Planning and Development	😊	The LED Section is currently conducting surveys along the Nelson Mandela Boulevard (NMB) and will be facilitating with Spatial Planning the relocation of encroaching businesses to Municipal identified sites. The proclamation of trading spaces will also be facilitated BY LED & Spatial Planning.					Trading area as part of Ilisoletu Precinct to be provided adjacent to Ward 12 along Nelson Mandela Boulevard
10	All Brick Hall	Finance	Finance	☹️						Upgrade All Brick Hall with the R50 000 allocation

Ward Priorities: Ward 13



Table 14: Ward 13 – Ward Priorities

Project Rating							
	Project completed.		Project in progress.		Not completed / No budget available		District Function / Provincial Function



**CAPITAL PROJECTS**

**WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 13**



Thembalethu : Zones 1,2 and 3, Zone 4 (Portion), Zone 8 (Portion), Zone 9 (Portion)	CLLR SIMPHIWE TOTO		
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No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
1	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Resealing of roads (Bacela, Dingiswayo, Ncamazana). Paving (Mpengezi, Mpekula, Ngwenye, Bomvana, Jerico Mkhuma. Ntaka Road to cross over N2	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local		Upgrading of roads takes place in consultation with the approved IDP, roads master plan, roads hierarchy (road classification), pavement management system, how many vehicles using the road, available budget, etc. The list of prioritized roads for the 2022/23 financial year are already finalized and implemented. Consideration for the request for resealing and paving of roads will be done during the prioritization of roads for the 2023/2024 financial year.					80% complete
2	Basic infrastructure	SO3	Bridge Between Tshefu & Matroos,	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local		Construction of these proposed pedestrian bridges at this timeframe is not warranted and uneconomical given the financial state of the Municipality, whilst there already exist linkages between these streets					This cannot be done

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CAPITAL PROJECTS												
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 13												
Themba lethu : Zones 1,2 and 3, Zone 4 (Portion), Zone 8 (Portion), Zone 9 (Portion)						CLLR SIMPHIWE TOTO		 				
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
	ure services		Matroos and Ncamazana									
3	Basic infrastructure services	SO5	Land for old age home	Planning & Development	Human Settlements	Provincial 😊	There is no funding program for the building of old age homes. Consideration must be given to the inclusion of retired people in social housing projects.					
4	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Redevelop the RDP house and toilets in Zone 3	Planning & Development	Human Settlements	Provincial 😊	The housing rectification program has been discontinued and thus there is no funding available for this. The Department will also request WCG to undertake Housing Consumer Education drives to remind owners of their responsibilities with regards to maintaining their house  The building of toilets relates only to houses that only have outside toilets and for beneficiaries older than 65. The present project is on hold. Councillor must submit list of owners seeking a toilet for consideration.					In progress with legal battle
5	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Street branding	Civil Engineering	Streets & Stormwater	Local 😊	Investigation will be lodged with the relevant Councillor about finding a solution to street name signage, currently this are prone to theft and vandalism of street name signage					No feedback. Update required from Civil Engineering to Ward Councillor
6	Basic infrastructure	SO5	Take over the old clinic building for special needs	Planning & Development	Human Settlements/P	Local 😊	Development alternatives are being investigated under NT Neighbourhood Development Partnership. Current Value – R2.5mil. The investment plan for the NDPP		Project pipeline and funding sources to be		Council resolution obtained for lease of property for the development of a Call	

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CAPITAL PROJECTS												
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 13												
Themba lethu : Zones 1,2 and 3, Zone 4 (Portion), Zone 8 (Portion), Zone 9 (Portion)						CLLR SIMPHIWE TOTO		 				
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
	ure services				Planning and Development			has been finalised and submitted to Council for adoption in September 2023, Implementation of the identified projects can commence . The old clinic in Ngacani str belongs to the WCPG – application has been submitted to take transfer of the site.		determined – project spans over 5 year period	Centre and Safe Hub developments as part of the Dlabs development in partnership with the DBSA and Amanda.	
7	Basic infrastructure services	SO5	ATNS Land, municipality to make it a NGO business centre	Planning & Development	Planning & Development	Local	😊	investigated under NT Neighbourhood Development Partnership. Current Value – R2.5mil. Implementation plan has been submitted to Council for adoption in September 2023. ATNS will be approached to engage on possibility of a long term lease.		Project pipeline and funding sources to be determined – project spans over 5-year period	The department is in discussions with ATNS on the possible lease of the land for the development BPO Village	
8	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Creche to be built at the Old Post Office	Corporate Services	Auxiliary Services	Provincial / District	😐	Education does not have mandate to build / refurbish / maintain creches. Only responsible for registration of existing and operational ECD centres.			The building of creches is a Provincial mandate and funds are set aside to address the needs as funds become available	
9	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Open air gym, playing park	Community Services	Parks and Gardens	Local	😊	Outdoor gyms being rolled out		<b>R50 000</b>	Complete	

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CAPITAL PROJECTS												
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 13												
Themba lethu : Zones 1,2 and 3, Zone 4 (Portion), Zone 8 (Portion), Zone 9 (Portion)						CLLR SIMPHIWE TOTO		 				
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
10	Sport	SO1	LED projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Harvesting of Wattle trees</li> <li>Youth and women programmes</li> <li>Recycling programmes</li> </ul>	Planning & Development	LED/Planning	Local 	LED will engage the Parks section on the Harvesting of Wattle Trees. Following the engagement facilitated by Crll Toto for Women in Construction in May 2024, LED organized a Technical Skills Training for Building Contractors in collaboration with the National Home Builders Associations (NHBRC), WC Department of Infrastructure and the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) in June 2024 (Swanepoel Hall). Furthermore, LED in collaboration with the abovementioned organizations is working on a 3 year programme targeting youth and women in construction. This will include a series of workshops, accredited trainings, access to markets, compliance matters, project funding etc.					Planning, Recycling: As part of the Iliso lethu Precinct, Project 6 seeks to accommodate a recycling facility in Themba lethu. This will include programmes for recycling.

OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 13										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
1	Move stadium Blvd. Road gate closer to Themba lethu Clinic.	Planning and Development	Human Settlements		Councillor must discuss with the department, specifics needed					Complete

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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 13										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
2	Additional Street lights	Electro-technical services	Streetlights	😊	To be investigated					90% complete (one outstanding)
3	Bigger sewage pipes	Civil Engineering	Sewage	😊	The main cause of sewer problems is the dumping of illegal and foreign objects. Specific complaints can be called in to the CES complaints section. Larger sewer pipes will not resolve the blockages experienced due to illegal dumping.					Complete
4	Add taps and fix all cracked toilets in Mdywadini, Norushe, Absa	Planning and Development	Maintenance	😊	These informal settlements form part of the UISP and IBS projects in Thembalethu. Services are provided as funding is allocated by WCG. The repair and maintenance of taps and toilets in informal areas are an on-going operational matter and not a specific project.					Ongoing process
5	Deforestation	Community Services	Parks and Gardens	😊	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing process
6	Road Marking for school	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	😊	Ongoing operation if the open space is not indigenous critical biodiversity area.					Ongoing process
7	Community radio station	Municipal Manager	Communications	😊	The municipality is not responsible for the establishment of local community radio stations. This must be addressed by the community members themselves.					Complete (up and running)
8	Small farmers support	Planning and Development	LED	😊	The WC Department of Agriculture (DOA) as well as the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) as the custodians are continuously working with the small farmers at different intervals which includes empowerment programmes in Thembalethu. The DALRRD in collaboration with the WC DOA has been rolling out empowerment programmes with the support of LED. The DALRRD has been advancing the EIA at the portion of farm 197 Thembalethu FPSU. LED has been actively participating and in constant engagement with farmers despite the incapacity we are currently facing. Fortunately, the WC DOA has approved the allocation of 2 Agri-interns to assist on a 24 month contract.					Ongoing
9	Neighbourhood watch support	Community Services	Law Enforcement	😊	Funding can be requested through the Ward Committee platform (Ward Base allocation) Neighbourhood watch must be registered to qualify for assistance.					Complete (equipment was bought for neighbourhood watch)

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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 13										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
10	Municipal Creche	Corporate Services	Provincial	☺	We assist with the maintenance and providing the municipality creche's with educational equipment					The building of creches is a Provincial mandate and funds are set aside to address the needs as funds become available

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Ward Priorities: Ward 14



Table 15: Ward 14 – Ward Priorities



Project Rating							
	Project completed.		Project in progress.		Not completed / No budget available		District Function / Provincial Function

CAPITAL PROJECTS														
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 14														
Rosedale, Old Pacaltsdorp (Portion)						CLLR MELVIN ROELFSE								
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)		Progress Rating					Update	
								2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
1	Basic infrastructure services	SO1	Community centre (Youth centre with Wi-Fi Access)	Corporate Services	Admin (Thusong)	Provincial				R500 000				Youth Centres is a Provincial mandate, and funds are set aside to address the needs as funds become available
2	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Upgrade waste, water and storm water infrastructure	Civil Engineering	Streets and stormwater	Local			R500 000	R1 000 000				The main cause of sewer and stormwater problems is the dumping of illegal and foreign objects. Larger sewer pipes will not resolve the blockages experienced due to illegal dumping. Specific





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CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 14													
Rosedale, Old Pacaltsdorp (Portion)						CLLR MELVIN ROELFSE		 					
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
											complaints can be called in to the CES complaints section		
3	Basic infrastructure services		Rosedale sport grounds need pavilion. Additional field, security gate and fencing	Community Services	Sport	Local	😊	The Department is in the process to draw up a Sports Development Masterplan which will incorporate all these sport development needs. All upgrading needs to be included in a masterplan for prioritisation and implementation					Master plan in place and budget allocated
4	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	High Mass lights with Solar strength light	Electro-technical services	Streetlights	Local	😊			R500 000	R500 000		One installed in Eden Park A second light required for ward required
5	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Satellite fire station	Community Services	Fire	Provincial / District	😊	<p>The Pacaltsdorp residential area still fall within the 8-minute response attendance time require by the Fire Service according to the SANS code 10090.</p> <p>The Fire Department is planning a extensive public education programme, focusing on school children and the prevention of Fire Incidents in and around the house.</p> <p>(Programme is awaiting printed material from Provincial government before roll out during winter months.)</p>					

CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 14													
Rosedale, Old Pacaltsdorp (Portion)						CLLR MELVIN ROELFSE							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
6	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Sidewalks for Rosedale including Ou and Eden Park	Civil Engineering	Streets	Local	☹️	In order to do a Ward Specific Answer, we need to be crystal clear about what Council can afford and is willing to spend on sidewalks the next few years, this is lacking and as such it's impossible to meet the Councillor's request					Not sufficient budget available to launch a Ward wide sidewalk project. The demands/requests for sidewalks across George far outweighs the available budget
7	Basic infrastructure services	SO1	Recreational facilities (Swimming pools, Play parks)	Community Services	Parks and Gardens	Local	😊	Gym trims being rolled out. Suitable land should be identified for the development of sport facilities. This should form part of the spatial planning of the municipality The existing facilities are in need of upgrading and ablution facilities	R50 000				Project Completed

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CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 14													
Rosedale, Old Pacaltsdorp (Portion)						CLLR MELVIN ROELFSE		 					
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
8	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Specific areas identified for skips Waste sorting centre (as part of a job creation initiative)	Community Services	Cleansing	Local	☹️	Municipality will have to investigate this matter and apply for a licence and funding.					Skips are procured and the first roll out will be in 24/25 financial year and the second roll-out will be in the 25/25 year. This project covers whole municipality, and the budget must be removed as its not split. <b>Waste sorting centre is not a municipal function.</b>
9	Basic infrastructure services	SO1	Go George Bus Hub plus bus shelters similar to Blanco and Mall with container for ticket sales.	Community Services	Go George	Local	☹️	Upgrading of Beach/Panther intersection is part of the infrastructure development plan for the area, which will include a ticket kiosk and special shelters. Currently we have 5 vendors in Rosedale servicing the community. Additional to this, our mobile kiosks operate in Rosedale daily, between 06h00 – 08h30 and 13h00 – 16h00.					Update required from Go-George
10	Basic infrastructure services		Kaptein Dikkop Auditorium upgrade for community use (under roof LED small markets)	Planning and Development	LED	Local	☹️	This cannot be adhered to because we are currently busy with the construction of a SMME site next to the Tourism building in Pacaltsdorp. The SMME facility will cater for all businesses in Pacaltsdorp.					In progress





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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 14										
Priority Ranking	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024
1	Support small farmers	Planning and Development	LED	😊	The WC Department of Agriculture (DOA) as well as the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) as the custodians are continuously working with the small farmers at different intervals which includes empowerment programmes in the Greater George. Fortunately, the WC DOA has approved the allocation of 2 Agri-interns to assist on a 24-month contract.					LED to convene a meeting with Crll Roelfse identify the needs and determine a way forward on how farmers can be supported.
2	Gardens- fencing and seeds	Corporate Services	Corporate Services	😊	R10 000	R15 000	R200 000	R100 000	R100 000	The food garden programme is run by the Social Development section and more funding will be provided for the purchase of seed as funds become available.
3	Streets clean up	Community Services	Cleansing	😊	Ongoing project through ward-based cleaning project					Ongoing
4	Maintenance of streetlights	Electro-technical services	Streetlights	😊		R50 000	R50 000	R50 000	R50 000	One installed, Meyer Street still need street lights
5	Black Bags	Community Services	Cleansing	😊	Black bags distributed 4 times per year					In progress
6	CWP opportunities	Planning and Development	LED	😊	A need analysis to be conducted for the activation of projects in the Ward 14 area with the assistance of the Councillor.					LED will include CWP Manager in the proceedings.
7	Upgrading of RDP Houses	Planning and Development	Human Settlements	😊	There is no program for the upgrading of RDP houses -it is the responsibility of the homeowner to upgrade the property. Individual applications need to be submitted to WCG for the provision of ramps.					Councillor must submit list of houses requiring ramps for submission to WCG for funding.



Ward Priorities: Ward 15

Table 16: Ward 15 – Ward Priorities

Project Rating							
	Project completed.		Project in progress.		Not completed / No budget available		District Function / Provincial Function

CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 15													
Thembalethu : Zone 9 (Portion), whole of Nompumelelo						CLLR BONISILE HANI							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
1.	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Paving of the following streets: Yawani street and Gusha Street	Civil Engineering	Streets	Local		Upgrading of roads takes place in consultation with the approved IDP, roads master plan, roads hierarchy (road classification), pavement management system, how many vehicles using the road, available budget, etc. The list of prioritized roads for the 2022/23 financial year are already finalized and implemented. Consideration for the request for resealing and paving of roads will be done during the prioritization of roads for the 2023/2024 financial year.					Done
2.	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	High Mass lights	Electro-technical services	Streetlights	Local		Complete					Done

CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 15													
Thembalethu : Zone 9 (Portion), whole of Nompumelelo						CLLR BONISILE HANI							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local / JDMA)		Progress Rating					Update
								2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
3.	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Upgrade Tsunami (Roads must be built in Tsunami)	Civil Engineering	Streets	Local	☹️	Included in the 114 service site project – awaiting additional funding from on PDoHS					In progress
4.	Basic infrastructure services	SO1	Soccer field upgrade (Netball court)	Community Services	Sport	Local	☹️	Funding Application Submitted for the irrigation and steel seating at the facility					Received an application to donate e construction of synthetic soccer pitch from an NPO. After consultation with the ward councillor a comprehensive Site Development Plan was submitted for the facility. The security fence and gates are in process of completion. This is subject approval. irrigation and steel seating at the facility
5.	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Streetlights (Bob Street, Nqwemesha Street)	Electro-technical services	Streetlights	Local	☹️			R400 000	R320 000		In Progress
6.	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Change of ownership in houses	Planning and Development	Human Settlements	Provincial	☹️	A list of outstanding title deeds should be submitted to the Section: Property Management in order to investigate					Councillor to investigate and update the department

CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 15													
Thembalethu : Zone 9 (Portion), whole of Nompumelelo						CLLR BONISILE HANI		 					
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local / JDMA)		Progress Rating					Update
								2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
7.	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Installation of sewerage pipes	Civil Engineering	Sanitation	Local	😊	Replacement of sewage pipes are done according to the PRP system					Done
8.	Basic infrastructure services	SO2	Installation of cameras	Community Services	Law Enforcement	Local	😐	Focus points are on the Transport routes. Other cameras are subject to availability of funding inclusive of logistic requirements i.e Optic fibre, SAPS identified crime spots etc.					A total of 32 cameras and 2 ANPR are currently installed in Thembalethu, with the Isolethu Node project, additional cameras will be installed as the project commence.
9.	R	SO3	Build rehab/ Youth centre	Corporate Services	Social Development	Local	😐				<b>R500 000</b>		Youth Centres is a Provincial mandate, and funds are set aside to address the needs as funds become available
10.	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Build disabled centre	Corporate Services	Social Development	Local	😐	The municipality does not build facilities for the disabled. This is a function of social development. Councillor must assist in identifying land for this centre.					Nothing done





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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 15										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
1	Hall renovation	Corporate Services	Axillary Services	😊	Maintenance is done through a maintenance programme					Done
2	RDP houses renovation	Planning and Development	Human Settlements	😞	The housing rectification program has been discontinued and thus there is no funding available for this. The Department will also request WCG to undertake Housing Consumer Education drives to remind owners of their responsibilities with regards to maintaining their house					Refer to comment on the left
3	Speed humps	Civil Engineering	Streets Thabata Nogaaja	😞	Speed bumps are not warranted in these streets, transgression of the speed limit should be monitored and enforced by Traffic Services					Investigations have been conducted and speed humps are not warranted in these streets
4	Farming site	Planning and Development	Planning and Development	😐	Currently Thembaletu has one farming site that is the FPSU (portion of farm 197), however, search for suitable farming land remains a challenge. Investment Properties will convene a meeting with the Department of Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (Cradock Street) and the Garden Route District Municipality Property management section to further investigate and address the need. However, prior to this meeting LED section will convene an engagement with the Crll Hani to verify the needs.					Refer to comment on the left
5	Community clean-up project	Community Services	Cleansing	😊	Requests for ongoing and additional clean-up projects can be submitted to the Cleansing Section.					In progress EPWP workers appointed in the ward





Ward Priorities: Ward 16

Table 17: Ward 16 – Ward Priorities



Project Rating							
	Project completed.		Project in progress.		Not completed / No budget available		District Function / Provincial Function

CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 16													
Andersonville, New Dawn Park, Smartie Town						CLL THERESA JEYI							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)		Progress Rating					Update
								2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
1	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Electricity (Katdoring, Krotonvalley, Skaapkop)	Electro-technical services	Electricity	Local		Electrotechnical to advise regarding budget availability and masterplan					Electrification Funding is allocated annually, and the implementation follow the council decision.
2	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Build Flushing toilet	Planning and Development	Human Settlements	Local			R150 000				Completed
3	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Embankments (Keerwalle) for New Dawn Park, RDP houses	Planning and Development	Human Settlements	Local		Project completed. In process of completing new list for funding submission to WCG.					Phase 1 completed waiting on next phase

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CAPITAL PROJECTS														
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 16														
Andersonville, New Dawn Park, Smartie Town						CLL THERESA JEYI								
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)		Progress Rating					Update	
								2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
4	Basic infrastructure services	SO1	Work Opportunities – EPWP	Corporate Services	EPWP	Local	☹️	R40 000	R50 000	R100 000	R100 000	R100 000	No progress (need more projects)	
5	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Sport field needs a complete make-over including ablution facilities, fencing, high mass lights, security and maintenance of the field	Civil Engineering Electro-Technical Planning and Development	High Mass Lights Human Settlements Civil Engineering	Local	😊	High-mass light was switch on 24 November 2023					Complete	
6	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Build proper street for informal settlements (Civil engineering to provide list of streets to be built)	Planning & Development	Housing	Local	☹️		R150 000				Update required	
7	Basic infrastructure services	SO1	Community Hall/ Multi-Purpose centre	Planning and Development	Human Settlements	Local	☹️	A erf should be identified and money should be put on Capital budget in order to build a new community hall in ward 16.					Must be added to budget	

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CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 16													
Andersonville, New Dawn Park, Smartie Town						CLL THERESA JEYI							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)		Progress Rating					Update
								2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
8	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Land for businesses – NGO’s and small business owners	Planning and Development	Human Settlements and Investment Properties	Local	☹️	The department will investigate and discuss with the councillor					Items to be submitted to Council to call for tenders
9	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Voelnesvaring street – complete rebuild / paving is required	Civil Engineering	Streets	Local	☹️	Currently no budget available for the complete rebuild of the road. Although the road doesn’t look visually look good, it’s structurally sound and fit for purposes. There’s issue s with the channel in the centre of the road, which will be attended to through the maintenance budget					Must be added to budget
10	Basic infrastructure services	SO5	Upgrade Clinic to hospital	Planning and Development	Human Settlements	Provincial	☺️	Pacaltsdorp clinic through the NHI revitalization grant will receive upgrades and additions improve service delivery. Contractors already onsite and estimated completion date September 2024. George Regional Hospital already serving the population of George and performing the function of a level 2 hospital.					NHI project for upgrades and revitalization of the clinic. NDoH is the custodian of the project. Current delays and the Provincial Office raised the issues with NDOH. Awaiting further feedback from NDOH.

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Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
1.	More visibility of law enforcement	Community Services	Law Enforcement	😊	Patrols are done in all areas. Complaints and identified hotspots get priority. We concentrate on By-law enforcement, but if criminal activities take place they will assist SAPS.					Law Enforcement are visible in all areas, especially Hotspots.
2.	Youth activities/ Youth Centre	Corporate Services	Youth Development	😐	Will discuss with Councillor	R50 000				Youth Centres is a Provincial mandate, and funds are set aside to address the needs as funds become available
3.	Indigent assistance	Finance	Indigent	😊	Equitable Share allocation is available for Ward 16. Roadshows are held in the ward and the citizen need to apply if they are eligible.					Indigent drive was done
4.	Clean up projects	Community Services	Cleansing	😐	Requests for ongoing and additional clean-up projects can be submitted to the Cleansing Section.					Feedback required
5.	Play Parks	Community Services	Parks	😊	R60 000					It will be prioritized in 2025/26
6.	Neighbourhood watch (assistance and funding for clothing and radio's )	Community Services	Corporate Services	😊	Funding can be requested through the Ward Committee platform (Ward Base allocation) Neighbourhood watch must be registered to qualify for assistance					In progress
7.	Local Economic Development (LED)	Planning and development	LED	😊	LED programmes are generally implemented across George Municipal Jurisdiction such as the Bicycle Empowerment Network, FLAME Programme, Facilitation of the Skills Mecca Programme with the Garden Route District Municipality.					LED to convene a meeting with Crll Jeyi to understand the needs.

Ward Priorities: Ward 17



Table 18: Ward 17 – Ward Priorities

Project Rating							
	Project completed.		Project in progress.		Not completed / No budget available		District Function / Provincial Function

**CAPITAL PROJECTS**

**WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 17**

Convent Gardens, Conville, George Industrial (Portion), Mollenrivierrif, Rosemoore (Portion), Tamsui	CLLR BRENDON ADAMS 		
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No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)		Progress Rating					Update
								2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
1	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Tarred sidewalks in Ward 17	Civil Engineering	Streets	Local		Upgrading of roads takes place in consultation with the approved IDP, roads master plan, roads hierarchy (road classification), pavement management system, how many vehicles using the road, available budget, etc. The list of prioritized roads for the 2022/23 financial year are already finalized and implemented. Consideration for the request for resealing and paving of roads will be done during the prioritization of roads for the 2023/2024 financial year.					Only 2 sidewalks were done  Not sufficient budget available to launch a Ward wide sidewalk project. The demands/requests for sidewalks across George far outweighs the available budget
2	Basic infrastructure services	SO1	Informal trading areas	Planning and Development	LED	Local			R150 000				In November 2024, LED engaged with Cllr Adams to understand the needs and He identified ERF 464 as a potential site for the Informal Trading Facility. The matter is currently under investigation and a



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WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 17

Convent Gardens, Conville, George Industrial (Portion), Mollenrivierrif, Rosemoore (Portion), Tamsui



CLLR BRENDON ADAMS

No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)		Progress Rating					Update	
								2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
													follow up meeting will be held with Clr Adams on the possibilities.	
3	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Mass lights - Rosemoore x3 & Conville x5	Electro-technical services	Electricity	Local	😊		R1 500 000	R2 500 000				X1 in Rosemoore X1 in Conville
4	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Upgrading of Conville Swimming pool	Community Services	Sport	Local	😊	As per the sports master plan					Swimming pool security fence has been completed	
5	Basic infrastructure services	SO5	Multipurpose centre	Corporate Services	Libraries	Provincial	😐	Due to national fiscal situation no capital funding is available for new projects.					Youth Centres is a Provincial mandate, and funds are set aside to address the needs as funds become available	
6	Basic infrastructure services	SO5	Upgrading and Expansion of schools	Planning and Development	Department of Education	Provincial	😊	Conville PS – In progress "Look and Feel Project Infrastructure - Stage 8. (Awaiting Approval) Not to rebuild of school, but: Replacing Roof, replacing 8 mobile classrooms / upgrading of ablution facilities, etc.					In progress	
7	Basic infrastructure services	SO5	Upgrading and Expansion	Planning and Development	Human Settlements	Provincial	😐	The plan is to consolidate all the clinics into one CDC on the grounds of Harry Comay Hospital. Further discussions are needed to ensure that the					The plan is to consolidate all the clinics into one CDC cluster on the grounds of Harry Comay Hospital.	

CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 17													
Convent Gardens, Conville, George Industrial (Portion), Mollenrivierrif, Rosemoore (Portion), Tamsui						CLLR BRENDON ADAMS							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)		Progress Rating					Update
								2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
			of Conville Clinic					health department can provide comprehensive health care services to all its clients within the George geographical area.					Further discussions are needed to ensure that the health department can provide a comprehensive health care service package to all its clients within the George geographical area.
8	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Skips	Community Services	Cleansing	Local	😊	Application submitted to DFFE for MIG Funding to procure skips and yellow plant					Skips are procured and the first roll out will be in 24/25 financial year and the second roll-out will be in the 25/25 year. This project covers whole municipality, and the budget must be removed as its not split
9	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Flats (Conville & Rosemoor and old Police barracks)	Planning and Development	Human Settlements	Provincial	😐	Will be included in the housing pipeline		R150 000		<p>The Conville flats sites and the police barracks site should be separated. The barracks site is not designated for a future flat’s development.</p> <p>The flats sites are included in the housing pipeline. However, it is not eligible for grant funding. Proposal to make land available for low-income rental housing. To seek funding through HDA and TUHFT</p>	

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WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 17													
Convent Gardens, Conville, George Industrial (Portion), Mollenrivierrif, Rosemoore (Portion), Tamsui						CLLR BRENDON ADAMS							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)		Progress Rating					Update
								2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
10	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Replacing of Asbestos Roofs	Planning and Development	Human Settlements	Provincial	😊	Programme under consideration by National			The housing rectification program has been discontinued and thus there is no funding available for this. The Department will also request WCG to undertake Housing Consumer Education drives to remind owners of their responsibilities with regards to maintaining their house		

OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 17										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
1	Cleaning of rivers (Molen & Schaap river)	Community Services	Parks	😊	Ward Councillor must discuss with the department, continuous cleaning happening					No progress
2	Neighborhood Watch in Rosemoore and Conville for a fee (50 members)	Corporate Services	Corporate Services	😊	Funding can be requested through the Ward Committee platform (Ward Base allocation) Neighbourhood watch must be registered to qualify for assistance.					No progress
3	Informal trading	Planning and Development	LED	😊	Will be investigated for future planning					This is currently under investigation. Assessments to be conducted for feasibility purposes, engagements with CES on how we can use the







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Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
										tech related tool to be conducted.
4	Home based care opportunities	Planning and Development	Health Care	☹️	Will be escalated to the Provincial Department of Health					
5	Wheeli bins	Community Services	Cleansing	😊		R500 000	Already procured			Issue under departmental investigation for full roll out.
6	Go George Bus stops (maintenance)	Civil Engineering Services	GO GEORGE (James Rob)	☹️	Maintenance of GO GEORGE Infrastructure follows a process of identification through field monitoring and audits to produce a prioritised maintenance list in consultation with Civil Engineering Services. In lieu of budget availability, maintenance is implemented accordingly.					No progress
7	Fencing of Conville pool	Community Services	Sports	😊	Fencing repaired as damage occurs					Complete (need more attention)
8	Illlial dumping site (cnr of Kanarie & Fotherham streets)	Community Services	Cleansing	😊	Ongoing clean-ups already taking place					Ongoing (but need more regular cleaning)

Ward Priorities: Ward 18

Table 19: Ward 18 -Ward Priorities

Project Rating							
	Project completed.		Project in progress.		Not completed / No budget available		District Function / Provincial Function


**CAPITAL PROJECTS**

**WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 18**



Denneoord (Portion), Denver, Eden, Genevafontein, Loerie Park, Outeniqua Berge (West), Panorama, Tweerivieren



**CLLR DONOVAN GULTIG**




No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
1.	Basic infrastructure services	SO5	School – Genevafontein	Planning and Development	Human Settlements	Provincial 	Discussion has taken place. No formal decisions made.					
2.	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Stormwater upgrade (Meyer street between 4th & 5th streets)	Civil Engineering	Streets	Local 		R 1 000 000 Meyer Street	R 1 000 000 Meyer Street			Complete
3.	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Lights at the Tennis courts	Electro-technical Services	Streetlights	Local 		R50 000				In progress

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CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 18													
Denneoord (Portion), Denver, Eden, Genevafontein, Loerie Park, Outeniqua Berge (West), Panorama, Tweerivieren						CLLR DONOVAN GULTIG							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
4.	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Upgrade of sidewalks in Genevafontein retirement village	Civil Engineering	Streets & stormwater	Local	😊	Upgrading of roads takes place in consultation with the approved IDP, roads master plan, roads hierarchy.					Not sufficient budget available to launch this sidewalk project. The demands/requests for sidewalks across George far outweigh the available budget. Currently the focus is along main routes/corridors with the available funding
5.	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Additional Reservoir to increase capacity	Civil Engineering	Water	Local	😊	R190 000	R680 000	R5 130 000	R20 340 000		Update required from Civil Engineering
6.	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	New streetlight for 16B Outeniqua Street, Denneoord	Electro-technical services	Electricity	Local	😊		R50 000	R50 000	R50 000	R50 000	In progress
7.	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Appropriate fencing/closing for St Paul Street	Community Services	Parks and Recreation/ Sport	Local	😊	Councillor must discuss with the department, specifics needed					Meeting to be scheduled with the responsible department





CAPITAL PROJECTS														
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 18														
Denneoord (Portion), Denver, Eden, Genevafontein, Loerie Park, Outeniqua Berge (West), Panorama, Tweerivieren						CLLR DONOVAN GULTIG		 						
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)		Progress Rating					Update	
						Local	😊	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
8.	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Upgrade of Eden pump sewer station - extra holding tank	Civil Engineering	Sanitation	Local	😊		R9 000 000	R34 625 704				In progress
9.	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Upgrade of roads, Reseal of St Paul street and 5 <sup>th</sup> street	Civil Engineering	Streets & stormwater	Local	😊	St Paul's (Ann to Oewer) and Oewer Streets are planned for resealing during 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years.					5 <sup>th</sup> Street complete Update required on St Paul's street	
10.	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	GRD - Fenced, Operational toilets and drink water	Community Services	Community Services	Local	😊	Councillor must discuss with the department, specifics needed					Update required from Community Services	





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Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
1	Alien Invasion management (katriver)	Community Services	Environmental Services	😊	Alien clearing is ongoing as per the Alien Vegetation Management Plan					In progress
2	Speed bumps in Meyer Street	Civil Engineering	Streets & stormwater	😊	Meyer St has already some speed hump in place. Requests for new traffic calming must be submitted with specific problem section for an investigation to be conducted					Meyer Street has an existing speed hump and traffic circles in place.
3	Continuous clean-up of waste in Katriver and GRD	Community Services	Community Services	😊	Ward Councillor must discuss with the department, continuous cleaning happening					In Progress
4	Support for security patrols	Community Services	Community Services	😊	Funding can be requested through the Ward Committee platform (Ward Base allocation) Neighbourhood watch must be registered to qualify for assistance.					In Progress
5	Routine maintenance of Sport facility at St Paul Street	Community Services	Sport	😊	The maintenance of tennis facility will form part of the routine scheduled maintenance of the facility.					In Progress
6	Appropriate bins for: St Pauls street Park 5th Street Park	Community Services	Community Services	😞	2022/2023 <b>R 386 640.00</b>	2023/2024 <b>R500 000.00</b>	2024/2025 <b>R500 000.00</b>			Update required from department
7	Upgrade of streetlights in Bokmakierie Street, Eden	Electro-technical Services	Streetlights	😊		<b>R50 000</b>				In Progress
8	Outdoor gym at Bokmakierie and 5 <sup>th</sup> streets	Community Services	Sport	😞						Feedback required
9	Maintenance at substation (Bokmakierie and 5 <sup>th</sup> streets power substation)	Electro-technical Services	Maintenance	😊						The maintenance of the substation forms part of a routine activity, resources have been allocated to address the defects.



Ward Priorities: Ward 19



Table 20: Ward 19 – Ward Priorities

Project Rating							
	Project completed.		Project in progress.		Not completed / No budget available		District Function / Provincial Function

CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 19													
Dormehlsdrift Camphersdrift Bodorp				ALD IONA KRITZINGER			 						
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
1	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Resealing of Roads as per list from Ward Councillor Paving of Sidewalks in Davidson Road	Civil Engineering	Streets	Local		In order to do a Ward Specific Answer, we need to be crystal clear about what Council can afford and is willing to spend on sidewalks the next few years, this is lacking and as such it's impossible to meet the Councillor's request.					Department to discuss this matter with ward councillor to clarify the ward priority request.  Not sufficient budget available to launch this sidewalk project. The demands/requests for sidewalks across George far outweigh the available budget. Currently the focus is along main routes/corridors with the available funding
2	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Darling street, Bo Dorp (Upgrading of water pipes)	Civil Engineering	Water	Local		The CES Directorate work strictly according to the pipe replacement prioritization Matrix (PRP). The PRP is a preventative maintenance model which guides the Directorate in terms of rolling out pipe replacements and capital expenditure per ward.					No progress, update required

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WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 19														
Dormehlsdrift Camphersdrift Bodorp						ALD IONA KRITZINGER		 						
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency		Progress Rating					Update	
						(National / Provincial / District / Local/		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
3	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Camphersdrift Road - Stormwater upgrade	Civil Engineering	Streets	Local	☹️	Work done through maintenance teams. Await further funding through a Disaster Funding to attend to the culvert issues					No progress	
4	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	15 Camphersdrift Road - Sewer system upgrade	Civil Engineering	Sanitation	Local	☹️		R 500 000	R 150 000				Urgent attention needed at the Camphersdrift road sewer system
5	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Speed bumps - Azalea, Sandy McGregor, Darling & van Riebeeck Streets	Civil Engineering	Streets	Local	☹️	Speed bumps are not warranted in these streets, transgression of the speed limit should be monitored and enforced by Traffic Services					This is not a bus route and require speed humps	
6	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	New Signs in the Green Belt (Davidson, Camphersdrift and Dormelsdrift)	Civil Engineering	Streets	Local	☹️		R 200 000	R 200 000				No progress
7	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Flood lights in the green belt at Dormelsdrift and Camphersdrift	Electro-technical services	Electricity	Local	☹️				60 000	60 000		No progress – urgent matter

CAPITAL PROJECTS														
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 19														
Dormehlsdrift Camphersdrift Bodorp						ALD IONA KRITZINGER		 						
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/		Progress Rating					Update	
								2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
8	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Overhead powerlines to be phased out in Camphersdrift, Dormehlsdrift and Bo-dorp	Electro-technical services	Electricity	Local	😊	A feasibility study will be done			R300 000	R300 000	R400 000	This will be attended to as and when required when the quality of the supply is impacted
9	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Botanical Garden Dam Flood damage repairs	Civil Engineering	Planning and infrastructure	Local	😊	In process, a consultant is finalizing the designs for construction.					In progress	
10	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Upgrading of open areas/play grounds with equipment and solar lights	Electro-technical services	Electricity	Local	😊			R50'000			No progress	

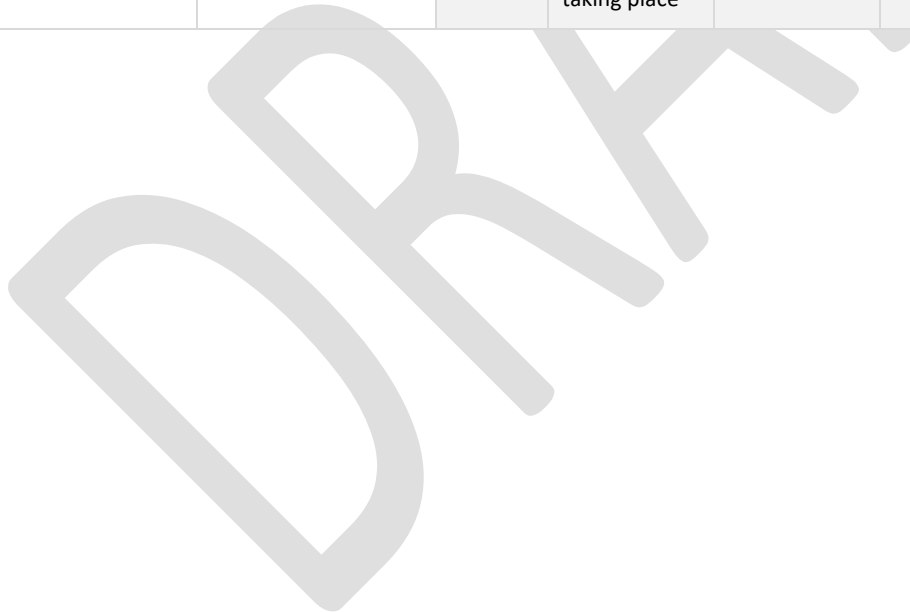


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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 19										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
1	Service of all fire hydrants in ward 19	Community Services	Fire and Safety	😊		R150 '000	R150'000	R150000		No progress since2009
2	Street names and road markings	Civil Engineering	Streets	😊		R 100 000	R 100 000	R 100 000		Very little was done Road markings and signs gets assessed, if repainting is warranted, it gets added on the priority list. If not warranted, nothing will be done. If there's specific streets of concern, it can be reported for attention
3	Dormelsdrift Green belt (cutting of grass up to riverbed)	Community Services	Parks and Gardens	😊	R300 000	R300 000	R300 000			Ongoing
4	Stabilize the riverbed in van Riebeeck Gardens after floods	Community Services	Parks and Gardens	😊	A study of possible rehabilitation options and a maintenance plan.	R 200 000				No funding received for this project
5	Bins in Van Riebeeck Gardens @ benches and strategic places	Community Services	Parks and Gardens	😊	Busy with tender					No progress
6	Cleaning of bus stops in York Street	Civil Engineering	GO GEORGE	😊	Cleansing of bus stop infrastructure is undertaken with the assistance of a service provider. All shelters are cleaned once a week and platforms are cleaned on a monthly basis. Any specific problematic stops can be registered with GO GEORGE and efforts will be made to consider measures to assist.					Ongoing





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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 19										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
7	Weed killing on side walks on regular basis	Community Services	Parks and Gardens	😊	Ongoing operation					No progress
8	Cleaning of streets and pavements in the ward	Community Services	Parks and Gardens	😊	Ongoing clean-ups already taking place					Ongoing
9	Davidson road paving	Civil Engineering	Streets	😊	Unsure what the request is, this road is tarred and in a fair condition					The sidewalk will form part of the Bus Route Sidewalk Priority list
10	Alien vegetation and bushes in river area to be removed	Community Services	Parks and Gardens	😊	Ongoing clean-ups already taking place	<b>R400 000</b>				A little was done then stopped. Update required from department





Ward Priorities: Ward 20

Table 21: Ward 20 - Ward Priorities



Project Rating							
	Project completed.		Project in progress.		Not completed / No budget available		District Function / Provincial Function



CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 20													
Borchards, Steinhoff Industrial Park, Metro Grounds						CLLR RITA GREGORY							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
1	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Upgrading of infrastructure: flooding and drainage is a huge problem at RDP housing areas.	Civil Engineering	Streets	National		Programme under consideration by National					National mandate
2	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Floodlights with solar panel	Electro-technical services	Electricity	Local					R200 000	Follow up required from Electro-Tech	
3	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Housing opportunities	Planning and Development	Human Settlements	Provincial		Metro Development in progress funding allocated by DoHS		R62 000 000		Final phases of Metro grounds housing development in progress. Funding allocated by DoHS	

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CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 20													
Borchards, Steinhoff Industrial Park, Metro Grounds						CLLR RITA GREGORY							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
4	Basic infrastructure services	SO2	Sidewalks: the whole ward 20 needs tarred sidewalks,	Civil engineering	Sidewalks	Local	☹️	The list of prioritized sidewalks for the 2022/23 financial year are already finalized and implemented. Consideration for the upgrading of sidewalks will be done during the prioritization of sidewalks for the 2023/2024 financial year and outer years, but it will need to compete with other sidewalks in the broader George Municipality and dependent of the available budget at the time.					Not sufficient budget available to launch this sidewalk project. The demands/requests for sidewalks across George far outweigh the available budget. Currently the focus is along main routes/corridors with the available funding
5	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Fixing of Roads (Metro to Figland street and also a bridge as part of safety for school children)	Civil Engineering	Streets	Local	☹️	Fixing of roads will be attended to with the operational teams. Construction of pedestrian bridge at this timeframe is not warranted and uneconomical given the financial state of the Municipality					Update required from Civil Engineering
6	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	High school (metro ground)	Planning and Development	Human settlement	Provincial	☹️	Will be escalated to the Provincial Department of Education. Three engagements were held with DoE to date. During IDP engagement in September 2023, DoE acknowledged need for more high schools, however no budget is currently available. The department currently has budget for expanding existing facilities. This need must be monitored over the course of a multi-year programme.					As part of the current investigation to develop the Metrogrounds Industrial area, a education site is proposed to accommodate a

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CAPITAL PROJECTS												
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 20												
Borchards, Steinhoff Industrial Park, Metro Grounds						CLLR RITA GREGORY						
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
												educational facility in the future. If the property is selected for a school the Provincial Department will be responsible for funding and implementation.
7	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Community Hall	Corporate Services	Axillary Services	Local	☹️	An erf should be identified, and money should be put on budget in order to build a new community hall in ward 20			R 1,7 million	New Hall will be considered in the 2028 Financial Year, as the building plan consideration processes and funding are to be finalized in 2027.
8	Basic infrastructure services	SO5	Church land (metro grounds)	Planning and Development	Human Settlements	Properties	☹️	The erf for church purposes will go out on tender in the new year.				There is no site in Metro grounds for a place of worship. There is only a site for a creche and community hall.
9	Basic infrastructure services	SO5	Land for business (metro ground)	Planning and Development	Human Settlements	Properties	☹️	This will go out on tender				Item to be submitted to Council

CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 20													
Borchards, Steinhoff Industrial Park, Metro Grounds						CLLR RITA GREGORY							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
10	Basic infrastructure services	SO5	Creches	Planning and Development	Human settlements	Properties	☹️	The layout of Metro Grounds makes provision for the following: 1x Business Site 2 X Creche sites 1X Community Hall site					Will discuss with Social Development whether to allocate the land to them or to go out on tender.

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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 20										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
1	Neighbourhood watch gear and equipment and a container to be used as a neighbourhood office (safety is a great concern in the area)	Corporate	Corporate	☹️	Funding can be requested through the Ward Committee platform (Ward Base allocation) Neighbourhood watch must be registered to qualify for assistance. Neighbourhood watches must be established through the CPF in conjunction with the South African Police Services					Update required from Duppie Ward Councillor would like the R50 000 ward allocations to be used toward this
2	Recycle Project (a container to be placed in ward for recycling)	Community Services	Community Services	☹️	Residents need to participate in municipal Recycling Project.- Blue Bags system					Municipality does not place recycling bins. Municipal service provider does not have such a bin. It is noted that there are residents in ward 20 who are participating in blue bag project.
3	Electricity Boxes for back yard dwellers	Electro-technical services	Electricity	☹️	Awaiting Council decision					Update required from Electro-Technical
4	School fence (Heidedal Primary)	Planning and Development	Planning and Development	😊	Planned for 2023/24					Done
5	Painting of Stop Streets and update of Street names	Planning and Development/ Civil	Civil Engineering	☹️						Feedback required from Civil Engineering
6	Community food gardens	Corporate Services	Social Development	☹️	The department will investigate, and contact councillor					The department will investigate, and contact the councillor In discussions with the department of agriculture
7	Go Georg bus stops need canopy's awaiting areas	Civil engineering	GO GEORGE	☹️	Bus stops are assessed on a continual basis in terms of demand, passenger numbers and other factors. If justified, and budget permitting, shelters will be considered.					Update from Go George
8	Go George bus stops	Civil Engineering	GO GEORGE	☹️	Bus routes are planned to serve the population of George to the greatest extent possible. Stops on routes are placed in such a manner that there is a stop within 400m					Update from Go George

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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 20										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
					walking distance of 80% of the entire population of George					
9	Cleaning projects through EPWP	Corporate Services	EPWP	😊	User departments roll out EPWP projects in the different directorates					In Progress
10	Wheelibins for metro grounds/Borchards	Community service	Cleansing	😐	No wheelie bins planned. Black bags to be used					No budget for wheelie bins Black bags to be distributed on a more regular basis

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Ward Priorities: Ward 21




Table 22: Ward 21 – Ward Priorities

Project Rating							
	Project completed.		Project in progress.		Not completed / No budget available		District Function / Provincial Function

**CAPITAL PROJECTS**

**WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 21**

Thembalethu : Zone 6, Ramaphosa, Silvertown, Asazani, Ballots Bay (Portion)	<b>CLLR SIPHELO MANXELE</b>			
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No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)		Progress Rating					Update
								2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
1	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Community hall	Corporate Services	Axillary Services	Local					R1 500 000		No progress, update required from Corporate Services
2	Basic infrastructure services	SO1	Youth recreational centre	Corporate Services	Youth	Provincial					R1 500 000		Youth Centres is a Provincial mandate, and funds are set aside to address the needs as funds become available
3	Basic infrastructure services	SO1	Library	Corporate Services	Community Services	Provincial		Due to national fiscal situation no capital funding is available for new projects.					

CAPITAL PROJECTS

WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 21

Thembaletu : Zone 6, Ramaphosa, Silvertown, Asazani, Ballots Bay (Portion)

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No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
4	Sport	SO1	Playground for all sport	Community Services	Sport	Local	😊	Suitable land should be identified for the development of cricket pitches and other facilities. This should form part of the Spatial Planning of the Municipality.					The identification of additional land for sport remains a priority and we would request to engage the Ward committee regarding the required land
5	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Electricity	Electro-technical services	Electricity	Local	😊	This will be addressed through the electrification program approved by council					Electrification Funding is allocated annually, and the implementation follow the council decision
6	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	<b>Paving of streets:</b> Silvertown Asazani in Zone6 Ramaphosa in Zone 6 Mdeni street, Emandleni Street, Makhaza Street, Langa Street, Monde Street,	Civil Engineering	Streets	Local	😊	Upgrading of roads takes place in consultation with the approved IDP, roads master plan, roads hierarchy (road classification), pavement management system, how many vehicles using the road, available budget, etc. The list of prioritized roads for the 2022/23 financial year are already finalized and implemented. Consideration for the request for resealing and paving of roads will be done during the prioritization of roads for the 2023/2024 financial year.					In progress

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WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 21

Themba lethu : Zone 6, Ramaphosa, Silvertown, Asazani, Ballots Bay (Portion)

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No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
			Zibele Street, Esethu Street, Africa Street, Kanle Street, Ikhozi street and Mzonmhle street.										
7	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Subsidy for houses in informal settlements	Planning and Development	Indigent	Local	😊	700 houses built for qualifying beneficiaries - no further funding for top structures Beneficiaries living in the area included in the UISP 100 houses and 200 houses projects. 100 houses project in process. Tender process for 200 houses project to commence in 2025/2026 financial year.					In progress 100 houses were approved
8	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Build rehab centre	Planning and Development	Human Settlements	Provincial	😐	Will be escalated to the relevant Provincial Department					
9	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Housing toilets in informal settlement	Planning and Development	Human Settlements	Provincial	😊	Part of Interim Basic Services planning - funding dependant on PDoHS. Department in the process of rationalising the provision of chemical toilets. Will allocate toilets removed from other informal settlements until IBS project is implemented.					In progress
10	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Old age home	Planning and Development	Provincial Government	Provincial	😊	There is no funding program for the building of old age homes. Consideration must be given to the inclusion of retired people in social housing projects.					No progress





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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 21										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
1	Cleaning of drains	Civil Engineering	Sanitation	😊	The main cause of sewer problems is the dumping of illegal and foreign objects. Specific complaints can be called in to the CES complaints section					In progress
2	Farming land	Planning and Development	Planning and Development	😐	Investigation required and the identification of land must be established					LED to investigate the need and the type of farming activities to be accommodated. Spatial Planning will investigate the land available in the area. Investment Properties will convene a meeting with the Department of Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (Cradock Street) and the Garden Route District Municipality Property management section to further investigate and address the need
3	Rectification of houses	Planning and Development	Human Settlements	😐	Rectification Programme has been discontinued by PDoHS					The housing rectification program has been discontinued and thus there is no funding available for this. The Department will also request WCG to undertake Housing Consumer Education drives to remind owners of their responsibilities with regards to maintaining their house
4	Water leakage	Civil Engineering	Water	😊	R250 000	R250 000				In progress
5	Neighbourhood watch support	Community Services	Law Enforcement	😊	Funding can be requested through the Ward Committee platform (Ward Base allocation) Neighbourhood watch must be registered to qualify for assistance.					Complete
6	Dumping site	Community Services	Cleansing	😊	Ongoing clean-ups already taking place					In progress
7	High mass Lights	Electro-technical services	Electricity	😊	Will be addressed through the high mast programme					Complete

Ward Priorities: Ward 22



Table 23: Ward 22 – Ward Priorities



Project Rating							
	Project completed.		Project in progress.		Not completed / No budget available		District Function / Provincial Function

CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 22													
Afgunst River, Buffelsdrift 227, Camfer Kloof 96, Camphersdrift, Croxden 90, Die Oude Uitkyk 225, Diepe Kloof 226, Doorn rivier/Herold, Dwarsweg 260, Geelhoutboom 217, Gwayang 208 (Portion), Herold, Houtbosch, Klyne Fontyn 218, Kouwdouw 88, Malgaskraal, Modderaas Kloof 133, Modderivier 209, Moerasrivier 233, Outeniqua Berge (West), Platte Kloof 131, Smuts kloof 94, Waboomskraal Noord 87, Bo-dorp (Portion)				CLLR MARAIS KRUGER									
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
1	Basic infrastructure services	SO5	Herold Clinic - More operating days/help for Nurse Katrina Maritz Waiting areas: Containers or canopies as waiting areas.	Planning and Development	Human Settlements	Provincial		Need to factor the population headcount. This will determine whether the increase operation hours will be increased. The department will look into the matter and see best how the community can receive the service as well as the containers/canopies. Herold Clinic: Mobile population 2074, town population 1755, therefore 2 days clinic and 3 days mobile is equitable access.					Update required from Provincial department. Councillor does not agree with the said statement
2	Basic infrastructure services	SO2	Waboomskraal – Safety. Cameras, monitoring and money for the	Community Services	Law Enforcement	Local		Focus points are on the Transport routes. Other cameras are subject to availability of funding inclusive of logistic requirements i.e Optic fibre, SAPS identified crime spots etc. Willing to assist with operational needs for Neighbourhood watch but no funding available					Funding to be specified for this project on new budget

CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 22													
Afgunst River, Buffelsdrift 227, Camfer Kloof 96, Camphersdrift, Croxden 90, Die Oude Uitkyk 225, Diepe Kloof 226, Doorn rivier/Herold, Dwarsweg 260, Geelhoutboom 217, Gwayang 208 (Portion), Herold, Houtbosch, Klyne Fontyn 218, Kouwdouw 88, Malgaskraal, Modderaas Kloof 133, Modderivier 209, Moerasrivier 233, Outeniqua Berge (West), Platte Kloof 131, Smuts kloof 94, Waboomskraal Noord 87, Bo-dorp (Portion)						CLLR MARAIS KRUGER							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
			Neighbourhood watch										
3	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Eastern part – rubbish removal area/skip. Especially Groenkloof, Kraaibosch and Groenbos	Community Services	Cleansing	Local	😊	Refuse collected at designated area.					Done
4	GO GEORGE	SO3	Geelhoutboom – The Geelhoutboom road and Transport for the community (Go George)	Civil Engineering	GO GEORGE	Local	😊	Currently GO GEORGE is focused on rolling out services to Phase 4A (Thembaletu). This priority has been supported by the National Department of Transport and further grant funding is dependent on the roll-out of Phase 4A. Following the successful roll-out and stabilisation of services in this phase, the areas of Herolds Bay and Wilderness will be focused on					Update needed from Go George
5	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Herold – Transport for the community, N9	Civil Engineering	GO GEORGE	Local	😊						
6	Basic infrastructure services	SO2	Eastern part – Safety, cameras.	Community Services	Law Enforcement	Local	😊	Focus points are on the Transport routes. Other cameras are subject to availability of funding inclusive of logistic requirements i.e Optic fibre , SAPS identified crime spots etc					Funding to be specified for this project on new budget

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CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 22													
<p>Afgunst River, Buffelsdrift 227, Camfer Kloof 96, Camphersdrift, Croxden 90, Die Oude Uitkyk 225, Diepe Kloof 226, Doorn rivier/Herold, Dwarsweg 260, Geelhoutboom 217, Gwayang 208 (Portion), Herold, Houtbosch, Klyne Fontyn 218, Kouwdouw 88, Malgaskraal, Modderaas Kloof 133, Modderivier 209, Moerasrivier 233, Outeniqua Berge (West), Platte Kloof 131, Smuts kloof 94, Waboomskraal Noord 87, Bo-dorp (Portion)</p>						<p>CLLR MARAIS KRUGER</p> 							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)		Progress Rating					Update
								2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
7	Basic infrastructure services	SO5	Geelhoutboom – Emergency services	Community Services	Fire	Provincial	☹️	Will be escalated to the Provincial Department of Health					Feedback needed from the provincial department
8	Basic infrastructure services	SO5	Waboomskraal – Housing needed People not working on the farms, living on the farms	Planning and Development	Human Settlements	Provincial	☹️	Beneficiary drives to be conducted to ensure persons to register on Housing Demand Database for opportunities in future housing projects. Human Settlements projects cannot be considered in farming areas. Farmworker housing must be escalated to the National Department of Rural Affairs and Land Reform and WCG: Agriculture					Province needs to step in. People living in bad conditions
9	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Eastern Part – Raods (had the conversation), waterworks and infrastructure	Civil Engineering	Water and Sanitation and Streets and Stormwater	Local	😊	Upgrading of roads takes place in consultation with the approved IDP, roads master plan, roads hierarchy (road classification), pavement management system, how many vehicles using the road, available budget, etc. The list of prioritized roads for the 2022/23 financial year are already finalized and implemented. Consideration for the request for resealing and paving of roads will be done during the prioritization of roads for the 2023/2024 financial year.					Eastern Part Road completed Waterworks still in progress
10	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Herold/Geelhoutboom – Electricity/Toilets	Planning and Development	Human Settlements	Provincial	☹️	The request for the provision of toilets is a duplication of No 6 under operational. Toilets have been provided in Herold and Geelhoutboom. Further surveys to be conducted to confirm ratios required. Toilets and water tanks can only be provided with farmer’s permission. Occupants complain that the toilets are too					Herold, Wabooms and Geelhoutboom Electricity and toilets needed – no toilets have been provided





CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 22													
Afgunst River, Buffelsdrift 227, Camfer Kloof 96, Camphersdrift, Croxden 90, Die Oude Uitkyk 225, Diepe Kloof 226, Doorn rivier/Herold, Dwarsweg 260, Geelhoutboom 217, Gwayang 208 (Portion), Herold, Houtbosch, Klyne Fontyn 218, Kouwdouw 88, Malgaskraal, Modderaas Kloof 133, Modderivier 209, Moerasrivier 233, Outeniqua Berge (West), Platte Kloof 131, Smuts kloof 94, Waboomskraal Noord 87, Bo-dorp (Portion)						CLLR MARAIS KRUGER							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
							far from their structures. The Department cannot provide additional toilets to resolve this issue						






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Ward Priorities: Ward 23

Table 24: Ward 23 – Ward Priorities



Project Rating							
	Project completed.		Project in progress.		Not completed / No budget available		District Function / Provincial Function

CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 23													
Bos en Dal, Breakwater Bay, CPA Area, Groeneweide Park, Herolds Bay, Le Grand, Monate Resort, Oubaai Golf Estate, Pacaltsdorp Industria, Rooirivierrif, Toeriste Gebied, Delville Park, Syferfontein, Hansmoeskraal, Gwaing Farm Areas, Gwaingriviermond						CLLR BROWEN JOHNSON							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
1	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Rebuild of Hansmoeskraal road	Civil Engineering	Streets	Local		The construction of this road is linked to development (Le Grand)					In progress
2	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Stormwater upgrade: 53 Formosa Drive (Groeneweide)	Civil Engineering	Streets	Local			R1 000 000`	R1 000 000`			Complete
3	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Upgrade of stormwater at Gwaing	Civil Engineering	Streets	Local		Was replaced and completed					Complete

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CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 23													
Bos en Dal, Breakwater Bay, CPA Area, Groeneweide Park, Herolds Bay, Le Grand, Monate Resort, Oubaa Golf Estate, Pacaltsdorp Industria, Rooirivierrif, Toeriste Gebied, Delville Park, Syferfontein, Hansmoeskraal, Gwaing Farm Areas, Gwaingriviermond						CLLR BROWEN JOHNSON							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)		Progress Rating					Update
								2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
4	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Building of circle and Traffic Robot Formosa Road linking with R102 Brookside road	Civil Engineering	Streets	Local	☹️	According to Provincial Roads, no major upgrades are planned at this intersection in the near future, due to it's proximity to the York Street Circle.  The only upgrades envisaged, are the turning lanes to and from Groeneweide and Kingswood, to assist with right turn movements, which will be paid by the Developer					In progress
5	Basic infrastructure services	SO2	Cleaning of Gwaing River & Schaapkop river <b>(need river management plan)</b>	Community Services	Cleansing	Local	☹️	This Department will extract the solid waste component from the river within the available budget  The Planning & Development Department will compile a River Management Plan					River management plan not received
6	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Sewer upgrade at Heroldsbay and Hansmoeskraal	Civil Engineering	Sanitation	Local	😊		R500 000	R500 000	R500 000		In progress
7	Basic infrastructure services	SO2	Wheely Bins	Community Services	Community Services	Local	😊	R500 000 Bins already procured	R1 000 000	R250 000	R6 000 000		Rollout of wheelie bins for the municipality is added on the draft budget.

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CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 23													
Bos en Dal, Breakwater Bay, CPA Area, Groeneweide Park, Herolds Bay, Le Grand, Monate Resort, Oubaii Golf Estate, Pacaltsdorp Industria, Rooirivierrif, Toeriste Gebied, Delville Park, Syferfontein, Hansmoeskraal, Gwaing Farm Areas, Gwaingriviermond						CLLR BROWEN JOHNSON							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)		Progress Rating					Update
								2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
8	Basic infrastructure services	SO5	Upgrade of the stairways to the beach: Heroldsbay	Community Services	Community Services	Local	☹️	R50 000 on 2023/24 budget, the boardwalk to the beach will be upgraded as per the request					Update required from department
9	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Go George - Ward 23	Civil Engineering	GO GEORGE	Local	☹️	Currently GO GEORGE is focused on rolling out services to Phase 4A (Thembaletu). This priority has been supported by the National Department of Transport and further grant funding is dependent on the roll-out of Phase 4A. Following the successful roll-out and stabilisation of services in this phase, the areas of Herolds Bay and Wilderness will be focused on					In progress
10	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Stormwater, sidewalks and re-do of Puma & Antelope Streets (Delville Park)	Civil Engineering	Roads & Stormwater	Local	😊		R8 million	R17.5 million			In progress (Antelope Street Complete but need sidewalks) Puma street in progress No Sidewalks yet

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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 23										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
1	Ramp for Gwaing	Community Services	Community Services	☹️	No funding available					Update required from department
2	Hansmoeskraal road maintenance	Civil Engineering	Streets	😊	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing
3	Play parks in Delville Park (Jungle gyms/slides/playing facilities)	Community Services	Parks and Gardens	😐	Capital projects, gym trims currently being rolled out.		<b>R50 000</b>			In progress
4	Soccer posts for Groeneweide park	Community Services	Community Services	😐	No sport field in Ward 23. The Department is in the process to draw up a Sports Development Masterplan which will incorporate all these sport development needs					Update required from department
5	Neighbourhood watch for Groeneweide & Delville Park	Community Services	Community Services	😐	Funding can be requested through the Ward Committee platform (Ward Base allocation) Neighbourhood watch must be registered to qualify for assistance.					In progress
6	Cleaning and maintenance of open spaces in Delville Park	Community Services	Parks and Gardens	😐	Ongoing operation					Ongoing
7	Beautifying of entrance at Groeneweide Park and Delville Park	Community Services	Parks and Gardens	😐		<b>R50 000</b>				More information needed from the councillor with this project and this funding was not received/or clearly indicated on the budget

Ward Priorities: Ward 24



Table 25: Ward Priorities Ward 24

Project Rating							
	Project completed.		Project in progress.		Not completed / No budget available		District Function / Provincial Function

**CAPITAL PROJECTS**

**WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 24**



Haarlem (and surrounding areas)	CLLR JUSTIN FRY		
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No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update		
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025		
1	Basic infrastructure services	SO5	Purchase of housing land	Planning and Development	Human Settlements	Provincial							R1000 000	Land was identified already by special development. Clinton did a presentation on it. Nothing was done after the discussions.  There is no land in Haarlem which is owned by GM to accommodate new human settlements development or TRA (move existing informal settlement) The Municipality will need to identify and go through the process of obtaining the funding to purchase said land portions.
2	Basic infrastructure services	SO5	Purchase of land for sports field	Community Services	Sports and Recreation	Local		Suitable Land Should be identified for the development of sport facilities. MSDF presents opportunity for sector departments to target suitable land spatially and within the context of the overall spatial planning vision for George. The Department is in the process					Land was identified Land must be purchased from the Lutherse Church Nothing was done	

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WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 24

Haarlem (and surrounding areas)													
						CLLR JUSTIN FRY							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
												to draw up a Sports Development Masterplan which will incorporate all these sport development needs.	
3	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Upgrading of all gravel roads and streets (paving)	Civil Engineering	Streets	Local	😊					Upgrading of roads takes place in consultation with the approved IDP, roads master plan, roads hierarchy (road classification), pavement management system, how many vehicles using the road, available budget, etc. The list of prioritized roads for the 2022/23 financial year are already finalized and implemented. Consideration for the request for resealing and paving of roads will be done during the prioritization of roads for the 2023/2024 financial year.	For the past few years a number of roads was paved in this Ward
4	Basic infrastructure services	SO1	Build multipurpose centre	Corporate Services	Human Settlements	Provincial	😐					Due to national fiscal situation no capital funding is available for new projects.	The building of a multipurpose centre is a Provincial mandate, and funds are set aside to address the needs as funds become available.
5	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Streetlights	Eskom	Electricity	Eskom	😐					The Municipality is busy with a council approved process to install power at the informal areas according to the age of the settlement. Ward 24 is mostly an Eskom Area of supply. These requests should be formulated and submitted to Eskom. George Municipality can assist in this regard	This is an Eskom serviced area

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WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 24



Haarlem (and surrounding areas)

CLLR JUSTIN FRY



No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
6	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Houses (Plot and plan)	Planning and Development	Human Settlements	Provincial	😊	Provincial mandate and will be escalated to the relevant department	<p>There is no land in Haarlem which is owned by GM to accommodate new human settlements development or TRA (move existing informal settlement) The existing informal settlement is located on the TRANCRA land to be transferred to the community. The Municipality will need to identify and go through the process of obtaining the funding to purchase said land portions and develop a TRA through the IBS</p> <p>An item was submitted to the S80 Committee regarding the department's investigation into an overlay zone for Haarlem. This will be revised after review of the LSDF for the area.</p>				
7	Basic infrastructure services	SO5	Youth Centre	Corporate Services	Youth Development	Provincial	😊					R1 500 000	Youth Centres is a Provincial mandate and funds are set aside to address the needs as funds become available
8	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Fire station	Community Services	Fire	Local / District	😞	Stats do not allow for a fire station					Haarlem had a fire station under the Eden District and it was taken away when George took over. Haarlem need their own fire station
9	Basic infrastructure services	SO5	Sassa Office/ Home affairs office/ SARS	Community Services	Community Services	Provincial	😊	Will be escalated to the relevant government departments					Nothing was done

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WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 24													
Haarlem (and surrounding areas)						CLLR JUSTIN FRY							
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							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
10	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Public transport	Civil Engineering Services	GO GEORGE	Local	😊	Currently GO GEORGE is focused on rolling out services to Phase 4A (Thembaletu). This priority has been supported by the National Department of Transport and further grant funding is dependent on the roll-out of Phase 4A. Following the successful roll-out and stabilisation of services in this phase, the areas of Herolds Bay and Wilderness will be focused on.					In Progress

OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 24										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
1	Indigent assistant	Finance	Indigent	😊	Equitable Share allocation is available for Ward 24. Roadshows are held in the ward and the citizen need to apply if they are eligible.					In Progress
2	Toilets and taps	Planning and Development	Human Settlements	😐		R80 000				Provision of additional toilets and taps in the area was not feasible as the land is being transferred to the community. Thus, the decision to seek to purchase land to move the informal settlement







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Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
										onto land where services can be provided.
3	Play parks	Community Services	Community Services	😊		R50 000				Project completed as per the allocated budget
4	Build Creche	Community Services	Community Services	😞			R800 000			Nothing
5	Electrical boxes for informal settlement	Electro-technical services	Electricity	😐	This will be escalated to Eskom					
6	Tourism development	Planning and Development	Tourism	😐	Requires more details, ward councillor must discuss with tourism office.					Requires more details, ward councillor must discuss with tourism office. A proposal is underfoot to convert the entire city into a Trail Town, starting in Uniondale. A meeting will be held with the local councillors to discuss the feasibility and involvement of the community in various ways.
7	Law enforcement	Community Services	Community Services	😞	Patrols are done according in every area. Identified hotspots i.e Dumping are given preference. More staff will be appointed to have more visible patrols.					Nothing




Ward Priorities: Ward 25



Table 26: Ward Priorities Ward 25



Project Rating							
	Project completed.		Project in progress.		Not completed / No budget available		District Function / Provincial Function



CAPITAL PROJECTS



WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 25

Uniondale(and surrounding areas)						CLLR JARQUES ESAU							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
1	Basic infrastructure services	SO1	<p><b>Sports and relaxation</b></p> <p><b>Development of multipurpose sports complex</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lyonville Sports Field - R2 million over 3 years</li> <li>Development of multipurpose sports complex.</li> <li>Park development, Security and Fencing - R2 million over 3 years</li> <li>Ablution buildings, Containers, Open air gym, Mobile stage roof structure- R2 million over 3 years</li> <li>Dorpsveld pavilion – R1.5 million</li> </ul>	Community Services	Sports and Recreation	Local		<p>The Department is in the process to draw up a Sports Development Masterplan which will incorporate all these sport development needs.</p> <p>This should form part of the Spatial Planning of the Municipality.</p>					<p>Dorpsveld halfway, update required on the rest</p> <p>Upgrades were made to clubhouse, swimming pool and security fencing , etc. Steel structure pavilions are in process of construction and the estimated completion is April 2025</p>

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WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 25													
Uniondale(and surrounding areas)							CLLR JARQUES ESAU						
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tennis clubhouse upgrade- R1.5 million</li> </ul>										
2	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	<p><b>Streets</b></p> <p><b>Paving of all Gravel Streets in Uniondale</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mitchell Avenue, Daniëls Avenue, Paulventer Avenue and Letticia Loff Avenue with all side streets and sidewalks - R10 million over 4 years</li> <li><b>Tarred streets</b> - Resealing of Hood Street, Hospital Street, Victoria Street, Aberdeen Street and Gardener Street - R2 million over 3 years.</li> </ul>	Civil Engineering	Streets	Local	😊	Upgrading of roads takes place in consultation with the approved IDP, roads master plan, roads hierarchy (road classification), pavement management system, how many vehicles using the road, available budget, etc. The list of prioritized roads for the 2022/23 financial year are already finalized and implemented. Consideration for the request for resealing and paving of roads will be done during the prioritization of roads for the 2023/2024 financial year.					Roads that were upgraded carry more traffic, have a higher order in the hierarchy and also link with roads which were previously constructed. We're aware of the IDP requests and will consider it moving forward
3	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	<p><b>Houses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purchase of lands Dr Smook or Oneining with compensation</li> <li>Plot and Plan, BNG housing, Middle class housing</li> <li>Transfer of municipal property in GRDM to GM</li> <li>Rent to own formula</li> </ul>	Planning and Development	Human Settlements	Provincial	😐	Subject to approval of Human Settlements Plan and pipeline. Most of the land that is suitable for affordable housing development was retained by GRDM. Further discussions to be held with Ward Councillor about establishing a TRA/BNG project on vacant land in Lyonville area which is in process of transfer to GM.  The progress of transfer is slow. Attorneys are waiting for GRDM to sign transfer documents. Title Deeds of other					Update from provincial department required  Various transfers from GRDM to GM finalised. The transfer of the remaining properties in process

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WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 25												
Uniondale(and surrounding areas)							CLLR JARQUES ESAU					
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
									properties are missing. Attorneys in process of applying for replacement deeds. Rent to own cannot be considered as the Municipality cannot sell land on credit - it is not a finance service provider.			Suggest matters are separated. (CP)
4	SMME	SO1	<b>SMME's opportunities</b> Space and Containers that SMME can rent for business - R300 000 over 2 years	Planning and Development	LED	Local	😊		R150 000	R1000 000		In Progress
5	Basic infrastructure services		<b>Sewer Connection</b> Phase out all suction tank holes. Connecting Albert Street, Berkley Street, Parliament Street, Le Roux Street and Buitekant Street – R 6 Million over 4 years	Civil Engineering	Sewer	Local	😊	We are in the process of installing sewer networks in Uniondale to eliminate septic tanks. The CES Directorates Planning section are planning future installations and upgrades to the sewer networks. Capital funding was allowed for the new 2023/2024 financial year to proceed with the sewer network upgrades in Uniondale. This will also reduced the operational costs in emptying the tanks on a regular basis.			In Progress	
6	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	<b>Multipurpose centre</b> • Office space for Sassa, Home Affairs, Dept. Labour, DSD (3 days per week). Space for training center – Purchase of Old FNB Building,. • R5 MILLION over 3 years	Corporate Services	Libraries	Provincial	😞	Due to national fiscal situation no capital funding is available for new projects.			The building of a multipurpose centre is a Provincial mandate, and funds are set aside to address the needs as funds become available	

CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 25													
Uniondale(and surrounding areas)							CLLR JARQUES ESAU						
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
7	Tourism		<b>Tourism</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need Tourism person/Office.</li> <li>• Billboards 2 entrances – R 60 000</li> <li>• Marketing of Lyonville tourism – R150 000</li> <li>• Upgrading of Old Power Station (museum), Boere Ford and Watermill - R3 Million</li> <li>• <b>Upgrade of caravan park –R 80 000</b></li> </ul>	Strategic Growth and Development	Tourism	Local	😊	<p>The number of walk-ins and enquiries in the Uniondale office does not justify a full-time employee/office set up. The George Office provides a virtual service on a Uniondale telephone number.</p> <p>Although there was R200,000.00 on the Capital Budget for ONE billboard in the last financial year, the quotations received came in at over R1million. This cannot be justified from a return on investment projection.</p> <p>Lyonville cannot be marketed in isolation and must be part of an integrated marketing plan. Uniondale is marketed on all George, Wilderness and Uniondale collateral, to the value of over R1million per annum. If there is anything specific that Lyonville wants to highlight, please notify the Tourism office in George accordingly. The English Fort cannot be upgraded as it is a relic, and the Watermill is private property.</p> <p>The Caravan Park resorts under Parks and Gardens, not Tourism.</p>					Refer to comment on the left
8	Basic infrastructure services	SO5	<b>Solar plant project</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigate suitable land for plant establishment. Uniondale gets 80% sun per year - R20 Million over 3 years</li> </ul>	Electro-Technical Services	Electro-Technical Services	Local	😐	<p>Further PV plants may be considered for future installations.</p>					The Municipality made a strategic decision due to feasibility that no further capital will be spent on Own generation. IPP (independent Power Producers) are the new

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Uniondale(and surrounding areas)							CLLR JARQUES ESAU						
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							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
												direction and a Transactional Advisor was appointed by Western Cape Gov to assist	
9	Basic infrastructure services	SO5	<b>New cemetery and wall of remembrance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purchase of new cemetery. Ground. Development of a crematorium and Hall of remembrance - R5 million</li> </ul>	Community Services	Parks and Gardens	Provincial	☹️	Viable land still being investigated, the existing Cemetery has space occupied by pig farmers, the space can be used for burials and the farmers can move to the commons.					In Progress
10	Basic infrastructure services	SO4	<b>Expansion of Test station and writing of learner's license</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Writing and issuing of license - R2 million</li> </ul>	Community Services	Traffic Services	Local	☹️	Property not yet transferred. Costing cannot be done yet					In Progress

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Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
1	CCTV Camera	Community Services	Law Enforcement	☹️	Focus points are on the Transport routes. Other cameras are subject to availability of funding inclusive of logistic requirements i.e Optic fibre, SAPS identified crime spots etc.					Funding to be specified for this project on new budget
2	Uncapped Wi-Fi (For the Uniondale Youth Advisory Office and the Main Building in Town)	Finance		☹️	This is George municipality buildings and require urgent attention					Problems with the WiFi, OT tp give urgent attention
3	Backup Generator	Corporate Services	Corporate Services	☹️	This will be investigated and budgeted for incoming financial years					Nothing yet
4	Law enforcement	Community Services	Law Enforcement	😊	Patrols are done in all areas. Complaints and identified hotspots get priority. We concentrate on By law enforcement, but if criminal activities takes place they will assist SAPS.					Ongoing
5	EMS bus	Community Services	Provincial	☹️	Will be directed to the relevant Provincial Department					Provincial department feedback required
6	Lights in dark areas	Electro-Technical Services	Electro-Technical Services	😊	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Done
7	Municipal pre-school maintenance	Community Services	Social Development	😊	R250 000					In Progress
8	Safety and security	Community Services	Law Enforcement	😊	The Municipality are in the process with the establishment of a Community Safety Forum, where all major role players will take part. This will be a combined effort to deal with crime involving all role players.					In Progress Sport field/swimming pool has security
9	Building inspector or clerk of work	Planning and Development	Planning and Development	😊	Investigate possibility of conducting monthly service delivery blitz		New post to be budgeted for			Done
										R450 000

Ward Priorities: Ward 26

Table 27: Ward Priorities: Ward 26

Project Rating							
	Project completed.		Project in progress.		Not completed / No budget available		District Function / Provincial Function



**CAPITAL PROJECTS**

**WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 26**



Blanco (Portion), Cherry Creek, Fancourt Gardens, Fancourt South, Fancourt Proper (Portion), Heather Park (Portion), Kerriwood Hill, Kingswood Golf Estate, Mount Fleur Mountain Estate, Oaklands, Soeteweide, Fancourt Protea Estate Earls Court Lifestyle Estate	CLLR JACQUILQUE VON BRANDIS		
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No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
1	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Upgrading of streets in Blanco: DF Malan, Kinkel close, Uitspan streets	Civil Engineering	Streets	Local		Upgrading of roads takes place in consultation with the approved IDP, roads master plan, roads hierarchy (road classification), pavement management system, how many vehicles using the road, available budget, etc. The list of prioritized roads for the 2022/23 financial year are already finalized and implemented. Consideration for the request for resealing and paving of roads will be done during the prioritization of roads for the 2023/2024 financial year.					Not done
2	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Upgrading of streets Heather Park: Protea Rd, Cypress Rd & David Murray close	Civil Engineering	Streets	Local							Upgrading of roads takes place in consultation with the approved IDP, roads master plan, roads hierarchy (road classification), pavement management system, how many vehicles using the road, available budget, etc. The list of prioritized roads for the 2022/23 financial year are already finalized and implemented. Consideration for the request for resealing and paving of roads will be done during the prioritization of roads for the 2023/2024 financial year.
3	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Establishment of garden at the entrance of Blanco (next to pumpstation open space)	Community Services	Parks and Gardens	Local			R50 000				
4	EPWP	SO3	Upgrading of stormwater drainage on the Blanco	Civil Engineering	PMU	Local			R500 000	R500 000			Awaiting Environmental



CAPITAL PROJECTS													
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No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)		Progress Rating					Update
								2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
			Road bridge, floods on a regular basis										Authorisation for flood remedial works
5	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Streetlights upgrade in Blanco, Maitland Street, Peter Theron & Napier (very dark)	Electro-technical services	Electricity	Local	☹️			R400 000	R400 000		Not done
6	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Sport and Recreation - establishment of skate park at Sonsig avenue park	Community Services	Sport	Local	☹️	All upgrading needs to be included in a masterplan for prioritisation and implementation. This should form part of the Spatial Planning of the Municipality  The Department is in the process to draw up a Sports Development Masterplan which will incorporate all these sport development needs.					Priority must be reviewed
7	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Upgrade of garden of Go George hub in Blanco, some plants impractical - rock garden option	Civil Engineering	Go GEORGE	Local	😊		R30 000	R20 000	R20 000		Done
8	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Road markings in Blanco and Heather Park (All markings)	Civil Engineering	Streets	Local	😊	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Done

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WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 26													
Blanco (Portion), Cherry Creek, Fancourt Gardens, Fancourt South, Fancourt Proper (Portion Heather Park (Portion), Kerriwood Hill, Kingswood Golf Estate, Mount Fleur Mountain Estate, Oaklands, Soeteweide, Fancourt Protea Estate Earls Court Lifestyle Estate						CLLR JACQUILQUE VON BRANDIS							
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)		Progress Rating					Update
								2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
9	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Street signage need upgrade. Heather Park still have old concrete ones and Blanco a lot missing	Civil Engineering	Streets	Local	☹️	Although we're in the process of standardizing street names, where old concrete ones still perform its functional duty, it won't be replaced	R50 000				Not Done
10	Basic infrastructure services	SO2	Dedicate EPWP and or cleaners once a week in Ward 26	Community Services	EPWP	Local	☹️	Workers already dedicated for this area	R3 826 990,80 is used for the entire George Municipality as received from the BTO	R3 826 990,80 is used for the entire George Municipality as received from the BTO			Not Done

OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 26												
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update		
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024		
1	Upgrade of water drainage at Blanco Bridge	Civil Engineering	Civil Engineering	☹️	Department will investigate and discuss with ward councillor					Not done, update required		

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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 26										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024
2	"Higher and brighter street lights (Meent, Airway, Protea,Pine,Sidwell,Cypress,Fabri ek, Napier,Sean and Peter Theron streets)"	Electro-technical services	Electricity	☹️	Will be investigated					Not done, update required
3	Signage of all streets	Civil Engineering	Streets	☹️	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	In Progress
4	Speed cameras	Community Services	Traffic Services	☹️	No budget required. Cameras provided by service provider. Assessment to be done in terms of NPA requirements before submitting application for fixed site installation (Clr to provide area of concern)					Not done, update required Councillor will discuss with department
5	Make circle smaller at Protea and Pine Street	Civil Engineering	PMU/ Streets	😊	The circle is according to specification; thus no upgrading or amendments are envisaged					Analysis done by the relevant department- it is according to the criteria
6	Rehabilitation of garden at Blanco Bridge	Community Services	Parks and Gardens	☹️		R30 000	R20 000	R20 000		The existing flowerbeds are regularly maintained.
7	Nursery School Signage indicating children	Civil Engineering/Community Services	Community Services	☹️	Will be investigated					Not done, update required
8	Youth Centre	Corporate Services	Youth development	☹️	Blanco Library will be utilized to render such services					Not done, update required
9	Old Age Home	Planning and Development	Provincial	☹️	Provincial mandate and will be escalated to the relevant provincial department				There is no funding program for the building of old age homes. Consideration must be given to the inclusion of retired people in social housing projects.	

Ward Priorities: Ward 27

Table 28: Ward Priorities: Ward 27

Project Rating							
😊	Project completed.	😐	Project in progress.	😞	Not completed / No budget available	😞	District Function / Provincial Function

OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 27										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
1	Upgrading of the recreational parks within our ward	Community Services	Parks	😊			R50 000			Complete (more needed in the ward)
2	Cleaning of streets and stormwater channels in Plantation, Norfolk, Akasie and all streets in Harmony Park and Europe	Civil Engineering Services	Streets and stormwater	😊						Will be attended to by the Operational Staff
3	More staff at area office	Corporate service	Human resources	😐	This must be attended to via the current Organisational Structure review process. Correct staffing needs need to be given to the Service Provider to ensure that adequate staffing at Area Offices are prioritised.					Need update from department
4	Title deeds for old council houses	Planning and Development	Housing	😊	Busy with transfer of old scheme houses.					Ongoing
5	No dumping in the ward	Community Services	Cleansing	😐	Illegal dumping sites are cleaned regularly in all wards					No illegal Dumping signs must be put up in the area





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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 27										
Priority Ranking (1-10)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025
6	Use of “Klipgebou” in Mission street for elders club	Corporate service	Properties	😊	Building in process of being restored where after report will be submitted to council to be decided in the future output					Contract finalised and building handed over. Official opening ceremony scheduled to take place on 14 February 2025
7	Electrifying of Moeggeploeg informal settlement of 72 families	Electro-technical services	Electricity	😬	According to Council decision we start working on oldest settlements first subjected to available funding					Electrification Funding is allocated annually, and the implementation follow the council decision

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Ward Priorities: Ward 28

Table 29: Ward Priorities: Ward 28

Project Rating							
	Project completed.		Project in progress.		Not completed / No budget available		District Function / Provincial Function



**CAPITAL PROJECTS**



**WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 28**



Central Business District, George South

**CLLR SEAN SNYMAN**




No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update 2024/2025	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
1	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Stormwater: Merriman, Hope, Market, Newton, Pelgrave streets	Civil Engineering	Streets	Local		Disaster Flood Funding was applied for to address stormwater in George South. The Municipality is awaiting the final outcome of this application. In the interim various upgrades are in the planning process					Phase 1 completed, funded by the Municipal Disaster Recovery Grant. Additional phases are planning and will be subject to Municipal funding
2	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Sewerage: Joint between Merriman and Fichat Streets, Cnr of Hope and	Civil Engineering	Streets	Local			R 1000 000	R150 000 000			

CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 28													
Central Business District, George South						CLLR SEAN SNYMAN		 					
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update 2024/2025	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
			Union str, Market, Meade & Pelgrave streets										
3	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Lighting system upgrade: Chantilly close Trees must be pruned as it blocks the lights	Electro-technical services	Electricity	Local	☹️	Further investigation needs to take place to check for service cables as there are currently no streetlights in Chantilly close					
4	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Electrical Kiosk - George South	Electro-technical services	Electricity	Local	☹️	Electricity kiosks referred to must be specified and location to be provided for investigation purposes					
5	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Investigate School Parking – George South, Outeniqua Primary, York High, Holy Cross Primary school	Civil Engineering Services/ Planning and Development	Streets / Planning in conjunction with Province	Local	☹️	Schools are required to make their own provision for parking. In house investigation into compliance will be undertaken					
6	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Reseal pigmy street and station road	Civil Engineering	Streets	Local	☹️	Upgrading of roads takes place in consultation with the approved IDP, roads master plan, roads hierarchy (road classification), pavement management system, how many vehicles using the road, available budget, etc. The list of prioritized roads for the 2022/23					

CAPITAL PROJECTS													
WARD PRIORITIES: WARD 28													
Central Business District, George South						CLLR SEAN SNYMAN		 					
No	Ward Priority	Strategic Objective linkage (SO1-5)	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Government Competency (National / Provincial / District / Local/ JDMA)	Progress Rating					Update 2024/2025	
							2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2024/2025	
							financial year are already finalized and implemented. Consideration for the request for resealing and paving of roads will be done during the prioritization of roads for the 2023/2024 financial year.						
7	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Newton street Park: Adopt a spot - need controlled water for plants	Community Services	Parks and Gardens	Local	☹️	Ward Councillor must please discuss with the department					
8	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Re-establish open park in Union Street	Community Services	Parks and Gardens	Local	😊			R50 000			Project completed as per the budget allocation
9	Basic infrastructure services	SO3	Universal and accessible sidewalks Accessibility for people with disabilities	Civil Engineering	Civil Engineering	Local	☹️				R50 000		
10	Basic infrastructure services	SO2	Cameras in George South: York, Meade & Union streets	Community Services	Law Enforcement	Local	☹️	There are CCTV in the vicinity already. Focus points are on the Transport routes. Other cameras are subject to availability of funding inclusive of logistic requirements i.e Optic fibre, SAPS identified crime spots etc.					



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OPERATIONAL PROJECTS FOR WARD 28										
Priority Ranking	Description of Ward Priority	Linkage to Directorate	Linkage to Department	Project Rating	Departmental Response					Update
					2022/23	2023/24	2024/2	2025/2	2026/27	2024/2025
1	Newton street Park: Jungle gym and benches	Community Services	Parks and Gardens	☹️		R50 000				
2	Newton street Park: Operational signage	Civil Engineering	Civil Engineering	😊	In Progress					
3	George South - Maintenance of open spaces	Community Services	Parks and Gardens	😊	Ongoing process					
4	Litter bins in CBD and George South	Community Services	Cleansing	😊	Busy with tender COM59/2022					CIDB contractor will be appointed to place additional bins where needed.

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## 6.12 Provincially linked priorities

Provincial and local governments play critical and complementary roles in eliminating poverty and reducing inequality. Provincial health, education and housing functions support the development of healthy communities and lay the foundations for faster economic growth. Municipalities deliver basic services such as water, electricity, sanitation and solid waste removal. Both provinces and municipalities manage extensive public road networks, and support or provide public transport services. They also directly manage aspects of planning and regulatory systems that control land use, influence infrastructure rollout and facilitate economic activity.

**Table 58: Provincially linked priorities**

Sector	Priority/Issue	Description	Ward/Area
Education	More Schools	Schools in these areas are overcrowded	<b>Ward 6:</b> Rosemoor <b>Ward 19:</b> George
	School Bus	Provision of a school bus service for Kleinkrantz	<b>Ward 4:</b> Kleinkrantz
	Primary School	Building of Primary School	<b>Ward 12:</b> Thembalethu <b>Ward 14:</b> Rosedale <b>Ward 15:</b> Thembalethu
	High School	Building of High School	<b>Ward 21:</b> Thembalethu
Social Development	Old Age Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support for the aged and possible building of old age homes in these areas</li> <li>▪ Facilities for the Old Age</li> </ul>	<b>Ward 8:</b> Parkdene <b>Ward 21:</b> Silvertown <b>Ward 24:</b> Haarlem <b>Ward 27:</b> Pacaltsdorp <b>Ward 17:</b> Conville
	Bush Sleepers	Municipalities require funding assistance to monitor areas after hours.	<b>Ward 19:</b> Fichat Street
Community Safety	Neighborhood Watch/Security	Empowerment and regular support to ensure the effectiveness of established neighborhood watches	<b>Ward 2:</b> Denneoord& Fernridge <b>Ward 3:</b> Heather Park <b>Ward 5:</b> Protea Park <b>Ward 8:</b> Parkdene <b>Ward 19:</b> Heather Park <b>Ward 24:</b> Haarlem
	Satellite Police Station/Police Station	Introduction of satellite offices in respective areas to increase police visibility and improve services	<b>Ward 5:</b> Levallia <b>Ward 6:</b> Rosemoor <b>Ward 16:</b> New Dawn Park <b>Ward 20:</b> Borchards
	Police Services	Poor standard of services provided to the community	<b>Ward 24:</b> Haarlem
	Crime	High rate of crime	<b>Ward 17:</b> Conville
Agriculture	Agricultural land	Acquisition of land for agricultural purposes specifically for emerging farmers	<b>Ward 24:</b> Haarlem
	Vegetable Gardens		<b>Ward 24:</b> Ganzekraal, Avontuur & Noll
	Assistance for small farmers	Equipment and materials for small farmers	<b>Ward 15:</b> Thembalethu
		Fencing of land for livestock	<b>Ward 15:</b> Thembalethu
	Farm for Cattle	<b>Ward 21:</b> Thembalethu	

Sector	Priority/Issue	Description	Ward/Area
Human Settlements	Affordable retirement homes	Housing opportunities for retired citizens	<b>Ward 26:</b> Blanco
Health	Clinic	Building of new clinics within proximity	<b>Ward 4:</b> Kleinkrantz/Touwsrante/Wilderness Heights <b>Ward 6:</b> Rosemoor <b>Ward 11:</b> Thembalethu (Mdongwe) <b>Ward 14:</b> Rosedale <b>Ward 12:</b> Thembalethu (Mdongwe) <b>Ward 16:</b> New Dawn Park <b>Ward 21:</b> Thembalethu (Asazani)
	Upgrading of Clinic	Clinic too small	<b>Ward 20:</b> Behind Crèche
	Home-based care	Home-based care services to be extended to Wilderness Heights	<b>Ward 4:</b> Wilderness Heights
	Hospital	Building of hospital	<b>Ward 21:</b> Thembalethu (Asazani)
Economic Development	Assistance to Small Businesses	Training and financial support	<b>Ward 4:</b> Wilderness Heights <b>Ward 12:</b> Thembalethu
	Proper business accommodation	Provision of formalised business accommodation	<b>Ward 7:</b> Lawaai kamp

### 6.13 Sector Investment

Over the past few years, the Western Cape Province has explored ways of fostering intergovernmental planning and implementation. This process has evolved and is now set to enable the implementation of the NDP, on the one hand, and to enhance the development and implementation of the Provincial Strategic Plan, on the other. Planning in the Western Cape Province has matured to a phase where joint planning and implementation is a fundamental element in ensuring sustainable and integrated service delivery.

**Table 59: MTREF allocation and Number of grants (Provincial)**

Acronym	Department	Transfer Description	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	MTREF Total
DCAS	Cultural Affairs and Sport	Community library services grant	11570	11596	12116	35282
DCAS	Cultural Affairs and Sport	Development of Sport and Recreation Facilities	460	0	0	460
DCAS	Cultural Affairs and Sport	Library service: Metro Library Grant	0	0	0	0
DCAS	Cultural Affairs and Sport	Library service: Replacement funding for most vulnerable B3 Municipalities	0	0	0	0
DCAS	Cultural Affairs and Sport	To enable City of Cape Town to procure periodicals and newspapers for Public Libraries	0	0	0	0

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Acronym	Department	Transfer Description	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	MTREF Total
DEDAT	Department of Economic Development and Tourism	Provide resources for the tourism safety law enforcement unit	0	0	0	0
DoE	Department of Education	Safe Schools: School Resource Officer Project	0	0	0	0
DEA&DP	Department of Environmental Affairs & Development Planning	Regional Socio-Economic Projects (RSEP) Programme - Municipal Projects	0	0	0	0
DoH&W	Department of Health and Wellness	HIV/AIDS	0	0	0	0
DoH&W	Department of Health and Wellness	Integrated Nutrition	0	0	0	0
DoH&W	Department of Health and Wellness	Personal primary health care services	0	0	0	0
Dol	Department of Infrastructure	Financial assistance to Municipalities for maintenance and construction of transport infrastructure	450	500	523	1473
Dol	Department of Infrastructure	Informal Settlements Upgrading Partnership Grant	10000	10000	0	20000
Dol	Department of Infrastructure	Municipal accreditation and capacity building grant	0	0	0	0
Dol	Department of Infrastructure	Provincial Contributions towards to Acceleration of Housing Delivery	0	0	0	0
Dol	Department of Infrastructure	Title-Deeds Restoration	91	38	0	129
Dol	Department of Infrastructure	Human Settlements Development Grant (Beneficiaries)	10098	9750	33500	53348
DoM	Department of Mobility	George Integrated Public Transport Network - Operations	257994	263075	269898	790967
DoM	Department of Mobility	Integrated Transport Planning	628	656	656	1940
DoM	Department of Mobility	Provision for persons with special needs	0	0	0	0
DoPO&CS	Department of Police Oversight and Community Safety	Provide support for the increase of the law enforcement capacity to serve in the municipalities within the Western Cape	0	0	0	0
DoPO&CS	Department of Police Oversight	Recruitment, Training and Development of Law Enforcement officers to	0	0	0	0

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Acronym	Department	Transfer Description	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	MTREF Total
	and Community Safety	serve in the Law Enforcement Advancement Plan (LEAP)				
DoPO&CS	Department of Police Oversight and Community Safety	Resourcing funding for establishment and support of a K9 unit	0	0	0	0
DoPO&CS	Department of Police Oversight and Community Safety	Resourcing funding for establishment of Law Enforcement Rural Safety Unit	0	0	0	0
DoPO&CS	Department of Police Oversight and Community Safety	Safety initiative implementation - whole of society approach (WOSA)	0	0	0	0
DSD	Department of Social Development	Expansion of the Haven District Six Shelter	0	0	0	0
DLG	Local Government	Community Development Worker Operational Support Grant	94	94	94	282
DLG	Local Government	Fire Service Capacity Building Grant	0	0	0	0
DLG	Local Government	Municipal Energy Resilience Grant	0	0	0	0
DLG	Local Government	Municipal Service Delivery and Capacity Building Grant	0	0	0	0
DLG	Local Government	Municipal Water Resilience Grant	0	0	0	0
DLG	Local Government	Thusong Service Centres Grant (Sustainability: Operational Support Grant)	150	150	0	300
DLG	Local Government	Western Cape Municipal Interventions Grant	0	0	0	0
PT	Provincial Treasury	Western Cape Financial Management Capability Grant	2000	0	0	2000
PT	Provincial Treasury	Western Cape Municipal Financial Recovery Services Grant	0	0	0	0

**Table 60: MTREF allocation and Grants (National)**

Acronym	Department	Transfer Description	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	MTREF Total
DCoG	Cooperative Governance	Municipal Infrastructure Grant	0	0	0	0
DCoG	Cooperative Governance	Municipal Disaster Recovery Grant	0	0	0	0
DCoG	Cooperative Governance	Integrated Urban Development Grant	60837	48350	52439	161626

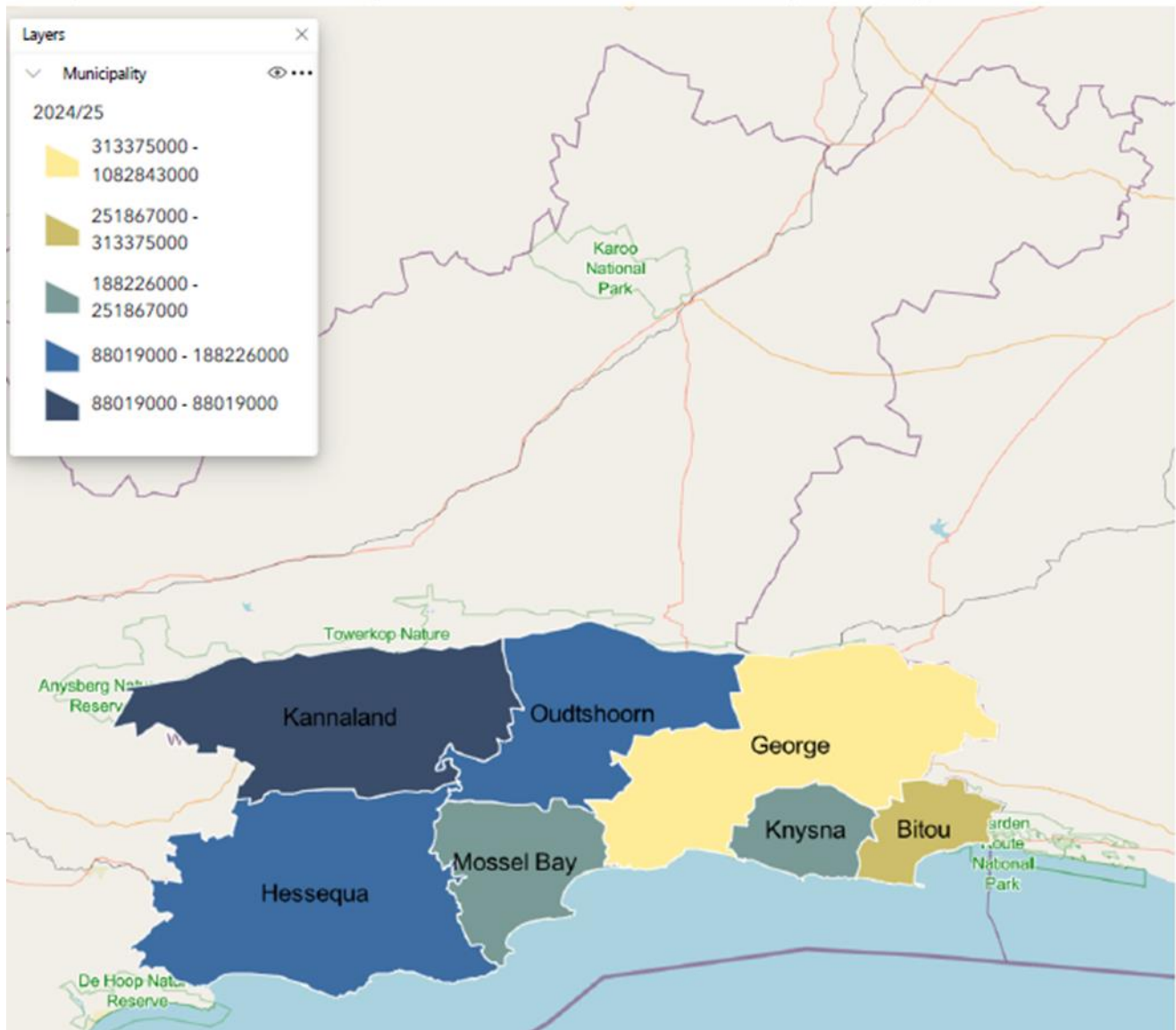
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Acronym	Department	Transfer Description	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	MTREF Total
DCoG	Cooperative Governance	Municipal Systems Improvement Grant	0	0	0	0
DCoG	Cooperative Governance	Municipal Infrastructure Grant	0	0	0	0
DHS	Human Settlements	Informal Settlements Upgrading Partnership Grant: Municipalities	0	0	0	0
DHS	Human Settlements	Urban Settlements Development Grant	0	0	0	0
DMRE	Mineral Resources and Energy	Energy Efficiency and Demand Side Management Grant	0	0	0	0
DMRE	Mineral Resources and Energy	Integrated National Electrification Programme (Municipal) Grant	0	5000	4000	9000
DMRE	Mineral Resources and Energy	Integrated National Electrification Programme (Eskom) Grant	0	0	0	0
NT	National Treasury	Infrastructure Skills Development Grant	6000	6200	6500	18700
NT	National Treasury	Local Government Financial Management Grant	1800	1900	2000	5700
NT	National Treasury	Programme and Project Preparation Support Grant	0	0	0	0
NT	National Treasury	Neighbourhood Development Partnership Grant (Capital)	5000	1000	1000	7000
NT	National Treasury	Neighbourhood Development Partnership Grant (Technical Assistance)	500	500	500	1500
NT	National Treasury	Equitable Share	230472	248659	268556	747687
DPWI	Public works and Infrastructure	Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant for Municipalities	1966	0	0	1966
DOT	Transport	Rural Roads Asset Management Systems Grant	0	0	0	0
DOT	Transport	Public Transport Network Grant	184733	143751	139309	467793
DWS	Water and Sanitation	Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant	294000	0	0	294000
DWS	Water and Sanitation	Water Services Infrastructure Grant	4000	0	0	4000
DWS	Water and Sanitation	Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant	0	0	0	0

Acronym	Department	Transfer Description	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	MTREF Total
DWS	Water and Sanitation	Water Services Infrastructure Grant	0	0	0	0

**6.13.1 Spatial distribution of allocations to municipalities over MTEF period 2024/25-2026/27**

*Figure 53: Spatial distribution of allocations 2024/25-2026/27*



## 6.13.2 Provincial Infrastructure investment projects (Medium Term Expenditure Framework (METF) (2024/25- 2026/27)

Table 61: Provincial Investment Projects

Sector	Nature of Investment	Funding Source	Project Name	Project ID	IDMS Gate	Delivery mechanism	MTEF 2023/24 (Rand)	MTEF 2024/25 (Rand)	MTEF 2025/26 (Rand)	MTEF Total (Rand)
Health	New or Replaced Infrastructure	Health Facility Revitalisation Grant	George - WCCN Southern Cape Karoo - Residential accommodation - New	196105	Not Applicable	Individual Project	0	0	270 000	<b>270 000</b>
Health	Rehabilitation, Renovations & Refurbishment	Health Facility Revitalisation Grant	George - George Hospital - Wards R, R and R (Alpha)	184454	Stage 2: Concept/ Feasibility	Individual Project	218 000	1 000	0	<b>219 000</b>
Health	Upgrading and Additions	Health Facility Revitalisation Grant	George - Harry Comay Hospital – Kitchen upgrade and additions	196044	Not Applicable	Individual Project	0	0	49 000	<b>49 000</b>
Health	Non-Infrastructure	Equitable Share	George - George HT Maintenance Hub - Infrastructure Support	192040	Not Applicable	Individual Project	415 000	415 000	415 000	<b>1 245 000</b>
Health	Non-Infrastructure	Equitable Share	George - Garden Route & Central Karoo Maintenance Hub - Infrastructure Support	192041	Not Applicable	Individual Project	1 421 000	1 421 000	1 421 000	<b>4 263 000</b>
Health	Non-Infrastructure	Equitable Share	George - Rural DHS Head Office HT Hub - Infrastructure Support	192042	Not Applicable	Individual Project	389 000	389 000	389 000	<b>1 167 000</b>
Health	Non-Infrastructure	Health Facility Revitalisation Grant	George - Parkdene Clinic - HT - Upgrade and Additions (Alpha)	206044	Not Applicable	Individual Project	0	568 000	0	<b>568 000</b>
Health	Non-Infrastructure	Health Facility Revitalisation Grant	George - Rosemoor Clinic - HT - Upgrade and Additions (Alpha)	206045	Not Applicable	Individual Project	0	500 000	0	<b>500 000</b>



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Sector	Nature of Investment	Funding Source	Project Name	Project ID	IDMS Gate	Delivery mechanism	MTEF 2023/24 (Rand)	MTEF 2024/25 (Rand)	MTEF 2025/26 (Rand)	MTEF Total (Rand)
Health	Non-Infrastructure	Health Facility Revitalisation Grant	George - Blanco Clinic -HT - Upgrade and Additions (Alpha)	206503	Not Applicable	Individual Project	475 000	316 000	0	<b>791 000</b>
Health	Non-Infrastructure	Health Facility Revitalisation Grant	George - Pacaltsdorp Clinic - HT - Upgrade and Additions (Alpha)	215161	Not Applicable	Individual Project	475 000	677 000	0	<b>1 152 000</b>
Transport & Public Works	New or Replaced Infrastructure	Equitable Share	C377.1 George West bypass	194664	Stage 3: Design Development	Individual Project	0	47 000 000	160 000 000	<b>207 000 000</b>
Transport & Public Works	Rehabilitation, Renovations & Refurbishment	Provincial Roads Maintenance Grant	C1101 Reconstruct Walboomskraai	194695	Stage 3: Design Development	Individual Project	35 000 000	75 000 000	5 000 000	<b>115 000 000</b>
Transport & Public Works	Upgrading and Additions	Equitable Share	C1047.01 Fancourt DM	187348	Stage 3: Design Development	Individual Project	39 000 000	10 000 000	0	<b>49 000 000</b>
Transport & Public Works	Upgrading and Additions	Equitable Share	C851 Rondevlei	3862	Stage 5: Works	Individual Project	47 000 000	1 000 000	0	<b>48 000 000</b>
Transport & Public Works	Upgrading and Additions	Provincial Roads Maintenance Grant	C1047.4 Completion contract Maalgaten Bridge	215118	Stage 5: Works	Individual Project	25 100 000	0	0	<b>25 100 000</b>
Human Settlements	Infrastructure Transfers - Capital	Other	George: Metro Grounds: Erf 464 - 1200 Services IRDP (Ph 1: 1200 Sites)	55908	Packaged Programme	Packaged with Sub-contracts	40 000 000	0	0	40 000 000

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Sector	Nature of Investment	Funding Source	Project Name	Project ID	IDMS Gate	Delivery mechanism	MTEF 2023/24 (Rand)	MTEF 2024/25 (Rand)	MTEF 2025/26 (Rand)	MTEF Total (Rand)
Human Settlements	Infrastructure Transfers - Capital	Human Settlements Development Grant	Garden Route: George: Metro Grounds 436 Mix Housing units out of 631 - IRDP - ph 1: 236 BGN	200400	Stage 5: Works	Individual Project	50 000 000	5 000 000	0	55 000 000
Human Settlements	Infrastructure Transfers - Capital	Human Settlements Development Grant	DHS: George: Europe Erf 3121: 507 Services - Irdp - Phase 1	200402	Stage 3: Design Development	Individual Project	0	30 300 000	0	30 300 000
Human Settlements	Infrastructure Transfers - Capital	Human Settlements Development Grant	George Syferfontein East Erf 325 (1684 red 1678 units) IRDP	200403	Stage 5: Works	Individual Project	50 230 000	12 500 000	12 500 000	75 230 000
Human Settlements	Infrastructure Transfers - Capital	Human Settlements Development Grant	Garden Route: George: Thembalethu: Tyolora Bungalow Houses: Planning 200 Sites & T/S - DDISP - Ph 2: 200	200408	Stage 5: Works	Individual Project	0	15 800 000	15 800 000	31 600 000
Human Settlements	Infrastructure Transfers - Capital	Informal Settlements Upgrading Partnership Grant	3420 Wilderness Heights Erf 329 (120 sites) UISP	200534	Stage 3: Design Development	Individual Project	1 000 000	1 000 000	0	2 000 000
Human Settlements	Infrastructure Transfers - Capital	Informal Settlements Upgrading Partnership Grant	Garden Route: George: Thembalethu Basic Services	200537	Stage 3: Design Development	Individual Project	12 000 000	39 000 000	10 000 000	61 000 000
Transport & Public Works	Rehabilitation, Renovations & Refurbishment	Equitable Share	CYCC-George Outeniqua	180625	Stage 5: Works	Individual Project	1 095 000	0	0	1 095 000

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Sector	Nature of Investment	Funding Source	Project Name	Project ID	IDMS Gate	Delivery mechanism	MTEF 2023/24 (Rand)	MTEF 2024/25 (Rand)	MTEF 2025/26 (Rand)	MTEF Total (Rand)
Transport & Public Works	Rehabilitation, Renovations & Refurbishment	Equitable Share	York Park 1st Floor (DHS) & 2nd Floor (DSD)	217951	Stage 1: Initiation/ Pre-feasibility	Individual Project	0	3 500 000	21 380 000	24 880 000
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>							<b>303 818 000</b>	<b>244 387 000</b>	<b>227 224 000</b>	<b>775 429 000</b>

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## 6.14 Department of Health

The Department of Health has prioritised the following Four(4) Areas:

- Expand the principle of 'Community Orientated Primary Care' (COPC) throughout the district;
- Strengthening of multi-sectoral partnerships: WOSA (Planet Youth);
- Focus on improving the patient experience of care; and
- (Implementation of Compliments and Complaints pp)

The following are also priorities for hospitals:

- Improvement in 'Ideal Hospital' outcomes (Office of Health Standards Compliance);
- Consolidation of outreach support of specialists from George Hospital to sub-districts;
- Ensure Emergency Centres are fully capacitated and functional;
- Support EMS and HealthNet transport initiatives; and
- Implementation of 'Principles for Safe Obstetric Services' to reduce maternal mortality.

The health Programmes interventions for the 2023/24 include:

### 1. First 1000 days of life

- (Family Planning, Ante-natal services, Obstetric services, Immunization & Nutrition)
- Comprehensive package of care for Mother, Baby & Family from Conception to 2 years
- Community Health Workers walking the health journey with the family
- Paediatric Surge season surveillance- Whole of Society Approach needed.

### 2. Clinical Governance

- Development of Clinical Governance strengthening framework for the George ecosystem
- Connect Collaborate Co-create

### 3. Chronic Disease Management

- Priority focus on Diabetes
- Clinical governance led by Family Physicians in collaboration with the multi-disciplinary team
- Using data information systems, identify healthcare users with raised HBA1c for targeted intervention
- Screening according to Western Cape Department of Health and Wellness guidelines

### 4. HIV/ TB Program

- Increase access to HIV testing and self-testing
- ART long-term retention of care
- Improving data input to inform quality improvement plan
- Focus on clinical mentorship and governance
- New funding cycle NPO partners. Includes revised training module and service package

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- Improving data input to inform quality improvement plan
- Strengthening of linkage to care to address defaulting of care

### 5. Mental Health Program

- Planet Youth Programme rollout

**Table 62: Infrastructure Projects**

Project Name	IDPM-Current	FIDM-31/03/23	FIDPM 31/03/2024	Practical Completion Date	Total Project Cost
George - Conville CDC (Repl) - Replacement	Still to be initiated	Still to be initiated	Still to be initiated	2031/10/31	125'000
George - George Central Clinic - Upgrade and Additions (Alpha)	Still to be initiated	Still to be initiated	Still to be initiated	2031/10/31	30'000
Uniondale - Uniondale Ambulance Station - New	Still to be initiated	Still to be initiated	Still to be initiated	2028/12/31	8'000
George - George District Hospital - New	Still to be initiated	Still to be initiated	Still to be initiated	2034/08/31	600'000
George - Harry Comay Hospital - Rehabilitation (Alpha)	Still to be initiated	Still to be initiated	Still to be initiated	2031/02/28	30'000
George - Harry Comay Hospital - Kitchen upgrade and additions	Still to be initiated	Still to be initiated	Still to be initiated	2028/08/31	10'000

### NHI Projects

The National Department of Health (NDoH) worked with the Provincial Department (PD) of Health to identify facilities which required refurbishments and upgrades.

**Table 63: NHI Projects**

Project Name	Estimated Budget	Estimated Practical completion date
Blanco Clinic and *Rosemoor Clinic	R11 337 570	January 2025
Parkdene Clinic and Pacaltsdorp Clinic	R20 702 262.58	January 2025

### Capital Projects

George Road Satellite Clinic will be done by the Department of Health in partnership with the Department of Transport and Public Works. Awaiting further communication regarding the budget and scope of work to be done.

Phase 1 of the inverter project saw 12 clinics being assisted and completed. These clinics are Slangrivier Clinic, Eyethu Clinic, George Centrum Clinic, Amalienstein Clinic, Asla Clinic, Bongoletu Clinic, Great Brak River Clinic, Knysna Town Clinic, Kuyasa Clinic, New Horizons Clinic, Zoar Clinic and Oudtshoorn Clinic.

## 6.15 Department of Education (Physical Resource Planning and Property Management)

Emerging issues can be summarised as follows:

- Inadequate preparedness/capacity of school management structures to identify/cater for management of physical resources allocated to schools;
- Inadequacies relating to basic competencies and understanding of concepts which negatively impact on condition of infrastructure;
- Inadequate skills required to observe, report and/or act appropriately and effectively upon maintenance matters;

Ineffective communication between stakeholders. Focus ahead:

- Ensure effective school janitor development and support;
- Protect/preserve learning and teaching spaces;
- Enhance accountability at all levels: principals as managers/custodians of infrastructural assets, etc.
- Ensure that infrastructure receives priority;

Discuss, design and implement a tool to monitor institutional maintenance. Projects:

- Mobile allocation;
- New Schools;
- Replacement Schools;
- Scheduled Maintenance;
- Upgrading/Additions;
- Expansion Classrooms;
- Grade R Classrooms.

**Table 64: DTPW Education Infrastructure**

Department	Project Programme Name	Infrastructure Type	Nature Of Investment	TOTAL COST	Start Date	Completions Date Prediction
Education	George Secondary School	Hostel Upgrade	New 200 bed stand-alone hostel complex is to be constructed on a greenfield portion of the school ground.  Original structure will be demolished and cleared.	R419 071 85	29 April 2019	20 April 2021

## 6.16 General Infrastructure

**Table 65: General Infrastructure**

Department	Project Programme Name	Infrastructure Type	Nature Of Investment	TOTAL COST	Start Date	Completions Date Prediction
Parkdene	Outeniqua House Child and Youth Centre	Upgrades	Refurbishment and upgrade of existing Outeniqua CYCC On erf 11222	R29,180,561.71	14 November	20 September

## 6.17 Department of Education existing/ planned projects within the Municipality (2022/23-2024/25)

Departmental Project/Programme Description (HSDG Budget)	Circuit	Municipal Area / Town / SCHOOL	Timing/ Phasing of project allocation per Blue Book		
			2022/23 (R'000)	2023/24 (R'000)	2024/25 (R'000)
1. New Schools	2	MOSEL BAY: Technical School Mossel Bay PS			Site Handover/Planning (Nov '25) Site Handover (Apr '25)/Planning
	4	KNYSNA: Concordia Primary PLETTENBURG BAY: Kwanokatula Junior HS (Satellite of Murray HS	Site handover.	(Envisage to be delivered 31 Dec 2023)	
	6	OUDTSHOORN: Rose Valley PS (on the radar – due to overflow of Saturnus PS) captured on U-AMP –but continue to lobby for this externality.			
2. Replacement Schools	1	HEIDELBERG: De Waalville Primary		Practical Completion	
	2	GROOTBRAK: Grootbrak PS (possible next) capture in U-AMP			
	3	GEORGE: Conville Primary – intended for refurbishment rather than re-build			Site Handover (Planning Stage)
	5	OUDTSHOORN: Bergsig Primary (possible next) capture in U-AMP			
	8	GEORGE: Pacaltsdorp SS (possible next) capture in U-AMP but execution of MTEF			

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Departmental Project/Programme Description (HSDG Budget)	Circuit	Municipal Area / Town / SCHOOL	Timing/ Phasing of project allocation per Blue Book		
			2022/23 (R'000)	2023/24 (R'000)	2024/25 (R'000)
3. Major Refurbishments –Upgrades and Additions	1	RIVERSDAL: Panorama Primary STILBAAI: Melkhoutfontein PS ALBERTINIA: High School RIVERSDALE: Volschenck LS	Completed	Site Handover (planning stage) Planned	Construction Planned
	2	M/BAY: Saobras Secondary GROOTBRAK: Secondary HARTENBOS: Laerskool	Planned	Planned	
	3	GEORGE: Eden Technical GEORGE: Thembaletu PS GEORGE: Van Kervel Special School GEORGE: Thembaletu SS GOERGE: Conville PS GEORGE: Olympia Special School	To be completed Completed Planned	Planned	Planned
	4	KNYSNA: Percy Mdala PLETT/BAY: Phakamisani PS PLETT/BAY: Wittedrift HS KNYSNA: Primary School		Planned	Planned
	5	CALITZDORP: Gamka-Oos PS OUDTSHOORN: Oudtshoorn School of Skill	Planned		
	6	OUDTSHOORN: Saturnus PS		Planned	
	7	PRINCE ALBERT: Primary	Completed		
	8	GEORGE: Herold Laerskool GEORGE: Heatherlands HS GEORGE: Pacaltsdorp PS	Planned		
4. Mobile Classroom Expansion	2	MOSSEL BAY: Garden Route High	10 Mobile Classrooms – COMPLETED SITE HANDOVER	4 Additional Mobile Classrooms (PLANNING)	
	3	GEORGE(THEMBALETHU): Tabatha Primary GEORGE: Hibernia PS	20 Mobile Classrooms – COMPLETED SITE HANDOVER	2 classrooms to build	
	4	PLETT/BAY: Murray HS PLETT/BAY: Wittedrift HS	5 2		
	8	GEORGE: St Pauls PS GEORGE: Heatherlands HS		2 classrooms to build. 2 classrooms to be repurposed	
5. Archway Halls	3	GEORGE (THEMBALETHU): Tyholora PS	Completed		



Departmental Project/Programme Description (HSDG Budget)	Circuit	Municipal Area / Town / SCHOOL	Timing/ Phasing of project allocation per Blue Book		
			2022/23 (R'000)	2023/24 (R'000)	2024/25 (R'000)
	8	GEORGE: Dellville Park PS GEORGE: Heidedal PS	Awaiting approval		
6. 5-Year Plan: Hostel Maintenance	1	GEORGE: Van Kervel LSEN	Allowance for completion (21/22 Roll-over)	Final Completion	
7. Fencing	3	GEORGE: (THEMB) Tyholora Primary GEORGE: Thembalethu PS	Completed	Planned	
	8	GEORGE: Heidedal Primary GEORGE: Pacaltsdorp HS	Completed	Planned	

### 6.18 Plans of the Departments of Social Development

The core functions of the Department of Social Services are as follows:

- A social welfare service to the poor and vulnerable in partnership with government stakeholders;
- A community development service that provides sustainable development programmes, which facilitate the empowerment of communities, and these are delivered through eight (8) programmes.

**Table 66: Department of Social Services Programme Budget**

Garden Route	Programme Budget R '000	George Municipality Programme Budget R' 000
Child Protection	R 25,322,759.00	R 11,447,992.00
Families	R 15,079,091.00	R 5,039,795.00
Partial Care (After School care)	R 2,867,832.00	R 475,200.00
Substance Abuse	R 4,214,073.00	R 2,514,183.00
Disability	R 18,237,128.00	R 2,906,208.00
Older Person	R 33,738,046.00	R 8,148,682.00
Youth Development	R 3,795,519.00	R 904 834.00
Sustainable Livelihood	R 5,982,396.50	R 1,403,891.14
Social Crime	-	-
Victim Empowerment	R 8,187,695.00	R 2,228,693.00
Facility Management (CYCC)	R 11,372,400.00	R 6,026,400.00

Departmental Projects / Programmes established in the Garden Route District:

- Including 2 Child and Youth Care Centres
- Social Crime Prevention and diversion Programmes for youth and adults in conflict with the law
- Substance abuse prevention, early intervention and aftercare services including:

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- 1 community-based treatment centre.
- Victim Empowerment services including 1 shelter for victims of GBV.
- Youth development programs including 2 Youth café.
- Psycho-social support services to persons with disabilities including 1 residential facility
  - Psycho-social support services to older persons including 3 residential facilities.
  - Psycho-social support; reunification and aftercare services aimed at homeless people including 1 shelter.
  - Humanitarian and food relief services.

Memorandum of Understanding with DSD (Garden Route)	
George	Signed
Mossel Bay	Signed
Oudtshoorn	In process
Knysna	Signed
Hessequa	Signed
Bitou	Signed
Kannaland	In process
DISTRICT	DSD is part of the district safety forum

**6.18.1 Status Of Existing Projects Within (GEORGE) Local Municipality (2022/23-2025/26)**

**Table 67: Status of existing projects (2022/23-2025/26)**

Departmental Project/ Programme Description	Municipal Area/ Town	Timing/Phasing of Project Allocation per Blue Book			
		2022/23 (R'000)	2023/24 (R'000)	2024/25 (R'000)	2025/26 (R'000)
<b>Child Protection and Family Preservation services Including 2 Children and Youth Care Centre's</b>	<b>George, Uniondale &amp; surrounding farming areas</b>	<b>R 18 484 010</b> Plus ongoing operations as part of Departmental Annual Operational Plan	<b>R 18 484 010</b> Plus ongoing operations as part of Departmental Annual Operational Plan	<b>R 18 484 010</b> Plus ongoing operations as part of Departmental Annual Operational Plan	-
<b>Social Crime Prevention and diversion Programmes for youth and adults in conflict with the law</b>		<b>Ongoing operations as part of Departmental Annual Operational Plan</b>	<b>Ongoing operations as part of Departmental Annual Operational Plan</b>	<b>Ongoing operations as part of Departmental Annual Operational Plan</b>	-
<b>Substance abuse prevention, early intervention and aftercare services including 1 community-based treatment centre</b>		<b>R 1 912 278</b> plus ongoing operations as part of Departmental Annual Operational Plan	<b>R 1 912 278</b> plus ongoing operations as part of Departmental Annual Operational Plan	<b>R 1 912 278</b> plus ongoing operations as part of Departmental Annual Operational Plan	-
<b>Victim Empowerment services including 1 shelter for victims of GBV</b>		<b>R 2 228 693</b> plus ongoing operations as part of	<b>R 2 228 693</b> plus ongoing operations as part of	<b>R 2 228 693</b> plus ongoing operations as part of	-

Departmental Project/ Programme Description	Municipal Area/ Town	Timing/Phasing of Project Allocation per Blue Book			
		2022/23 (R'000)	2023/24 (R'000)	2024/25 (R'000)	2025/26 (R'000)
		Departmental Annual Operational Plan	Departmental Annual Operational Plan	Departmental Annual Operational Plan	
<b>Youth development programs including 2 Youth café</b>		<b>R1 192 468</b> plus ongoing operations as part of Departmental APP	<b>R1 192 468</b> plus ongoing operations as part of Departmental APP	<b>R1 192 468</b> plus ongoing operations as part of Departmental APP	-
<b>Psycho-social support services to persons with disabilities including 1 residential facility</b>		<b>R 2 906 208 plus</b> ongoing operations as part of Departmental Annual Operational Plan	<b>R 2 906 208 plus</b> ongoing operations as part of Departmental Annual Operational Plan	<b>R 2 906 208 plus</b> ongoing operations as part of Departmental Annual Operational Plan	-
<b>Psycho-social support services to older persons including 3 residential facilities</b>		<b>R8 181 319</b> plus ongoing operations as part of Departmental Annual Operational Plan	<b>R8 181 319</b> plus ongoing operations as part of Departmental Annual Operational Plan	<b>R8 181 319</b> plus ongoing operations as part of Departmental Annual Operational Plan	-
<b>Psycho-social support services to older persons including 3 residential facilities</b>		<b>R 1 398 220</b> plus ongoing operations as part of Departmental Annual Operational Plan	<b>R 1 398 220</b> plus ongoing operations as part of Departmental Annual Operational Plan	<b>R 1 398 220</b> plus ongoing operations as part of Departmental Annual Operational Plan	-
<b>Psycho-social support; reunification and aftercare services aimed at homeless people including 1 shelter</b>		<b>R 1 398 220</b> plus ongoing operations as part of Departmental Annual Operational Plan	<b>R 1 398 220</b> plus ongoing operations as part of Departmental Annual Operational Plan	<b>R 1 398 220</b> plus ongoing operations as part of Departmental Annual Operational Plan	-
<b>Humanitarian and food relief services</b>		<b>R1 403 891</b> plus ongoing operations as part of Departmental APP	<b>R1 403 891</b> plus ongoing operations as part of Departmental APP	<b>R1 403 891</b> plus ongoing operations as part of Departmental APP	-

### 6.19 Program Funding Details 2023/24 for the Garden Route District

Table 68: Garden Route Programme Funding

PROGRAM					
Child Protection	Families	ECD and Partial Care	Substance Abuse	Disability	Older Persons
R 26,600,019.00	R 7,175,109.00	R 48,088,815.00	R 1,664,608.00	R 20,986,226.00	R 62,292,068.00
Youth Development	S/Livelihoods (Feeding Sites)	Poverty (EPWP)	Social Crime	Victim Empowerment	

R 3,830,368.00	R 1,111,276.00	R 612,456.00	R 300,000.00	R 6,286,514.00	
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## 6.20 Department Water & Sanitation's Existing Projects

**Table 69: Department of Water and Sanitation existing projects**

Departmental Project	Area	Timing	Status	Amount
Parkdene Water Pipe Network Rehabilitation Phase 1	George	2022/23	Completed	R 3 082 00
BFI RGIB	George	2022/23	Construction	R 240 000 000

## 6.21 Department of Community Safety

The Department of Community Safety assists the Municipality with varied initiatives such as the Chrysalis Development Programme. It entails the enhancement of the programme by linking graduates to the EPWP work placement with a focus on safety. The programme, through this learning, aims to contribute to youth development through the promotion of social consciousness, values and attitudes -in young people between the ages of 17-22. The focus of this programme is to enable them to grow on a personal level and acquire knowledge and skills through training aimed at empowering them economically, morally and spiritually. Youth who have gone through the programme are placed to gain valuable work exposure in the Municipality.

**Table 70: Community Safety Projects (2022/23-2025/26)**

Departmental Project/ Programme Description	Municipal Area/ Town	Timing/Phasing of Project Allocation per Blue Book			
		2022/23 (R'000)	2023/24 (R'000)	2024/25 (R'000)	2025/26 (R'000)
Safety Initiative Implementation	George	1 296	1 349	1 403	-

## 6.22 Department of Transport and Public Works

**Table 71: Department of Transport and Public Works Projects General Infrastructure**

Project Name and Deliverables	Total Cost of Project MTEF Allocation (R '000)	Stage of Project	Project Type
C377.1 George Western Bypass - Proposed TR89 from N2 to Outeniqua Pass (TR1/1) – New Construction of Road for Bypass	1,100,000	Stage 3: Design Development	Rehabilitation, Renovations & Refurbishment
C1100 HOLLGATEN-KAREEDOUW Periodic Maintenance on TR1/2, TR1/3, TR44/1, TR88/1, DR1834, MR401 AND MR402 UNIONDALE AREA - 121,57km Reseal	182,255	Stage 6: Close-Out	Rehabilitation, Renovations & Refurbishment
C1101 Reconstruct Walboomskraal - Reconstruction of TR1/1 km 19.36 to km 24.55 between George and Oudtshoorn. 5,19km Reconstruction	105,000	Stage 3: Design Development	Rehabilitation, Renovations & Refurbishment
C1047.2 Maalgaten River - The widening of Bridge No. 2221 over the Maalgate River at 15.1km on TR2/9	46,500	Stage 5: Works	Upgrading and Additions
C0851: Upgrade DR1609 - Rondevlei. Upgrade of 6,83km from gravel to surface standard	59,148	Stage 5: Works	#N/A

Project Name and Deliverables	Total Cost of Project MTEF Allocation (R '000)	Stage of Project	Project Type
C1047.01: Upgrade of Gravel Road on DR1618 near George. Upgrade of 4,44km from gravel to surface standard	62,000	Stage 5: Works	#N/A
George- Outeniqua CYCC – General Building Repairs and Fire Compliance	17,661,614.39	S8 - Hand Over	Scheduled Maintenance
George- Outeniqua Research Farm - Replacement of Asbestos Roof Coverings	1,000,000.00	S3 - Preparation & Briefing	Scheduled Maintenance
George- Research Farm - Bulk Water Storage and Reticulation	2,500,000.00	S3 - Preparation & Briefing	Scheduled Maintenance
George- Research Farm - PV Solar Installation	3,280,000.00	S3 - Preparation & Briefing	Scheduled Maintenance
George- York Park Building - New Paving to existing parking areas and upgrading of Stormwater system	2,500,000.00	S3 - Preparation & Briefing	Scheduled Maintenance
Parkdene- Outeniqua House - Replace Roofs	12,000,000.00	S3 - Preparation & Briefing	Scheduled Maintenance
Parkdene- Outeniqua House Child Youth Care Centre - Upgrade, Additions and Refurbishment	35,921,398.57	S8 - Hand Over	Capital Projects

**Table 72: Department of Transport and Public Works Immovable Asset Management Municipal Acquisitions**

Facility	Erf No	Town	User	Acquisition Type	Status
Harry Comay State Aided Hospital	464	George	Health	Exchange	Negotiation with George Municipality for possible exchange with York Hostel. Agreement with Legal Services for Vetting.
Blanco Clinic	47	George	Health	Exchange	Negotiation with George Municipality for possible exchange with York Hostel. Agreement with Legal Services for Vetting.
Lawaaikamp Clinic	71	George	Health	Exchange	Negotiation with George Municipality for possible exchange with York Hostel. Agreement with Legal Services for Vetting.
Parkdene Clinic	11 424	Parkdene	Health	Exchange	Negotiation with George Municipality for possible exchange with York Hostel. Agreement with Legal Services for Vetting.
Rosemore Clinic	8614	Rosemore	Health	Exchange	Negotiation with George Municipality for possible exchange with York Hostel. Agreement with Legal Services for Vetting.
George CDC	1290	George	Health	Exchange	Negotiation with George Municipality for possible exchange with York Hostel. Agreement with Legal Services for Vetting.
Conville Clinic	5341	Conville	Health	To be negotiated	To be negotiated
Haarlem Clinic	99	Haarlem	Health	To be negotiated	To be negotiated

**Table 73: Department of Public Works and Transport -Property Planning**

Property Description	Municipality	Action
George Erf 6979 Loeries Park (Vacant Land)	George and District Municipalities	Reserved for WCED for the development of future school

## 6.23 Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport

The planned contributions regarding Library and Archive Services for the Touwsrante Modular Library and Records Management and Records Management Audit.

Further Contributions are:

- Sports Development - Cares/ Shared Complex (1 site)
- School Sport (7 Sites)
- MOD Centres (3 Sites)
- Afterschool Programme- 1000 Stories Library Reading (17 Sites)
- Academic support (10 Sites)
- ICT Yeboneers (6 Sites)
- Sports Promotion -Recreation: Early Childhood Development, Indigenous Games Senior Citizen

**Table 74: Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport Additional Support**

Name of Training Intervention	Purpose	Relevant Officials
Western Cape Library Service Seminar	Library Service conducts a seminar on an annual basis to discuss issues about the National Community Library Services Conditional Grant and the Provincial Municipal Replacement Funding for most vulnerable municipalities. The purpose of the seminar is to enhance the intergovernmental relations between National, Provincial and Local Governments and to discuss and workshop the approach for the 2022/2023 financial year. Representatives from the 25 municipalities will be attending and will be capacitated on various aspects of these funding sources, including planning, implementation, and reporting	Municipal Managers, Municipal Library Managers, Municipal Library Staff
Literacy webinar	The Literacy webinars present motivation, ideas and best practices to encourage libraries to present programmes that encourage and support reading ability and a reading culture in libraries and communities	Municipal Library Managers Librarians Library Assistants
Creating a Reading Culture training	Training on how to create or stimulate a reading culture where there is none	Municipal library staff
Library Manager meeting	The Library Service hosts a virtual meeting for Library Managers from all the municipalities in the Western Cape with e.g. presentations from academics, NGO's, library-specific businesses or Departments on trends, new technology, opportunities, and vision or trend-setting information.	Municipal Library Managers
Story Hours	Training on how to plan and do story hours with children	Municipal Library staff
List Management	Training on how to use Excel and the Library Information Management System on how to administrate assets by creating lists.	Municipal Library staff
Library Forums	These forums are attended by representatives from libraries and contain presentations, training and discussions on library-specific functions	All Library Staff based at the municipal library
Workshop on the Customary Initiation Act (Act 2 of 2021)	Engagement with municipalities regarding the Customary Initiation Act and their responsibilities regarding Cultural Initiation.	Directors Social Development and Property
Registry Clerks Course	To equip registry staff to provide a registry and record management service for their institutions	Registry Clerks; All staff working on the creation of records
Records	To equip records managers for their records management responsibilities in terms of the	Records

Name of Training Intervention	Purpose	Relevant Officials
Management Course	Provincial Archives and Records Service of the Western Cape Act, 2005	Managers, and senior staff members who create records/information
Electronic Records Management Course	To introduce the basics of electronic records and electronic records management systems to all governmental bodies and to promote electronic records management practices in line with legislation.	Registry Clerks, Records Managers, and all staff working in the creation of records electronically

**Table 75: Additional programmes run by DCAS:**

DCAS Workstream	DCAS Activity in the Municipality
Preserving, protecting and promoting heritage and culture	<p>Art and Culture: Workshop on the Customary Initiation Act (Act 2 of 2021). Engagement with municipalities regarding the Customary Initiation Act and their responsibilities. Partners are Social Development, Municipal Service Delivery Managers, Spatial Planning (land rezoning for customary initiation)</p> <p>Western Cape Archive Service: Registry Clerks Course, Records Management Course, Electronic Records Management Course</p> <p>Library Service providing funding, books, ebooks, audiobooks, training and professional support to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 13 Library service points at Blanco, Conville, George, Pacaltsdorp, Thembalethu, Touwsrante, Waboomskraal, Hoekwil, Bergplaas, Avontuur, Haarlem, Noll, Uniondale</li> <li>■ 3 Mini libraries for the blind and visually impaired (George, Pacaltsdorp, Thembalethu)</li> <li>■ Infrastructure funding to Touwsrante Modular Library R820 000 that will be officially opened on 11 March 2024</li> <li>■ 57 computers providing free internet access to the community</li> </ul> <p>Museums Services:</p> <p>The following affiliated museums are situated in this municipality. They showcase exhibitions on local history and host educational and public programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ George Museum</li> </ul>
Advancing the freedom to imagine and create	
Promoting lifelong mass participation in arts, recreation, and sport	<p>Afterschool Programme: 1000 Stories Library Reading (17 Sites), Academic Support (10 Sites), ICT Yeboneers (6 Sites)</p> <p>Major Events: George Agricultural Show. Seven club development clubs</p> <p>Sports Facilities: Netball courts: Rosemore; Pavilions: Thembalethu, Touwsrante; Blanco sports grounds upgrade</p> <p>Arts and Culture: DCAS Drama Festival programme is open and presented to all interested participants in the Overberg region, the programme includes development in Drama and theatre and showcase opportunities for the new financial year. Choral music engagements with role-players (arts organizations, schools and choirs) are taking place and will culminate in a choral symposium for the province.</p> <p>Sports Development through its MOD and Neighbouring School Programmes provides a safe space for school-going youth to participate in daily after-school activities. Similarly, its Recreation Programme provides a platform for ECD, youth and the elderly to participate in daily activities. MOD Centres: Hibernia Primary School, Imizamo Yethu Secondary School, Tyholora Primary School. Neighbouring School Centres: Conville Primary School, George Secondary School, Heatherlands High School, New Dawn Park Primary School, Pacaltsdorp Secondary School, Parkdene Primary School, Parkdene Secondary School, Thembalethu Secondary School. Recreation Centres: Thembalethu Recreation Centre</p>
Promoting excellence and mastery in arts,	<p>Major events: Tent pegging world cup, Golf: SC senior open, Golf: women Mid amateurs and seniors, Golf: SC Open, Judo: WC Open, Hunting rifle Eden Open, Outeniqua wheelchair challenge, Inter district surfing, Tug of war SC Champs, Junior surf event</p>

DCAS Workstream	DCAS Activity in the Municipality
recreation, and sport	

## 6.24 Human Settlements: Provision Of a Public Library Service to Garden Route Municipalities

Departmental Project	Area	Timing		
		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Staffing & Operational	George			

## 6.25 Human Settlements: status of Existing & Proposed HSDG Projects

The Department of Human Settlements is responsible for developing sustainable integrated human settlements in the Western Cape. This means that we are tasked with creating human settlements that allow its residents to access social and economic opportunities close to where they live.

**Table 76: Human Settlements Detailed Account: Municipal Allocation (HSDG v IUSP)**

Departmental Project	Area	Timing		
		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Themba lethu Bungalows (200) DDISP	Themba lethu	-	R15,800	R15,800
Syferfontein East Ph A (359/179)	Pacaltsdorp	R14,280	-	-
Syferfontein East Ph A (99 FLISP)	Pacaltsdorp	R2,750	-	-
Syferfontein East Ph B1 (173) (Simply do)	Pacaltsdorp	R20,000	R 8,320	
Syferfontein East Ph B3	Pacaltsdorp	R1,000		-
Syferfontein East Ph B4 (234)	Pacaltsdorp	-	R6,500	R6,000
Syferfontein East Ph B5 (199)	Pacaltsdorp	-	R6,000	R6,000
Europe (505)	Pacaltsdorp	-	R30,300	
Metro Grounds (664) (ACV)	George	R 50,00	R5, 000	
Themba lethu (1753 of 4350) (1753-456=1297)	Themba lethu	R12,000	R24,000	R12,000
Themba lethu Interim Basic Services	Themba lethu	-	R15,000	R10,000
Wilderness Heights (117)	Wilderness	R1,000	R1,000	-

## 6.26 Status of Housing Project

**Table 77: Status of existing and proposed IUSP Projects**



Project Name	Number of Opportunities	Implementation/Planning Status	Actions Require/Taken to Date
Thembaletu Bungalows (200) DDISP	200	Implementation (continuation of the older project with all development rights in place)	Project is currently ongoing and is an individual subsidy programme. Currently implementing top structure.
Thembaletu (1753 of 4350) (1753-456=1297)	1297	Pre-planning (all development rights must still be obtained)	Long-term project that is ongoing. There has been growth in informal settlement. Municipality is still busy with the planning part of the project. Not yet implementation ready. Site is currently invaded. Human Settlements to advise on the project timeline.
Wilderness Heights (117) UISP	117	Planning (all development rights must still be obtained)	PFR Application is outstanding. There is no bulk available for the project. From a planning perspective project location is not feasible. Municipality in communication with the community to encourage relocation.
Wilderness Heights (117) UISP	117	Planning (all development rights must still be obtained)	PFR Application is outstanding. There is no bulk available for the project. From a planning perspective project location is not feasible. Municipality in communication with the community to encourage relocation.
Syferfontein West (3500)	7000	Planning (all development rights must still be obtained)	PFR Application is outstanding. Project is listed on BP, but no budget has been allocated. Municipality is still busy with the planning process
Syferfontein East Ph A (359/179 of 2100)	60	Implementation ready	Project is implementation ready. Project aims to deliver top structures for Military Veterans. DoHS is currently busy with procurement.
Syferfontein East Ph B1 (1004 of 2100)	173	Implementation	Project is currently being implemented and near completion. Contractor is on-site implementing top structures
Syferfontein East Ph B3 (of 2100)	219	Implementation	Project was delayed due to issues with the contractor project was almost done. Procurement for new contractors still needs to be done.
Syferfontein East Ph B4 (of 2100)	234	Implementation ready	Project is implementation ready. Province is busy with the procurement process
Syferfontein East Ph B5 (of 2100)	199	Implementation ready	Project is implementation ready. Province is busy with the procurement process
Europe (505)	505	Advanced Planning (all development rights obtained)	Project is getting to a state of readiness. Project is a FLISP. Project is on hold, awaiting council approval on housing typology
Metro Grounds (664)	664	Implementation	Project is currently being implemented. Municipality is currently in the process of appointing a service provider for the installation of services and then developing Top structures in the following year (21/22 FY). Roads and bulk have been laid; top structure development is going to start (March 21). Both FLISP and BNG

## 6.27 George Project Funding

**Table 78: Project Funding**

Departmental Project	Area	Timing			
		2023/24 (R' 000)	2024/25 (R' 000)	2025/26 (R'000)	Total (R'000)
<b>HSDG</b>	George	100'230	63'600	28'300	<b>192'130</b>
<b>ISUP</b>	George	13'000	40'000	10'000	<b>63'000</b>
<b>Total</b>	George	<b>113'230</b>	<b>103'600</b>	<b>38'300</b>	<b>255'130</b>

Municipal Area / Town	Project/Programme Description	Capital Project New	Capital Project - Existing	Reduced/ Reprioritised/ Terminated	MTREF Budget Allocation		
					2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
George - Thembaletu	Thembaletu (additional sites)		X	N/A	R 9 750 000 (50 Tops)	R 27 000 000 (150 Tops)	R 17 000 000 (100 Tops)
George - Pacaltsdorp	Syferfontein Combined		X	N/A	R 36 230 000 (57 Tops)	R 22 000 000 (124 Tops)	R 120 000
George - Pacaltsdorp	Syferfontein East Ph C (MV)(30)		X	N/A	R 9 000 000 (30 Tops)		
George - Pacaltsdorp	Europe (505)		X	N/A			R 36 000 000 (505 Tops)
George-George City	Metro Grounds (664) (ACV)		X	N/A	R34 350 000 (120 Tops)		
George - Thembaletu	Thembaletu Ex 42 & 58		X	N/A	R 54 000 (Transfers)		
George - George	Golden Valley (165) IRDP (Transfers 18)		X	N/A	R 24 000 (Transfers)		
George - Thembaletu	Thembaletus EPHP Transfers 200 @ R270		X	N/A	R 270 000 (Transfers)		
George - Thembaletu	Thembaletu (1753 of 4350) (1753-456=1297) (ISUPG)		X	N/A	R 27 440 000 (343 Sites)		

Municipal Area / Town	Project/Programme Description	Capital Project New	Capital Project - Existing	Reduced/ Reprioritised/ Terminated	MTREF Budget Allocation		
					2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
George - Thembaletu	Thembaletu Interim Basic Services (ISUPG)		X	N/A	R 15 000 000	R 10 000 000	

## 6.28 Department of Agriculture

The Western Cape Department of Agriculture (WCDOA) derives its Constitutional mandate largely from Section 104 (1) (b) of the South African Constitution (Act 108 of 1996) which conveys the power to provinces to pass legislation on any functionality listed in schedules 4A (concurrent) and 5A (exclusive provincial).

Concurrent functions include:

- Agriculture,
- Animal and disease control,
- Disaster management,
- Environment,
- Regional planning,
- Soil conservation,
- Trade,
- Tourism as well as
- Urban and rural development.

Exclusive provincial mandates include provincial planning, abattoirs and veterinary services.

The support available to Municipalities:

- Sustainable Resource Use Management (SRUM)-Agricultural Engineering Services, LandCare, Land Use Management, Disaster Risk Reduction
- Agricultural Producer Support and Development (APSD)-Producer support services, Extension & Advisory Services, Food Security
- Veterinary Services-Animal Health, Veterinary Public Health (Food Safety), Veterinary Laboratory and Export Control
- Research and Technology Development Services (RTDS)-Agricultural Research, Technology Transfer Services
- Agricultural Economic Services (AES)-Production economics and Marketing support, Agro-processing support, Macroeconomics support.
- Agricultural Education and Training-Higher Education and Training, Agricultural Skills Development
- Rural Development-Rural Development Coordination, Social Facilitation, Farmworker Development

**Table 79: Departmental Project Information**



Project/Action Description	Beneficiaries/Target Group	Programme	Timing	
			2023/24 (R' 000)	2024/26 (R' 000)
<b>Garden Route District</b>				
Regional Coordination Committees (RCC's) District Coordination forum for government, community representatives and other relevant stakeholders within the rural area/ district for socio-economic developmental opportunities, programmes and projects	8 RCC's (4 Kein Karoo and 4 Garden Route)	Programme 8: Rural Development	Quarterly	Quarterly
Awareness & Information Sessions Collaborative Awareness and information sessions supporting rural development, ranging from rural youth educational matters, career opportunities, employment, economic opportunities, rural safety matters, etc.	Rural Youth – sessions on a need's basis	Programme 8: Rural Development	Quarterly	Quarterly
Substance Abuse Awareness and Prevention Project Substance Abuse/Gender-Based Violence awareness and training of community champions. Professional referrals for counselling and support. Ongoing aftercare and support.	Agri workers/ Youth/ Rural Communities – on a need's basis	Programme 8: Rural Development	Quarterly	Quarterly
Western Cape Prestige Agri- Awards Acknowledging the valuable contribution that agri workers make to the sustainability and growth of the agricultural sector in the Western Cape, through the implementation of the Western Cape Prestige Agri Awards in different regions of the province, which culminates in a provincial competition recognising provincial winners in different categories.	Agri Workers – Project implemented at a provincial level informed by regional coordinators	Programme 8: Rural Development	Quarterly	Quarterly
Rural Safety Inter-ministerial Committee (IMC) and Technical Rural Safety Meetings (TCRS) Focus on the improvement of safety in the agricultural and rural spaces. Receives progress reports from the Court Watch Briefing Unit involving rural and farm attacks in the Western Cape. Support neighborhood and farm watches. Promote the safe transportation of agri-workers together with the Road Safety Management Unit.	Agri workers Rural Communities	Programme 8: Rural Development	Quarterly	Quarterly

**Table 80: Agricultural Programme 2: Sustainable resource use & management**

Municipal Area / Town	Project/Programme Description	Capital Project New (000)	Capital Project - Existing (000)	Reduced/ Reprioritised Terminated	MTREF Budget Allocation (000)		
					2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
(GRDM) Oudtshoorn/ George	Alien Clearing	3 000	3 300	Reprioritised	3 000	3 000	3 000

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**Table 81: Agricultural programme 3 Agricultural Producer support and development**

Municipal Area / Town	Project/ Programme Description	Capital Project New	Capital Project - Existing	Reduced/ Reprioritised Terminated	MTREF Budget Allocation (000)		
					2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Entire District (Include all B Muns)	Animal Health Monitoring				Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing
Entire District (Include all B Muns)	Food Safety (Abattoirs)				Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing

**Table 82: Agricultural Programme 5 Research & Technology Development Services**

Municipal Area / Town	Project/ Programme Description	Capital Project New	Capital Project - Existing	Reduced/ Reprioritised Terminated	MTREF Budget Allocation (000)		
					2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
George Mossel Bay Bitou Hessequa Oudtshoorn	Market Access/ PRK/ Agri Processing		540 000	-243 000	297	297	341
George Mossel bay Bitou Hessequa Oudtshoorn	Financial Record Keeping		1 314 695	-890 782	423	1 119	1-231

**6.28.1 Other support/information the DoA wants to share:**

**Table 83: Other support**

Municipal Area	Information/aspect or issue to be shared, even an area in which a department needs support from a municipality/district
All municipalities in the Western Cape	Reminded about the Cape Farm Mapper and the Weather application which the Department provides to all municipalities and citizens of the Western Cape. Free of charge to access information whenever needed.
8 state Veterinarian offices spread throughout the Province. (Garden Route Veterinarian offices situated in George and Oudtshoorn)	Rendering animal health support and disease management / control to livestock owners. They facilitate rendering clinical services to some areas challenged with access to veterinary services. They periodically participate in spay campaigns aimed towards sterilization of dogs/cats.
Veterinary Public Health Officers [aka Meat Inspectors] spread throughout the Province.	They render interventions promoting Food Safety. Tasks may involve approval, registration and inspection of abattoirs.

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# CHAPTER 7: Financial Plan

Chapter 5 Section 26 of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 prescribes the core components of the Integrated Development Plan. Section 26(h) of the abovementioned Act requires the inclusion of a financial plan, which should include a budget projection for at least the next three years. This financial plan aims to determine the financial affordability and sustainability levels of George Municipality over the medium term.

A municipality's financial plan integrates the financial relationships of various revenue and expenditure streams to give effect to the Integrated Development Plan (IDP). It provides guidance for the development of current budgets and assesses financial impacts on outer years' budgets by incorporating capital expenditure outcomes, operating expenditure trends, optimal asset management plans and the consequential impact on rates, tariffs, and other service charges.

Chapter 5 Section 26 of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 prescribes the core components.

## 7.1 Introduction

According to the Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations (MBRR) of the National Treasury, budgets are only required to cover the planning period of the next fiscal year and the two succeeding outer fiscal years, also known as the Medium-Term Revenue and Expenditure Framework or MTREF period. However, the Long-Term Financial Plan also covers important budget areas over the next 10 financial years.

The discussion of Pre-Determined Objectives (PDOs), which include a financial framework, financial strategies, financial policies, budget assumptions, operating revenue, operating expenditure, capital expenditure, capital expenditure funding, the Prioritization Model for Capital Asset Investment, long-term financial sustainability ratios, and a concluding statement, will now take place.

A significant risk to the South African economy remains the ongoing problems with Eskom's operations that continue to disrupt the supply of electricity to households and businesses also known as rolling blackouts or load shedding. In addition to the major issue are the following external influences:

- Unforeseen political and economic changes
- Interest rate fluctuations;
- Localised economic growth;
- Residential developments and new business initiatives;
- The Consumer Price Index;
- Changes in levels of grant funding;
- Changes to tariffs and levies and their conditions (e.g. Eskom bulk tariff increases);
- Availability of essential resources such as fuel, electricity and water;
- Changes in community needs and expectations;
- Legislative changes; and
- Economic changes due to health disasters. International instability, eg. wars and pandemics; Climatic changes contributing to flooding; wildfires and droughts.

There are also internal Influences – items that the Municipality can control, such as:

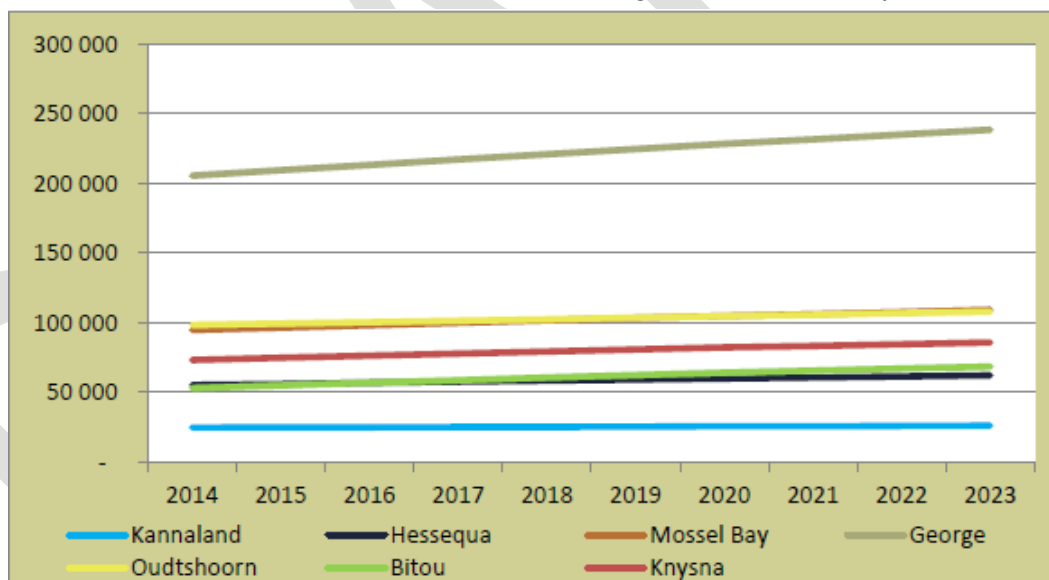
- Agreed service level review outcomes;
- Infrastructure asset management;
- Rates and other tariff increases (other than electricity prices);
- Performance management;
- Efficiencies in service delivery and administrative support; and
- Salaries and wages (vacancy rate).

## 7.2 Updated Perspectives (Demographic, Economic, Household Infrastructure)

### 7.2.1 Demography

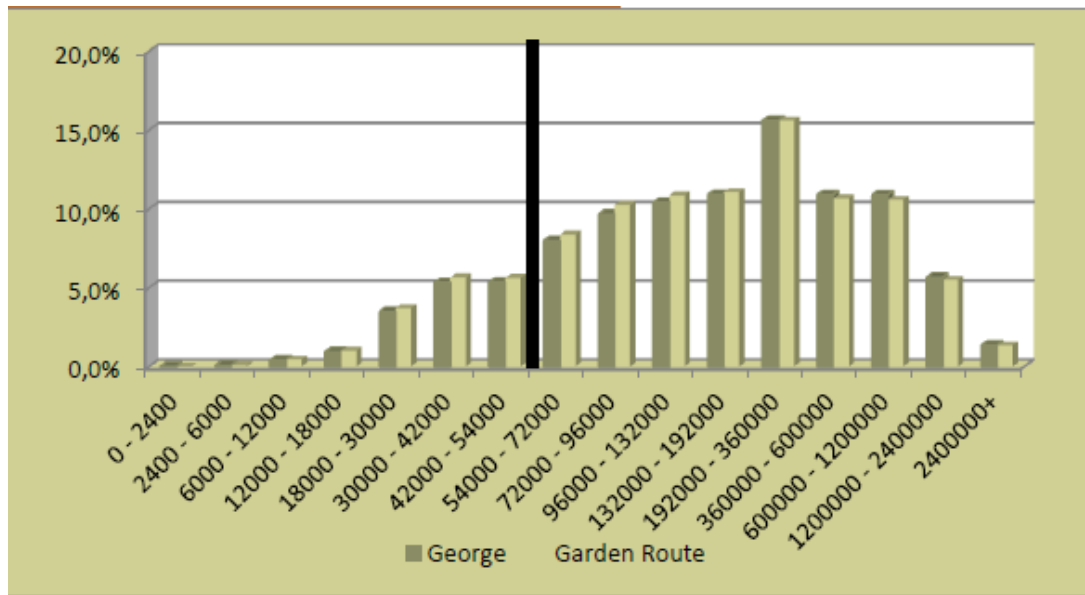
George Municipality is the economic hub of the Garden Route District. As such, it is no surprise that George is the most populous municipality in the district, with a total population of 238 533 people representing approximately 34.10% of the Garden Route District population. Population growth in 2023 came in at 1.50. The 5-year average population growth rate came in at a reasonably high 1.54% p.a. Any increase in the population places added pressure on the municipality and its infrastructure to deliver services to it's communities.

Figure 54: Total Population



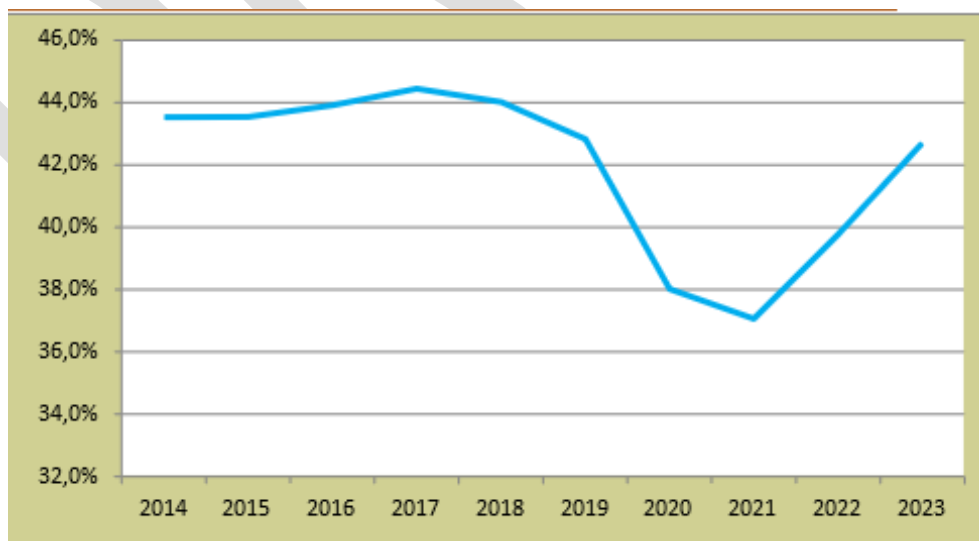
Averaged household income increased by 3.8% during 2023, to a total of R382 734 p.a. This is broadly in line with the Western Cape Province figure of R383 172 p.a. and above the Garden Route District figure of R376 935 p.a. According to the latest S&P Global Market Intelligence update, 15.7% of households in George earn less than R54 000 p.a., placing them below the equitable share bracket. This is marginally below the district average of 16.4%. The number of households that fall below the equitable share bracket is indicative of the number of indigent households in the municipal area and reflect those who qualify for and/or are largely reliant on government grants as a source of income. The provision of RDP level of basic services to these households is theoretically covered by the equitable share and should compensate the municipality for providing free basic services. 91.3% of households in the municipality receive a level of service above the RDP level, an improvement on the Garden Route District figure of 90.2%.

**Figure 55: Household Income Distribution**



While positive signs of a recovering economy were observed post-Covid, 2023 saw a return to a contracting local economy in George. This is likely a product of a high inflationary environment and consequently sustained high interest rates which have created a challenging economic environment for all. Households are under severe pressure to make ends meet as well as to service their municipal bill as wage increases battle to keep pace with the rising cost of living. Thus, the extent to which households can be levied in future must be closely monitored. A decline in household income coupled with rising costs of municipal services may erode the municipality's revenue base and create a significant revenue risk in the future

**Figure 56: Economically active people as % of the total population**



**7.2.2 Operating Budget Estimates**

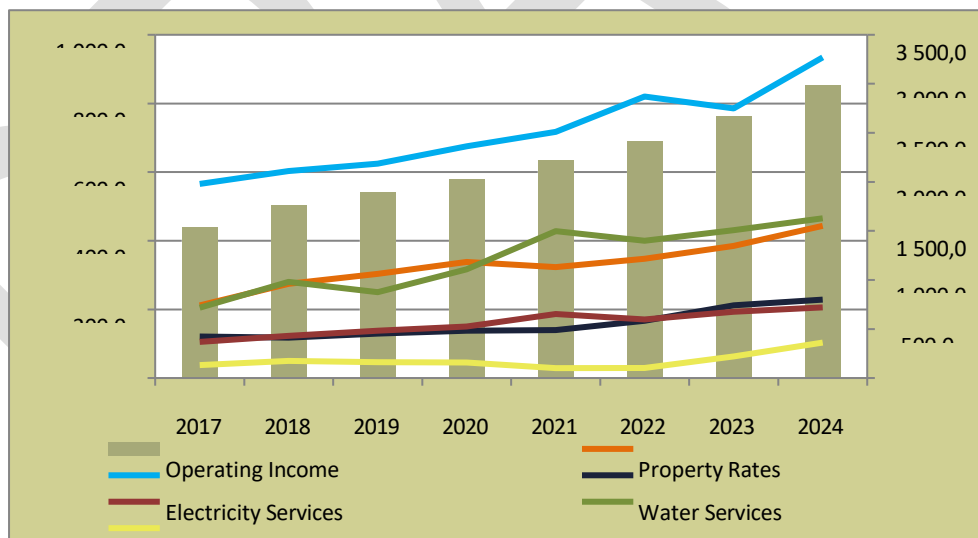
A municipality is a non-profit organisation, thus after paying for regular operating expenditures, contributing to the various funds and reserves, it should break even. Both the user-pay concept and the full cost recovery principle are used in the structure of rates and tariffs. It should be emphasised that the accumulated accounting surplus is not a cash-backed fund, because it is determined using the accrual method of accounting as prescribed the Generally Recognised Accounting Practice (GRAP).

**Table 84: Total Income vs Total Expenditure**

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Total Income</b>	1 683.3	1 962.7	2 010.1	2 084.7	2 297.0	2 622.1	3 570.4	4 825.5
<b>Total Operating Expenditure</b>	1 618.4	1 787.9	1 915.7	2 020.4	2 230.0	2 390.7	2 948.8	3 726.7
<b>Operating Income (excl Cond Grants)</b>	1 328.8	1 479.9	1 638.1	1 705.2	1 785.7	2 007.5	2 989.7	3 709.5

Total income increased by 29% from R3 570.4 million in FY2023 to R4 825.5 million in FY2024. Total operating expenditure increased by 26% from R2 948.8 million to R3 726.7 million over the same period. This resulted in an accounting surplus of R1 098.7 million for FY2024 up from R621.6 million realised in FY2023. George LM continued to generate cash from operations of R1 357 million. This is due to the maintenance of a high collection rate over the review period and has contributed to the maintenance of a healthy liquidity position throughout the period. Additionally, this has enabled the municipality to consistently service a capital replacement reserve, from which the municipality has been able to employ a significant amount of cash reserves to fund capital expenditure.

**Figure 57: Income per source**



The improvement in financial performance was underpinned by strong revenue growth and successful cost containment. This is evidenced by growth in operating income (excluding conditional grants) of 12.9% exceeding growth in operating income of 10.9%. The growth in operating income was underpinned by above CPI growth in electricity services (19%), property rates (15%) and interest received (63%). The growth in electricity services revenue is positive to note as this follows a decline in the previous year due to the energy crisis. Electricity revenue remained the predominant contributor to revenue, accounting for 31% of revenue in FY2023/24. Other notable contributions include property rates (15%) and conditional operating grants (16%).

Total grants (operating and capital) comprised 35% of total revenue during FY2023/24. This is indicative of a reasonably high reliance on grant funding, relative to other comparable municipalities. This is, however, largely driven by an increase in capital grant funding earmarked for certain projects such as water and transport infrastructure, in recent years. Analysis of the Capital Budget indicates that a return closer to historic levels of grant funding is expected in FY2025/26. This should bring the total grants to total revenue ratio down closer to historic levels.

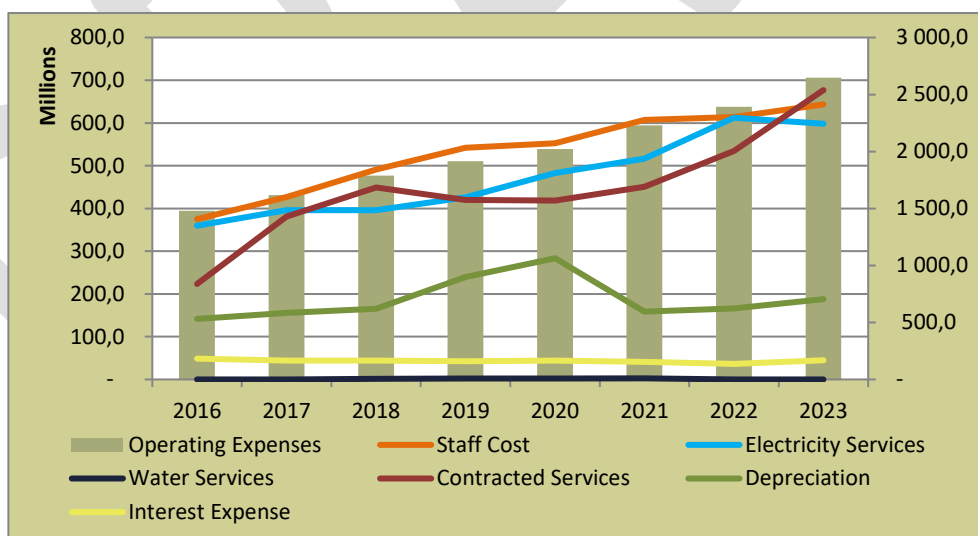
While the end of the extended and sustained period of load shedding has certainly been a welcome development, there remains the possibility of the energy crisis rearing its head once again. With this in mind, there remains a risk to the municipality's revenue prospects should this occur, due to the municipality's reasonably high reliance on electricity services revenue. In order to mitigate this risk, the municipality must work towards maximising revenue from alternative sources and more importantly, maintain stringent management of operating expenditure, over which the municipality has an element of control. Cost-savings must be realised wherever possible. Furthermore, the need for tariff increases to reflect the true cost of supply remains critical. It is recommended that the municipality undergoes a detailed tariff assessment, underpinned by a sophisticated tariff model to assist in determining the true cost of supply of municipal services and that tariff increases are informed accordingly.

**Table 85: Operating Budget Estimates**

	2024/25 Amended Budget	Year 1 2025/26 Draft Budget	Year 2 2026/27 Draft Budget	Year 3 2027/28 Draft Budget
<b>Revenue Sources</b>				
Property Rates	483 043 260	511 914 606	537 510 336	564 385 853
Service Charges - Electricity	1 151 310 028	1 281 638 323	1 426 719 781	1 588 224 461
Service Charges - Water	236 526 558	250 718 151	263 254 059	276 416 762
Service Charges - Sanitation	194 995 771	205 720 538	216 006 565	226 806 894
Service Charges - Refuse	177 123 703	187 751 125	197 138 681	206 995 616
Fines, Penalties and Forfeits	93 852 590	98 075 957	102 489 375	107 101 396
Licences or Permits	5 179 260	5 412 327	5 655 881	5 910 396
Agency Services	20 720 720	21 653 152	22 627 544	23 645 784
Rental from Fixed Assets	5 434 940	5 679 512	5 935 090	6 202 169
Transfers and Subsidies - Operational	741 545 984	800 830 584	692 750 000	769 021 000
Interest Earned - External Investments	107 978 300	32 395 000	33 852 775	35 376 150
Interest Earned - Outstanding Debtors	22 254 980	23 367 729	24 536 115	25 762 921
Operational Revenue	67 881 737	70 936 415	74 128 554	77 464 339
Sale of Erven	4 906 000	5 053 180	5 204 775	5 360 919
Development Charges	38 142 370	40 049 489	42 051 963	44 154 561
Transport Fees	113 672 581	121 734 154	131 618 967	135 567 536
Gain On Disposal Of Property, Plant & Equipment	244 944 719	247 394 166	249 868 108	252 366 789
Gains on the disposal of property, Plant and Equipment	244 944 719	252 293 060	254 815 990	0

	2024/25 Amended Budget	Year 1 2025/26 Draft Budget	Year 2 2026/27 Draft Budget	Year 3 2027/28 Draft Budget
<b>Total Revue before capital grants</b>	<b>3 709 513 501</b>	<b>3 910 324 409</b>	<b>4 031 348 572</b>	<b>4 350 763 545</b>
<b>Operating Expenditure</b>				
Employee Related Cost	829 528 185	865 044 025	909 762 724	961 332 438
Remuneration Of Councillors	31 119 660	32 675 643	34 309 425	36 024 896
Contracted Services	876 073 271	906 591 366	810 834 025	886 544 147
Bulk Purchases	887 017 769	987 428 180	1 099 205 050	1 223 635 062
Operating Leases	6 207 340	5 836 993	6 094 916	6 361 782
Operational Cost	165 775 134	172 261 849	179 287 661	185 684 259
Depreciation and Amortisation	265 939 937	279 236 654	293 198 486	307 858 410
Loss On Disposal Of Property, Plant & Equipment	50 113 590	50 614 726	51 120 873	51 632 082
Irrecoverable debts written off	11 289 742	11 854 229	12 446 941	13 069 288
Debt impairment	99 903 001	104 898 151	110 143 059	115 650 212
Transfers and Subsidies	103 817 421	105 770 024	105 705 627	111 509 895
Inventory Consumed	353 966 251	347 150 909	353 832 601	360 425 792
Interest Expense	45 968 233	69 769 674	73 258 157	76 921 065
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>3 726 719 534</b>	<b>3 939 132 423</b>	<b>4 039 199 546</b>	<b>4 336 649 328</b>

Figure 58: Figure 48: Capital Budget allocation per department



The 10.9% increase in total operating expenditure was underpinned by increases in electricity bulk purchases (20%), depreciation (21%), contracted services (10%) and staff costs (6%). The improved collection rate resulted in debt impairment costs declining during the year. Electricity bulk purchases and contracted services, both with contributions of 18% to operating expenditure, overtook staff costs (17%) as the predominant expenditure items.

While the contribution of staff costs remains well below the maximum norm of 40% as prescribed by NT, this is influenced by the extent of outsourcing of services by the municipality. The outsourcing of transport services related to the GIPTN Bus Service

accounted for R289.1 million of the total outlay on contracted services of R731.4 million in FY2023/24. Contracted services are often seen as an alternative to staff costs. With this in mind, it is worth analysing the combined contribution of staff costs and contracted services to assess the affordability of the municipality’s employee related expenditure profile. The combined contribution of contracted services and staff costs totals 35% of total operating expenditure. This remains affordable. It may be worth exploring whether certain outsourced services could perhaps be brought back within the municipality, should this result in cost-savings.

Expenditure to repair and maintain the municipality’s asset base declined during the year to R223.7 million, down from R234.2 million in the prior year. This resulted in repairs and maintenance expenditure as a percentage of PPE & IP declining to 4.7% from 5.8% in the prior year. Ideally, we would like to see this ratio increase closer to the NT norm of 8%, the accelerated capital investment programme in recent years has resulted in an increase of 37.3% in the carrying value of PPE & IP since FYE2021/22. For additional context the prior 3 years saw growth of 9.8%. Furthermore, it is worth noting that a considerable portion of the Capital Budget is allocated towards the upgrading of existing assets. With this in mind, the municipality’s infrastructure and asset base is likely to remain in a healthy state for the foreseeable future.

Electricity distribution losses remained stable at 8.60%, a negligible increase from 8.52% in the prior year. This remains within the NT norm range of 7%-10%. Water distribution losses declined to 20.78%, down from 27.22% in the prior year. This was undoubtedly influenced by the recent upgrades to the municipality’s water infrastructure. It is positive to note that tangible returns on the municipality’s investments are already being realised.

**Table 86: Capital Budget Estimates**

	Proposed Budget 2025/2026	Proposed Budget 2026/2027	Proposed Budget 2027/2028
Capital Replacement Reserve	198 972 774	200 000 000	189 644 945
Loans	564 939 933	500 429 753	382 984 402
Grants	107 410 067	67 300 868	66 146 956
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>	<b>871 322 774</b>	<b>767 730 621</b>	<b>638 776 303</b>
Civil Engineering Services	631 799 440	532 049 130	455 157 739
Community Safety and Mobility	19 423 000	16 947 000	16 000 000
Community Services	33 626 000	33 368 000	27 993 000
Financial Services	24 783 204	19 568 753	3 789 347
Corporate Services	4 692 000	4 656 000	3 906 000
Electrical Engineering Services	140 552 391	140 578 260	117 405 652
Planning and Development	16 356 739	20 493 478	14 489 565
Office of the Municipal Manager	90 000	70 000	35 000
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>871 322 774</b>	<b>767 730 621</b>	<b>638 776 303</b>

### 7.3 Financial Policies

For the effective and efficient financial management of the municipality, all role-players, inclusive of the municipal councillors, must provide an environment conducive to good management. Local government legislation and National Treasury circulars articulate and provide regulatory structure. Council and officials define this environment by developing and accepting policy

guidelines to govern financial decision-making and fiscal discipline.

The management arrangements of the Municipality are reflected in the policy documents listed in the table below.

Document	Purpose	Rating
<b>Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ To provide a framework within which the Municipality can exercise its executive and legislative authority with regards to credit control and debt collection;</li> <li>■ To ensure that all monies and deposits due and payable to the Municipality are collected and used to deliver services in the best interest of the community; residents and customers; and, in a financially sustainable manner;</li> <li>■ To provide a framework for customer care;</li> <li>■ To describe credit control measures and sequence of events;</li> <li>■ To outline debt collection procedures and mechanisms;</li> <li>■ To set realistic targets for debt collecting.</li> </ul>	😊
<b>Indigent Policy</b>	<p>The purpose of the Indigent Policy is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Provide funding/subsidy for basic service charges to the needy, or qualifying indigent households in a sustainable manner, within the financial and administrative capacity of the Municipality;</li> <li>■ Provide procedures and guidelines for the subsidisation of basic service charges to indigent households, using the equitable share allocation, received from National Government and other budgetary provisions; and</li> <li>■ Ensure affordability by subsidising tariffs calculated in terms of the municipality's Tariff Policy and by setting appropriate service levels in accordance with the municipality's service delivery plan.</li> <li>■ Ensure that the Municipality recognises that many residents cannot afford the cost of full provision of services and for this reason, the Municipality will endeavour to ensure affordability through:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Setting tariffs in terms of the Municipality's Tariff Policy, which will balance the economic viability of continued service delivery; and</li> <li>■ Determining appropriate service levels.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	😊
<b>Tariff Policy</b>	<p>This policy aims to ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The provisions of section 74 of the Act on Municipal Systems (Act 32 of 2000) are complied with;</li> <li>■ The tariffs are realistic and affordable;</li> <li>■ To prescribe procedures for calculating tariffs where the municipality wishes to appoint service providers in terms of section 76(b) of the Systems Act (Act 32 of 2000).</li> </ul>	😊
<b>Property Rates Policy</b>	<p>The Property Rates Policy and property rates imposed by the Municipal Council are and shall be based on the guiding principles of equity, affordability, poverty alleviation, social and economic development, financial sustainability and cost efficiency.</p>	😊
<b>Cost Containment Policy</b>	<p>The purpose of this policy is to direct the Municipality on cost containment measures that must be implemented to ensure that the resources of the Municipality are used effectively, efficiently and economically.</p>	😊
<b>Supply Chain Management Policy</b>	<p>To have and implement a Supply Chain Management Policy that gives effect to and complies with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Section 217 of the Constitution; and</li> <li>■ Part 1 of Chapter 11 and other applicable provisions of the Act.</li> <li>■ Is fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost-effective.</li> </ul>	😊



Document	Purpose	Rating
<b>Budget Implementation and Monitoring Policy</b>	<p>The objective of the budget policy is to set out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The principles which the municipality will follow in preparing each medium-term revenue and expenditure framework budget (MTREF);</li> <li>The responsibilities of the mayor, the accounting officer, the chief financial officer and other senior managers in compiling the budget;</li> <li>To control and inform the basis, format and information included in the Budget documentation;</li> </ul>	😊
<b>Funding, Borrowing and Reserves Policy</b>	<p>This policy aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure that the Municipality has sufficient and cost-effective funding sources in order to achieve its objectives through the implementation of its operating and capital budget.</li> <li>Set standards and guidelines towards ensuring financial viability over both the short- and long-</li> </ul>	😊
<b>Cash Management and Investment Policy</b>	<p>This policy aims to ensure that the investment of surplus funds forms part of the financial management procedures of the George Municipality and to ensure that prudent cash management and investment procedures are applied consistently.</p>	😊
<b>Travel and Subsistence Policy</b>	<p>The purpose of this policy is to lay down general rules for the payment of subsistence and travelling allowances or costs for the attendance of approved events outside the Municipal area of George.</p>	😊
<b>Accounting Policy</b>	<p>The purpose of the accounting policy is to state that the annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) and effective Standards of Generally Recognised Accounting Practice (GRAP) including any interpretations, guidelines and directives issued by the Accounting Standards Board in accordance with Section</p>	😊
<b>Asset Management Policy</b>	<p>This policy is aimed at assisting management and employees of the municipality to implement and maintain consistent, effective and efficient asset management principles.</p> <p>The objective of this policy is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To safeguard the fixed assets of the municipality and to ensure the effective use of existing resources</li> </ul>	😊
<b>Liquidity Policy</b>	<p>This policy provides guidance on the determination of the minimum liquidity requirement and the calculation of the liquidity available in George Municipality from time to time.</p>	😊
<b>Virement Policy</b>	<p>This policy aims to provide guidelines to senior management in the use of virements as a mechanism in their day-to-day management of their budgets. In addition, it specifically aims to empower senior managers with an efficient financial – and budgetary system to ensure optimum service delivery within the current legislative framework of the MFMA and the Municipality's system of delegations.</p>	😊

## 7.4 Financial Strategies

George's financial performance improved during FY2023/24, with an operating surplus (excluding capita grants) of R32.1 million posted (FY2022/23: R0.6 million). The strong ability to generate cash from operations continued in FY2023/24, with R792.7 million in cash generated by operations (excluding capital grants). This was underpinned by an improved collection rate (93.6% vs 92.0% in the prior year) as well as the improved financial performance.

Electricity services revenue remained the predominant income contributor in FY2023/24, accounting for 31% of revenue in the current year. Electricity services revenue rebounded from the load shedding induced decline observed in FY2022/23. Other notable

revenue streams include property rates and conditional operating grants.

Looking at expenditure, electricity bulk purchases (18%), contracted services (18%) and staff costs (17%) were the main expenditure items during FY2023/24. The combined contribution of staff costs and contracted services totalled 35%, remaining below the maximum NT norm of 40%. This is indicative of an affordable employee related expenditure profile. Repairs and maintenance expenditure was reduced from the prior year, down to 4.7% of PPE & IP from 5.9% in the prior year.

Capital expenditure has increased rapidly since FY2021/22, owing to the water and transport projects that are underway or nearing completion. This continued in FY2023/24 with the capital outlay of R948.5 million a high for the review period. This was partly funded by an additional loan to the value of R215.9 million. This added notable leverage to the debt profile, with the gearing and debt service to total expense ratios of 16.8% and 4.7% respectively marked increases from the prior year. The debt profile remains affordable at current levels. However, the extent of borrowing included in the capital budget is forecast to prove unaffordable.

George has maintained healthy liquidity levels throughout the review period, although a declining trend has been observed in recent years. This has coincided with large balances of unspent grants at year end. These funds have by and large been rolled over, but this has resulted in the liquidity ratios appearing worse than they actually are. For instance, upon the removal of the unspent grants balance from current assets and current liabilities, the FYE2023/24 liquidity ratio of 1.34:1 improves to 1.78:1, a far truer reflection. The strength of the liquidity position is further emphasised by the posting of cash surpluses above the minimum liquidity requirements throughout the review period.

#### STRENGTHS

- Strong financial performance.
- Affordable debt profile.
- Ability to generate substantial cash from operations.
- Consistent cash surpluses above minimum liquidity requirements.

#### WEAKNESSES

Sizable increase in creditors during FY2023/24.

Highlights from the 2023/24 FY:

George's liquidity position is reasonably healthy with a ratio of 1.34:1 as at FYE2023/24; although a decline from 1.46:1 as at FYE2022/23. This is somewhat misleading as it is heavily impacted by the unspent conditional grants balance of R757.3 million. Upon the removal of unspent conditional grants from current assets and current liabilities, the ratio improves to 1.78:1. This adjusted ratio more accurately reflects the true nature of the municipality's liquidity position.

An operating surplus (excluding capital grants) of R32.1 million was posted in FY2023/24; following a surplus of R0.6 million in the prior year. Improved revenue from electricity services owing to reduced load shedding assisted in this regard.

- Cash generated from operations (excluding capital grants) increased to R792.7 million during FY2023/24. This was underpinned by the improved collection rate of 93.6%, up from 92.0% in the prior year.

- Electricity distribution losses remained stable at 8.60%, up from 8.52% in the prior year. Water distribution losses reduced markedly to 20.78% from 27.22% in the prior year, likely due to water infrastructure upgrades.
- The municipality's unencumbered cash and cash equivalents of R1.35 billion exceeded the NT and statutory minimum liquidity requirements of R1.10 billion - resulting in a cash surplus of R251.5 million. George has posted cash surpluses throughout the review period.
- Gearing and debt-service to total operating expenditure ratios were 16.8% and 4.7%, respectively, providing scope for additional borrowing to fund capital expenditure. This must be closely monitored though.
- Repairs and maintenance expenditure as a percentage of PPE & IP reduced to 4.7% during FY2023/24, down from 5.8% in the prior year.
- Creditors increased to R363.0 million, up from R258.1 million in the prior year. R217.6 million of this includes trade payables, which increased by R71.0 million during FY2023/24 and contributed to the reduced liquidity ratio.

Based on the results of the LTFM it is recommended that George:

- Maintain an optimised funding mix that strikes a balance between the utilisation of external borrowings and own cash as a supplement to capital grant funding. It is recommended that the Adjustment Capital Budget borrowing programme is revised downwards as the model outcomes suggest the level of debt will be unsustainable. It is recommended that the borrowing programme is reduced and that a more staggered approach to borrowing is undertaken in order to maintain the debt indicators at affordable levels as well as to take advantage of the interest rate cutting cycle.
- Maintain a balanced approach for the long-term capital investment programme which prioritises investments that contribute to economic growth and revenue generation and prioritise timeous investment in bulk infrastructure. Returns are already being realised on the water infrastructure projects in the form of reduced distribution losses. It is recommended that the capital prioritisation programme is informed by the affordable envelope presented in this report. The outcome of this programme should then be run through the LTFM as a scenario.
- Review the extent of the acceleration of capital expenditure included in the Adjustment Capital Budget, particularly in FY2024/25. Long-term sustainability must be prioritised. The model outcomes suggest the Adjustment Capital Budget will result in a notable deterioration of liquidity. It is thus recommended that in the absence of increased grant funding, the capital investment programme is revised downwards, in accordance with the Base Case assumptions.
- Working capital management, particularly payment of creditors, must be strengthened. The increase in creditors observed during FY2023/24 cannot become a trend. The municipality must maintain timeous payment of creditors. Additionally, the improving trend in financial performance must be continued. Revenue must be maximised and cost-containment strategies implemented with cost-savings realised wherever possible. Maintaining low distribution losses is critical for ensuring service charges revenue is maximised.
- Prevent a deterioration of the collection rate through the implementation of measures such as strict credit control, debt

collection procedures etc. A collection rate in excess of 96% must be maintained at a minimum, with further improvements targeted.

- Institutionalise the utilisation of a sophisticated tariff model to ensure that tariffs reflect the true cost of delivering the service, on an organisation-wide approach (also taking into account property rates and organisational overheads).
- Update the long-term financial plan annually with the most recent information to remain a relevant and valuable strategic tool that serves as input to the annual budgeting process. Continue the ongoing utilisation of the long-term financial model to support strategic financial decision-making in the municipality.

## 7.5 Medium–Term Capital Expenditure per Strategic Focus Area

The proposed capital expenditure per strategic focus area over the medium term is illustrated in the table below:

**Table 87: Capital Expenditure per Strategic Focus Area**

Strategic Goal	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
SO 1- Affordable Quality Services	834 472 831	726 964 390	621 505 131
SO 2- Develop and Grow George	1 580 000	2 860 000	3 870 000
SO 3- Good Governance and Human Capital	35 049 943	36 518 231	13 191 172
SO4- Safe, Clean and Green	220 000	1 388 000	150 000
SO 5- Participative Partnerships	0	0	60 000

## 7.6 Medium–Term Operational Expenditure

The proposed Operational Expenditure per Strategic Focus Area over the medium term is illustrated in the table below.

**Table 88: Operational Expenditure per Strategic Objective**

Operational Expenditure	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
SO 1- Affordable Quality Services	2 709 588 935	2 855 230 151	3 086 932 586
SO 2- Develop and Grow George	19 213 500	19 770 247	20 475 769
SO 3- Good Governance and Human Capital	515 416 062	538 620 081	565 359 992
SO4- Safe, Clean and Green	688 787 614	619 149 539	657 131 978
SO 5- Participative Partnerships	6 126 313	6 429 528	6 749 004

## 7.7 Medium–Term Operational Revenue per Strategic Focus Area

The proposed Operational Revenue per Strategic Objective for the medium term is illustrated in the table below.

**Table 89: Operational Revenue per Strategic Objective**

Operational Revenue	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
SO 1- Affordable Quality Services	2 692 610 036	2 856 994 216	3 117 646 700
SO 2- Develop and Grow George	1 406 789	1 281 664	1 339 339
SO 3- Good Governance and Human Capital	608 582 414	637 562 749	669 518 270
SO4- Safe, Clean and Green	607 725 170	535 509 943	562 259 237
SO 5- Participative Partnerships	0	0	0

**Table 90: Capital Budget 2025/26 – 2026/27 Municipal Manager**

Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
<b>MUNICIPAL MANAGER</b>					
Communication	END USER EQUIPMENT (PC'S LAPTOPS AND PERIPHERAL DEVICES) MM	CRR	20 000	0	0
Office of the Municipal Manager	COMPUTER HARDWARE - INTERNAL AUDIT	CRR	40 000	20 000	20 000
Office of the Municipal Manager	FURNITURE & FITTINGS - INTERNAL AUDIT	CRR	15 000	15 000	0
Office of the Municipal Manager	END USER EQUIPMENT (PC'S LAPTOPS AND PERIPHERAL DEVICES) MM	CRR	0	20 000	0
Office of the Municipal Manager	FURNITURE AND FITTINGS - MM	CRR	15 000	15 000	15 000
<b>OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER TOTAL</b>			<b>90 000</b>	<b>70 000</b>	<b>35 000</b>

**Table 91: Capital Budget 2025/26 – 2026/27 Planning, Development and Human Settlements**

Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Economic Development LED	PACALTS DORP SMME TRADING SITE	CRR	1 280 000	1 670 000	1 800 000
Economic Development LED	TABLETS	CRR	0	0	20 000
Economic Development LED	CONSTRUCTION OF NEW INFORMAL TRADING STANDS	CRR	0	400 000	150 000
Economic Development LED	FURNITURE AND FITTINGS - LED	CRR	0	10 000	0
Economic Development LED	LAPTOPS - LED	CRR	0	60 000	0
Economic Development LED	UPGRADING OF MASAKHANE MALL	CRR	300 000	200 000	300 000
<b>ECONOMIC GROWTH AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (LED) Total</b>			<b>1 850 000</b>	<b>2 340 000</b>	<b>2 270 000</b>
IDP and Performance Management System PMS	LAPTOPS	CRR	0	0	20 000
IDP and Performance Management System PMS	SOUND EQUIPMENT - IDP	CRR	0	0	40 000
<b>IDP/PMS Total</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>60 000</b>
Investment Properties	UPGRADING OF YORK HOSTEL	EFF	5 000 000	0	0
Investment Properties	Delville Park Residential Erven - Phase 2	CRR	0	0	1 867 740

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Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
<b>Investment Property Total</b>			<b>5 000 000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1 867 740</b>
<b>DIRECTORS OFFICE</b>	FURNITURE AND FITTINGS: YORK HOSTEL	Transfer from Operational Revenue	0	0	100 0000
<b>DIRECTORS OFFICE Total</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100 000</b>
Spatial and Environmental Planning	END USER EQUIPMENT (PC'S LAPTOPS AND PERIPHERAL DEVICES)-PD	CRR	270 000	130 000	0
Spatial and Environmental Planning	ILISOLETHU NDPP INVESTMENT PLAN	Grants	6 521 739	8 223 478	4 869 565
Spatial and Environmental Planning	METRO GROUNDS INDUSTRIAL	CRR	365 000	2 100 000	3 289 260
Spatial and Environmental Planning	SEDAN	EFF	300 000	300 000	0
Spatial and Environmental Planning	SERVICES PROVISION STUDY: GWAYANG AREA	CRR	480 000	300 000	0
Spatial and Environmental Planning	TABLETS FOR BC AND LUP	CRR	0	0	13 000
Spatial and Environmental Planning	OUTENIQUA PRECINCT - TOWN PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL	CRR	500 000	0	0
Spatial and Environmental Planning	PAVING CBD - ST MARKS	CRR	0	350 000	0
Spatial and Environmental Planning	Riding Club PRECINCT - TOWN PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL	CRR	500 000	1 000 000	0
Spatial and Environmental Planning	LAPTOPS	CRR	0	0	60 000
Spatial and Environmental Planning	CBD Walkway: Acquisition of Land	CRR	0	3 280 000	0
Spatial and Environmental Planning	Heritage: Signage in Precinct areas: CBD	CRR	0	0	30 000
Spatial and Environmental Planning	Heritage: Signage in Precinct areas: Pacaltsdorp	CRR	0	0	30 000



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Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
<b>Spatial and Environmental Planning Total</b>			<b>8 936 739</b>	<b>15 683 478</b>	<b>8 291 825</b>
Integrated Human Settlements	BAKKIE - NEW HOUSING	EFF	550 000	0	0
Integrated Human Settlements	BRANDED WALL BANNERS	CRR	0	0	30 000
Integrated Human Settlements	BUILDING EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS	CRR	0	60 000	30 000
Integrated Human Settlements	END USER EQUIPMENT (PC'S LAPTOPS AND PERIPHERAL DEVICES) - HOUSING	CRR	20 000	20 000	0
Integrated Human Settlements	FURNITURE: EXISTING HOUSING	CRR	0	10 000	10 000
Integrated Human Settlements	FURNITURE: HOUSING (NEW)	CRR	0	10 000	10 000
Integrated Human Settlements	GAZEBOS	CRR	0	0	20 000
Integrated Human Settlements	PROVISION OF SERVICES: FLISP HOUSING - BLANCO BUFFERSTROOK	CRR	0	1 500 000	200 000
Integrated Human Settlements	SMALL HATCHBACK	EFF	270 000	350 000	0
<b>Integrated Human Settlements Total</b>			<b>840 000</b>	<b>1 950 000</b>	<b>300 000</b>
Tourism	DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE	CRR	0	20 000	0
Tourism	EVENT AND PROMOTIONAL BRANDING	CRR	0	0	100 000
Tourism	FENCE, SIGN AND PARKING	CRR	0	0	800 000
Tourism	FURNITURE AND FITTINGS - TOURISM OFFICES	CRR	0	0	150 000
Tourism	HEROLDS BAY ACTIVATION PIECE	CRR	0	500 000	500 000

Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Tourism	SIGNAGE	CRR	0	0	50 000
<b>Tourism Total</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>520 000</b>	<b>1 600 000</b>

**Table 92: Capital Budget 2025/26 – 2026/27 Community Safety and Mobility**

Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Anti Land Invasion	DOUBLE CAB 4X4	EFF	700 000	0	750 000
Anti Land Invasion	LAPTOPS	CRR	20 000	42 000	0
Anti Land Invasion	SINGLE CABS - 4X4	EFF	0	700 000	0
Anti Land Invasion	OFFICE FURNITURE - LAW ENFORCEMENT	CRR	0	50 000	600 000
<b>Anti Land Invasion Total</b>			<b>720 000</b>	<b>792 000</b>	<b>1 350 000</b>
Drivers Licence Testing Centre	BATTERY PACK - DRIVERS LICENCES	CRR	5 000	0	0
Drivers Licence Testing Centre	ARCHIVING FACILITY	CRR	500 000	0	2 350 000
<b>Drivers Licence Testing Centre Total</b>			<b>505 000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2 350 000</b>
Fire Services	FURNITURE AND FITTINGS - FIRE STATION	CRR	0	50 000	600 000
Fire Services	LAPTOP FIRE	CRR	60 000	0	0
Fire Services	TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT	CRR	550 000	0	700 000
Fire Services	UPGRADING OF RADIO COMMUNICATION - GEORGE	CRR	735 000	0	0
Fire Services	FIRE TRUCK	EFF	0	4 000 000	0

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Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Fire Services	Land cruisers x2	EFF	2 200 000	0	0
Fire Services	Breathing apparatus	CRR	300 000	300 000	0
<b>Fire Services Total</b>			<b>3 845 000</b>	<b>4 350 000</b>	<b>1 300 000</b>
GIPTN Auxillary Cost	Upgrade of garden of Go George hub in Blanco, some plants impractical - rock garden option	CRR	20 000	0	0
<b>GIPTN Auxillary Total</b>			<b>20 000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Law Enforcement	ACCESS CONTROL - CCTV	CRR	0	200 000	0
Law Enforcement	CCTV: EXTENSION OF CAMERA SYSTEM	CRR	2 097 000	1 480 000	0
Law Enforcement	CCTV: EXTENSION OF CCTV BUILDING	CRR	3 500 000	0	0
Law Enforcement	CCTV: FURNITURE	CRR	750 000	200 000	0
Law Enforcement	CCTV: OPTIC FIBRE	CRR	2 000 000	2 500 000	2 100 000
Law Enforcement	COMMUNICATION SYSTEM	CRR	0	1 000 000	720 000
Law Enforcement	FIBRE LINK - N2	CRR	0	0	5 500 000
Law Enforcement	FURNITURE - SECURITY SERVICES	CRR	0	500 000	0
Law Enforcement	IT EQUIPMENT/SCREENS - CONTROL ROOM	CRR	500 000	400 000	0
Law Enforcement	MINIBUS - LAW ENFORCEMENT	EFF	0	900 000	0
Law Enforcement	RECORDER AND HARDDRIVES - CCTV	CRR	400 000	300 000	0
Law Enforcement	UPS AND BOXES	CRR	0	750 000	680 000
Law Enforcement	VEHICLES	EFF	2 000 000	1 500 000	1 500 000
Law Enforcement	CCTV: SAFETY EQUIPMENT: MAIN BUILDING	CRR	0	0	50 000
Law Enforcement	CCTV Camera UPS and boxes in George	CRR	0	400 000	450 000
Law Enforcement	CCTV INCIDENT COMMAND CENTRE - FRIDGE	CRR	10 000	0	0
Law Enforcement	New Project - CCTV: END USER EQUIPMENT	CRR	85 000	90 000	0

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Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
<b>Law Enforcement Total</b>			<b>11 342 000</b>	<b>10 220 000</b>	<b>11 000 000</b>
Motor Vehicle Registration	INSTALLATION OF CAMERA SYSTEM	CRR	50 000	50 000	0
<b>Motor Vehicle Registration Total</b>			<b>50 000</b>	<b>50 000</b>	<b>0</b>
Traffic Operations	END-USER EQUIPMENT	CRR	200 000	100 000	0
Traffic Operations	SAFETY EQUIPMENT - TRAFFIC SERVICES	CRR	50 000	50 000	0
Traffic Operations	VEHICLES	EFF	2 600 000	800 000	0
Traffic Operations	FIREARMS - TRAFFIC	CRR	85 000	85 000	0
<b>Traffic Operations Total</b>			<b>2 935 000</b>	<b>1 035 000</b>	<b>0</b>
Vehicle Testing Station	WAITING AREA AND PUBLIC TOILETS - VEHICLE TESTING STATION	CRR	0	500 000	0
Vehicle Testing Station	Equipment	CRR	6 000	0	0
<b>Vehicle Testing Station Total</b>			<b>6 000</b>	<b>500 000</b>	<b>0</b>

**Table 93: Capital Budget 2025/2026-2027/2028 Community Services**

Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Beach Areas	BEACH INFRASTRUCTURE: BOARDWALKS,	CRR	500 000	0	0
<b>Beach Areas Total</b>			<b>500 000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Branch Libraries	END USER EQUIPMENT (PC'S LAPTOPS AND PERIPHERAL DEVICES) - CO	CRR	0	100 000	100 000
<b>Branch Libraries Total</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>100 000</b>	<b>100 000</b>
Environmental Health	SOUND LEVEL METER	CRR	200 000	0	0
<b>Environmental Health Total</b>			<b>200 000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Landfill Site	1.6 BAKKIES - MAINTENANCE AT TRANSFERSTATION	EFF	400 000	0	0
Landfill Site	TRUCKS WITH TRAILERS	EFF	2 500 000	2 500 000	0
Landfill Site	MINI TRANSFER STATION	CRR	3 000 000	0	0
Landfill Site	OPEN TOP SKIPS AND REFURBISHMENT OF COMPACTOR BINS	CRR	750 000	0	0
Landfill Site	ROOF TRANSFER STATION UNIONDALE	CRR	0	720 000	0
Landfill Site	SKIPS TRUCK	EFF	2 000 000	2 000 000	0
Landfill Site	CHIPPER- UNIONDALE TRANSFER STATION	CRR	0	500 000	0

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Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Landfill Site	WASTE RAMP: GEORGE TRANSFER STATION	CRR	0	0	1 000 000
Landfill Site	Building of Compost Plant	CRR	0	1 000 000	1 000 000
Landfill Site	Extension and refurbishment of George Waste Transfer Station Transfer Station	CRR	3 000 000	1 000 000	0
<b>Landfill Site Total</b>			<b>11 650 000</b>	<b>7 720 000</b>	<b>2 000 000</b>
Public Ablution Facilities	UPGRADE PUBLIC TOILETS	CRR	150 000	0	0
Public Ablution Facilities	Conversion of Ablution	CRR	0	0	403 000
Public Ablution Facilities	Upgrade & Extension Facilities	CRR	0	0	200 000
Public Ablution Facilities	Upgrading Toilets - Beach Areas	CRR	0	0	460 000
<b>Public Ablution Facilities Total</b>			<b>150 000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1 063 000</b>
Parks and Recreation	CHIPPER (NEW)	EFF	0	300 000	300 000
Parks and Recreation	NEW CAMP: PARKS CAMP	CRR	0	3 000 000	3 000 000
Parks and Recreation	UPGRADE OF BOTANICAL GARDEN	CRR	1 000 000	0	0
Parks and Recreation	AERIAL PLATFORM 18M	EFF	0	2 400 000	0
Parks and Recreation	BAKKIES	EFF	0	400 000	0
Parks and Recreation	CREWCAB	EFF	1 000 000	0	0

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Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Parks and Recreation	REPLACEMENT OF ASBESTOS ROOF: PARKS FACILITIES	CRR	0	1 700 000	0
Parks and Recreation	Decorative & Innovative	CRR	56 000	0	0
<b>PARKS Total</b>			<b>2 056 000</b>	<b>7 800 000</b>	<b>3 300 000</b>
Refuse Removal	BULK REFUSE CONTAINERS: TRANSFER STATION	CRR	300 000	300 000	300 000
Refuse Removal	NEW WASTE MANAGEMENT CAMP (REFUSE REMOVAL DEPOT)	CRR	0	3 000 000	3 000 000
Refuse Removal	NEW CAGE TIPPER TRUCKS	EFF	2 400 000	0	0
Refuse Removal	REPLACE REFUSE TRUCK COMPACTER CAW 91335	EFF	3 700 000	0	0
Refuse Removal	REPLACE REFUSE TRUCK COMPACTER CAW 14989	EFF	0	4 000 000	0
Refuse Removal	REPLACE REFUSE TRUCK COMPACTER CAW 91334	EFF	3 700 000	0	0
Refuse Removal	REPLACE REFUSE TRUCK COMPACTER CAW 14575	EFF	0	0	4 000 000
Refuse Removal	SKIPS	CRR	500 000	500 000	0
<b>REFUSE REMOVAL Total</b>			<b>10 600 000</b>	<b>7 800 000</b>	<b>7 300 000</b>
SECRETARIAT COMMUNITY SERVICES	END USER EQUIPMENT (PC'S LAPTOPS AND PERIPHERAL DEVICES) -CS	Transfer from Operational Revenue	60 000	60 000	60 000
<b>SECRETARIAT COMMUNITY SERVICES Total</b>			<b>60 000</b>	<b>60 000</b>	<b>60 000</b>

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Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Social Services	END-USER EQUIPMENT	CRR	20 000	30 000	0
Social Services	FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT - SOCIAL	CRR	0	58 000	50 000
Social Services	LAPTOPS	CRR	0	100 000	0
Social Services	SANDANEZWE CRECHE: CONTAINER	CRR	0	200 000	0
Social Services	SIEMBAMBA CRECHE - FENCING	CRR	200 000	900 000	0
Social Services	Work Opportunities – EPWP	CRR	0	100 000	100 000
<b>Social Services Total</b>			<b>220 000</b>	<b>1 388 000</b>	<b>150 000</b>
Sport Facilities and Development	UPGRADE PARKDENE SPORT GROUND	CRR	1 720 000	0	0
Sport Facilities and Development	PAVILLION FOR DORPSVELD - UNIONDALE	CRR	60 000	0	0
Sport Facilities and Development	ROSEMORE SPORTGROUND - TARTAN TRACK PHASE 2	CRR	0	0	1 450 000
Sport Facilities and Development	UPGRADING - LAWAAIKAMP SPORT FACILITY	CRR	0	0	1 720 000
Sport Facilities and Development	UPGRADING OF PAVILLION ABLUTION/STOREROOMS AND CLUBHOUSE - ROSEMOOR SPORTGROUND	CRR	0	2 000 000	2 000 000



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Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Sport Facilities and Development	CONVILLE SWIMMING POOL: NEW DOME ROOF/Swimming infrastructure/heat pumps	CRR	0	0	5 000 000
Sport Facilities and Development	UPGRADE CRICKET CLUBHOUSE- ROSEMOORE SPORT GROUNDS	CRR	750 000	0	0
Sport Facilities and Development	Construction of cricket pitch and cricket nets - Uniondale (Lyonville sport ground)	CRR	0	0	200 000
Sport Facilities and Development	Upgrading Lawaaikamp Sport Grounds	CRR	0	0	450 000
Sport Facilities and Development	Rosemore Tartan Track (Phase 2)	CRR	4 000 000	0	0
Sport Facilities and Development	Radios- Sport Maintenance	CRR	0	0	200 000
<b>Sport Facilities and Development Total</b>			<b>6 530 000</b>	<b>2 000 000</b>	<b>11 020 000</b>

**Table 94: Capital Budget 2025/26 – 2026/27 Corporate Services**

Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Civic Centre	SEDAN: CORPORATE	EFF	400 000	0	0
Civic Centre	INSTALLATION OF NEW MID-WALL AIR CONDITIONER FOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND HR OFFICES	CRR	300 000	300 000	0
Civic Centre	VEHICLES: AUXILLARY	EFF	0	500 000	700 000

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Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Civic Centre	INDUSTRIAL BUFFING MACHINE	CRR	50 000	0	250 000
<b>Civic Centre Total</b>			<b>750 000</b>	<b>800 000</b>	<b>950 000</b>
Conville Hall	FENCING: LAWAAIKAMP COMMUNITY HALL	CRR	1 141 000	0	0
<b>Conville Hall Total</b>			<b>1 141 000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
DMA Administration	AIRCON UNIONDALE OFFICE	CRR	0	0	20 000
DMA Administration	BIOMETRICS	CRR	50 000	0	0
DMA Administration	Fencing Haarlem Hall- Fase 2	CRR	0	0	250 000
DMA Administration	3 X URNS HALLS	CRR	0	0	10 000
DMA Administration	3 X BOILING TABLE GAS- COMMERCIAL 3 BURNER + 9KG GAS AND CYLINDER	CRR	0	0	40 000
DMA Administration	OUTDOOR SOUND SYSTEM	CRR	0	0	60 000
DMA Administration	3 x 36 000 Btu Aircon Uniondale Community Hall	CRR	0	0	80 000
DMA Administration	3 x 36 000 Btu Aircon - Haarlem community Hall	CRR	0	0	80 000
DMA Administration	WATER DISPENCER - CLONE	CRR	0	0	40 000
<b>DMA Administration Total</b>			<b>50 000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>580 000</b>
Human Resource Management	LAPTOPS	CRR	100 000	100 000	0
Human Resource Management	OFFICE FURNITURE	CRR	100 000	100 000	0

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Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
<b>Human Resources Management Total</b>			<b>200 000</b>	<b>200 000</b>	<b>0</b>
Legal and Compliance	FURNITURE AND FITTINGS - LEGAL SERVICES	CRR	75 000	65 000	75 000
Legal and Compliance	LAPTOPS	CRR	100 000	100 000	0
Legal and Compliance	LAPTOPS	CRR	0	0	120 000
<b>Legal and Compliance Total</b>			<b>175 000</b>	<b>165 000</b>	<b>195 000</b>
Maintenance	MICROWAVE	CRR	0	8 000	0
Maintenance	WATER HARVESTING PROJECTS	CRR	50 000	50 000	50 000
Maintenance	WATER PUMPS	CRR	20 000	20 000	20 000
Maintenance	BUILDING EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS	CRR	50 000	50 000	50 000
Maintenance	1X BAKKIE: MAINTENANCE	EFF	0	580 000	0
Maintenance	CHAIRS - MAINTENANCE SECTION	CRR	0	30 000	0
Maintenance	ERECTION OF FENCE: POST OFFICE BUILDING-PACALTS DORP (MISSION STREET)	CRR	280 000	0	0
Maintenance	FRIDGE	CRR	0	18 000	0
Maintenance	FURNITURE - MAINTENANCE SECTION	CRR	0	150 000	50 000
Maintenance	LOCKERS	CRR	0	20 000	0
Maintenance	REPLACE ASBESTOS ROOF: HOUSE 11TH AVENUE, DENNEOORD	CRR	0	380 000	0
Maintenance	TOILETS FOR DISABLED: KLIPHUIS GEBOU-PACALTS DORP (MISSION STREET)	CRR	0	50 000	0

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Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Maintenance	TRAILER (MAINTENANCE)	EFF	50 000	50 000	50 000
Maintenance	CONTAINERS (MAINTENANCE)	CRR	211 000	100 000	0
<b>Maintenance Total</b>			<b>661 000</b>	<b>1 506 000</b>	<b>220 000</b>
Office of the Speaker	TOOLS OF TRADE - COUNCIL	CRR	650 000	0	0
<b>Office of the Speaker Total</b>			<b>650 000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Parkdene Hall	PARKDENE HALL: FENCING	CRR	700 000	0	0
Parkdene Hall	PAVING: PARKDENE HALL	CRR	0	200 000	0
<b>Parkdene Hall Total</b>			<b>70 000</b>	<b>200 000</b>	<b>0</b>
Rosemore Hall	FENCING: ROSEMOOR COMMUNITY HALL	CRR	280 000	0	0
<b>Rosemore Hall Total</b>			<b>280 000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Secretarial Committee Services	END USER EQUIPMENT (PC'S LAPTOPS AND PERIPHERAL DEVICES) - CO	CRR	20 000	20 000	20 000
Secretarial Committee Services	FURNITURE AND FITTINGS: CORP ADMIN	CRR	10 000	336 000	105 000
Secretarial Committee Services	VACUUM CLEANERS - CORP ADMIN	CRR	5 000	15 000	15 000
Secretarial Committee Services	INDUSTRIAL SHREDDER: RECORDS	CRR	50 000	0	0
Secretarial Committee Services	SEDAN: COMMITTEE SERVICES	EFF	0	400 000	0
<b>Secretarial Committee Services Total</b>			<b>85 000</b>	<b>771 000</b>	<b>140 000</b>
<b>THEMBALETHU HALL</b>	COMMUNITY HALL: ASAZANI	EFF	0	1 014 000	1 821 000
<b>THEMBALETHU HALL Total</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>1 014 000</b>	<b>1 821 000</b>

**Table 95: Capital Budget 2025/26 – 2026/27 Civil Engineering Services**

Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Laboratory Services	BUILDINGS	EFF	1 500 000	3 000 000	100 000
Laboratory Services	FURNITURE AND FITTINGS - LABORATORY	CRR	100 000	50 000	50 000
Laboratory Services	INSTRUMENTATION	CRR	2 000 000	2 500 000	1 000 000
<b>Laboratory Services Total</b>			<b>3 600 000</b>	<b>5 550 000</b>	<b>1 150 000</b>
Secretariat Civil Engineering Services	END USER EQUIPMENT (PC'S LAPTOPS AND PERIPHERAL DEVICES) - CIVIL	CRR	100 000	100 000	100 000
Secretariat Civil Engineering Services	FURNITURE AND FITTINGS - CIVIL ADMIN	CRR	100 000	100 000	100 000
Secretariat Civil Engineering Services	PAVING OF STREETS(DMA)	CRR	0	75 000	0
Secretariat Civil Engineering Services	Old Town Hall Building Upgrades	EFF	800 000	2 000 000	5 000 000
<b>SECRETARIAT CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES Total</b>			<b>1 000 000</b>	<b>2 275 000</b>	<b>5 200 000</b>
Roads and Stormwater Services	HOPE STREET RECONSTRUCTION	CRR	500 000	4 000 000	0
Roads and Stormwater Services	Rand Street Extension	CRR	0	0	1 000 000
Roads and Stormwater Services	Upgrade Nelson Mandela Boulevard Thembalethu	CRR	250 000	0	0

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Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Roads and Stormwater Services	Upgrade Nelson Mandela Boulevard Thembaletu	EFF	0	1 500 000	2 000 000
Roads and Stormwater Services	Rehabilitation_BL_York Street Parking	CRR	0	1 384 830	0
Roads and Stormwater Services	Rehabilitation_BL_York Street Parking 9	CRR	0	0	155 790
Roads and Stormwater Services	Rehabilitation_BLR_21st Street	CRR	0	8 820	0
Roads and Stormwater Services	Rehabilitation_BLR_24th Street	CRR	0	32 830	0
Roads and Stormwater Services	Rehabilitation_BLR_Epeneta Jantjie Street	CRR	0	14 700	0
Roads and Stormwater Services	Rehabilitation_HEAVY REH_Courtenay Street	CRR	0	517 742	440 655
Roads and Stormwater Services	1TON SC 4X4 LDV	EFF	800 000	1 200 000	1 200 000
Roads and Stormwater Services	BUILDING OF CONCRETE CANALS & DRAINS	CRR	0	470 000	480 000
Roads and Stormwater Services	CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS: GEORGE AREA	CRR	1 000 000	7 500 000	7 500 000
Roads and Stormwater Services	DEPOT UPGRADE	CRR	10 000	100 000	100 000
Roads and Stormwater Services	GIPTN ROAD REHABILITATION	Grants	33 754 416	10 000 000	10 000 000
Roads and Stormwater Services	MECHANICAL BROOM	EFF	0	6 000 000	0
Roads and Stormwater Services	NGCANI STREET	CRR	11 850 000	0	0

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Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Roads and Stormwater Services	PW BOTHA BOULEVARD	CRR	0	11 723 807	0
Roads and Stormwater Services	REBUILDING OF STREETS: GREATER GEORGE	EFF	11 000 000	24 000 000	0
Roads and Stormwater Services	ROOIDRAAI ROAD: REPAIRS TO SLIP FAILURE	EFF	10 000 000	5 000 000	0
Roads and Stormwater Services	STREET RESEALING: GREATER GEORGE	CRR	0	20 000 000	21 000 000
Roads and Stormwater Services	STREET RESEALING: GREATER GEORGE	EFF	15 000 000	0	0
Roads and Stormwater Services	TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT - STREETS	CRR	200 000	200 000	100 000
Roads and Stormwater Services	TRAILERS - STREETS	CRR	0	0	100 000
Roads and Stormwater Services	UPGRADE STORMWATER - HEROLDS BAY	CRR	5 000 000	3 800 000	0
Roads and Stormwater Services	UPGRADE THEMBALETHU STORMWATER	Grants	750 000	4 329 004	10 822 511
Roads and Stormwater Services	UPGRADING OF EXISTING ROADS - DELVILLE PARK	EFF	4 000 000	0	0
Roads and Stormwater Services	UPGRADING OF EXISTING STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE	EFF	2 500 000	7 400 000	9 800 000
Roads and Stormwater Services	UPGRADING OF JONGA STREET	CRR	50 000	0	0
Roads and Stormwater Services	UPGRADING OF PIENAAR/FOTHERINGHAM STREET	EFF	1 500 000	4 500 000	0

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Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Roads and Stormwater Services	UPGRADING OF STREETS HAARLEM	EFF	0	7 500 000	7 500 000
Roads and Stormwater Services	UPGRADING STREETS UNIONDALE	EFF	0	7 500 000	7 500 000
Roads and Stormwater Services	WALK BEHIND ROLLER COMPACTOR	EFF	0	1 800 000	1 500 000
Roads and Stormwater Services	TIPPER TRUCKS	EFF	2 500 000	2 500 000	0
Roads and Stormwater Services	DIGGER LOADER - DMA	EFF	0	1 400 000	0
Roads and Stormwater Services	IUDG: UPGRADE OF STORMWATER: ROSEMOOR: PH1	CRR	850 000	0	0
Roads and Stormwater Services	IUDG: UPGRADE OF STORMWATER: ROSEMOOR: PH1	Grants	8 500 000	8 500 000	8 500 000
Roads and Stormwater Services	PW BOTHA BOULEVARD	EFF	0	7 276 193	0
Roads and Stormwater Services	RAND STREET EXTENTION	EFF	6 000 000	2 155 000	0
Roads and Stormwater Services	REBUILDING OF STREETS: GREATER GEORGE	CRR	0	0	27 000 000
Roads and Stormwater Services	SIT-ON ROLLER COMPACTOR	EFF	250 000	1 500 000	1 500 000
Roads and Stormwater Services	UPGRADE HAARLEM STORMWATER	Grants	750 000	3 896 104	6 926 407
Roads and Stormwater Services	UPGRADE OF STORMWATER: ROSEMOOR: PH2	CRR	5 400 000	0	0
Roads and Stormwater Services	UPGRADE OF STORMWATER: ROSEMOOR: PH2	EFF	3 038 503	0	0



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Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Roads and Stormwater Services	UPGRADE THEMBALETHU ZONE 3 -8 STORMWATER	Grants	750 000	4 329 004	6 493 506
Roads and Stormwater Services	UPGRADE UNIONDALE STORMWATER	Grants	750 000	5 627 706	6 926 407
Roads and Stormwater Services	UPGRADING OF EXISTING STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE (THEMBALETHU)	CRR	0	480 000	0
Roads and Stormwater Services	UPGRADING OF WHITES ROAD	EFF	1 200 000	600 000	5 000 000
Roads and Stormwater Services	UPGRADING STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE (GEORGE SOUTH)	EFF	2 500 000	2 000 000	7 100 000
Roads and Stormwater Services	BAKKIES	EFF	600 000	600 000	600 000
Roads and Stormwater Services	UPGRADING OF JONGA STREET	EFF	0	15 000 000	10 000 000
Roads and Stormwater Services	Water Truck (18000 litre)	EFF	2 500 000	2 500 000	0
Roads and Stormwater Services	STREETS AND STORM WATER GENERAL	CRR	2 000 000	0	0
Roads and Stormwater Services	UPGRADING OF HANSMOESKRAAL ROAD	EFF	14 000 000	0	0
Roads and Stormwater Services	UPGRADING OF HANSMOESKRAAL ROAD	CRR	1 000 000	0	0
<b>Road and Stormwater Services Total</b>			<b>150 752 919</b>	<b>188 845 740</b>	<b>161 245 276</b>
Waste Water Networks	BAKKIE - DMA COMMUNITY	EFF	0	600 000	0
Waste Water Networks	BAKKIES	EFF	600 000	0	0

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Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Waste Water Networks	CRANE TRUCK - ELEC	EFF	150 000	0	0
Waste Water Networks	EBB AND FLOW SEWER PIPE BRIDGE	CRR	1 200 000	3 000 000	3 000 000
Waste Water Networks	HONEY SUCKERS TRUCKS FOR PUMPSTATIONS	EFF	1 600 000	0	0
Waste Water Networks	NETWORK REHAB - SEWERAGE	CRR	3 470 000	6 000 000	8 000 000
Waste Water Networks	NETWORK REHABILITATION	CRR	3 970 000	5 000 000	0
Waste Water Networks	PACALTSORP PUMPSTATION 3 UPGRADE	EFF	25 000 000	40 650 000	0
Waste Water Networks	SECURITY FENCING	CRR	10 000	1 850 000	0
Waste Water Networks	TELEMETRY AND SERVICE NETWORK SYSTEM	CRR	130 000	500 000	500 000
Waste Water Networks	THEMBALETHU EASTERN BULK SEWER	CRR	0	3 000 000	0
Waste Water Networks	THEMBALETHU P/S 6	EFF	21 600 000	23 000 000	0
Waste Water Networks	TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT	CRR	50 000	50 000	60 000
Waste Water Networks	TWO-WAY RADIO SYSTEMS	CRR	50 000	50 000	40 000
Waste Water Networks	UNIONDALE SEWER NETWORK	CRR	1 480 000	3 000 000	1 500 000
Waste Water Networks	UPGRADE ELECTRICAL SWITCH GEAR AT SEWER PUMP STATIONS	EFF	2 300 000	3 000 000	3 500 000

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Waste Water Networks	UPGRADE PUMPSTATIONS - SEWER	EFF	15 750 000	18 000 000	18 000 000
Waste Water Networks	UPGRADING DEPOT FACILITIES	EFF	5 000 000	1 900 000	2 000 000
Waste Water Networks	UPGRADING OF ACCESS ROADS & FENCING (PUMP STATIONS)	CRR	920 000	1 000 000	1 000 000
Waste Water Networks	UPGRADING OF EDEN PUMPSTATION (MECHANICAL)	EFF	29 000 000	0	0
Waste Water Networks	WILDERNESS KLEINKRANTZ MAIN SEWER LINE UPGRADE	EFF	80 000	0	0
Waste Water Networks	ERF 325 WEST INTERNAL SEWER PUMPSTATION & RISING MAIN	EFF	0	1 400 000	1 400 000
Waste Water Networks	GENERATOR	CRR	0	285 000	0
Waste Water Networks	HEROLDS BAY PUMP STATION 1	EFF	3 300 000	13 750 000	16 750 000
Waste Water Networks	SCHAAPKOP PUMPSTATION (INSTALL INLET SCREENS)	EFF	36 000 000	0	0
Waste Water Networks	THEM UISP PHASE 3 AREA 5, 6A&B- EXTENSION OF SEWER MAIN TOWARDS AREA 2	EFF	15 000 000	15 000 000	10 000 000
Waste Water Networks	THEMBALETHU EASTERN BULK SEWER	Grants	223 371	4 526 403	4 535 246
Waste Water Networks	THEMBALETHU P/S 6	Grants	12 760 250	4 329 004	0
Waste Water Networks	UPGRADE KLEINKRANTZ PUMPSTATION	EFF	1 000 000	3 000 000	5 000 000

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Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Waste Water Networks	UPGRADE WILDERNESS EAST PUMPSTATION	EFF	800 000	2 000 000	5 000 000
Waste Water Networks	UPGRADING OF MEUL STREET PUMPSTATION	EFF	10 000 000	0	0
Waste Water Networks	Blanco Densification Outfall Sewer	CRR	0	112 100	0
Waste Water Networks	George Biosolids Beneficiation Facility	EFF	2 000 000	4 200 000	15 800 000
Waste Water Networks	IUDG: Upgrade of Sewer Reticulation network: Rosemore	CRR	1 500 000	0	0
Waste Water Networks	IUDG: Upgrade of Sewer Reticulation network: Rosemore	Grants	12 932 900	3 500 000	2 750 000
Waste Water Networks	SUPER SUCKER - SEWER	CRR	10 000	0	0
<b>WASTE WATER NETWORKS Total</b>			<b>207 886 521</b>	<b>162 702 507</b>	<b>98 835 246</b>
Waste Water Treatment	Gwaiing WWTW Upgrade - Phase 2	EFF	18 600 000	5 460 000	500 000
Waste Water Treatment	KLEINKRANTZ WWTW: DEWATERING FACILITY	EFF	600 000	14 000 000	8 800 000
Waste Water Treatment	UF PLANT - REHABILITATION	EFF	6 850 000	2 100 000	500 000
Waste Water Treatment	OUTENIQUA 10ML ADDITION - WWTW	CRR	400 000	0	0
Waste Water Treatment	Herolds Bay WWTW	EFF	3 000 000	5 000 000	40 000 000
Waste Water Treatment	Union Street bulk sewer diversion	EFF	1 500 000	3 000 000	500 000

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<b>Waste Water Treatment Total</b>			<b>30 950 000</b>	<b>29 560 000</b>	<b>50 300 000</b>
Water Contamination Control	FENCING - HEROLDSBAY WWTW	CRR	1 000 000	0	0
Water Contamination Control	FENCING - UNIONDALE WWTW	CRR	1 900 000	0	0
Water Contamination Control	HAARLEM WWTW- OFFICE	EFF	350 000	500 000	0
Water Contamination Control	PAVING - GWAING WWTW	EFF	1 705 000	0	0
Water Contamination Control	TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT - WWTW	CRR	50 000	50 000	80 000
Water Contamination Control	REFURBISHMENT OF BELT PRESSES AT GWAING WWTW	CRR	980 000	1 000 000	0
Water Contamination Control	FENCE - OUTENIQUA WWTW	CRR	0	1 000 000	0
Water Contamination Control	FENCE AT GWAING WWTW	CRR	3 700 000	1 000 000	0
Water Contamination Control	OUTENIQUA WWTW- OFFICE	CRR	500 000	1 500 000	0
<b>Water Contamination Control Total</b>			<b>30 950 000</b>	<b>29 560 000</b>	<b>50 300 000</b>
Water Distribution	AIRCONDITIONING / AIRCONDITIONERS	CRR	0	600 000	600 000
Water Distribution	AIRPORT MAINLINE UPGRADE	EFF	5 000 000	11 225 807	16 174 055
Water Distribution	BAKKIES - WATER DISTRIBUTION	EFF	0	600 000	0

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Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Water Distribution	FURNITURE AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT	CRR	0	60 000	60 000
Water Distribution	INSTALLATION OF BURST CONTROL VALVES	CRR	1 200 000	2 200 000	0
Water Distribution	INSTALLATION OF NEW METERS - WATER DISTRIBUTION	CRR	980 000	740 000	0
Water Distribution	INSTALLATION OF NEW WATER CONNECTIONS	CRR	980 000	800 000	800 000
Water Distribution	INSTALLATION OF SMART METERS	EFF	5 500 000	15 000 000	15 000 000
Water Distribution	KAAIMANS TRANSNET BRIDGE & WATER PIPELINE UPGRADING	EFF	500 000	2 500 000	5 000 000
Water Distribution	NETWORK REHABILITATION - WATER	EFF	12 500 000	16 500 000	16 500 000
Water Distribution	PRESSURE REDUCING VALVES	CRR	2 300 000	5 300 000	5 700 000
Water Distribution	TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT - WATER	CRR	10 000	10 000	200 000
Water Distribution	TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT (DMA)	CRR	0	25 000	0
Water Distribution	TRAILERS FOR TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT	CRR	135 000	0	0
Water Distribution	UPGRADING DEPOT FACILITIES	EFF	5 000 000	0	0
Water Distribution	UPGRADING OF PACALTSDORP WATER (ANDERSONVILLE): PHASE 1	EFF	1 000 000	0	0

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Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Water Distribution	UPGRADING OF THEMBALETHU WATER (Ward 13): PHASE 1	EFF	1 000 000	0	0
Water Distribution	UPGRADING OF THEMBALETHU WATER (Ward 13): PHASE 1	Grants	12 500 000	2 500 000	0
Water Distribution	4 TON TIPPER TRUCK - DMA	EFF	0	450 000	0
Water Distribution	BAKKIES	EFF	350 000	1 200 000	1 200 000
Water Distribution	INSTALLATION OF BULK METERS	CRR	2 000 000	5 400 000	4 500 000
Water Distribution	PACALTSDORP LINK ( ERF 325 EAST)	CRR	0	0	485 589
Water Distribution	TWO-WAY RADIO SYSTEMS	CRR	50 000	50 000	80 000
Water Distribution	UPGRADING DEPOT FACILITIES	CRR	0	3 000 000	3 000 000
Water Distribution	UPGRADING OF PACALTSDORP WATER (ANDERSONVILLE): PHASE 1	Grants	12 500 000	2 500 000	0
Water Distribution	Burst control valves	CRR	3 000 000	0	0
Water Distribution	George-George Main-George Sub Western Bulk Supply	CRR	0	183 260	0
Water Distribution	Upgrade eastern bulk outflow mains at George Main reservoirs	CRR	0	99 911	99 911
Water Distribution	IUDG: Upgrade Water Reticulation: Rosemore	CRR	500 000	0	0

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Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Water Distribution	IUDG: Upgrade Water Reticulation: Rosemore	Grants	1 500 000	1 561 905	687 662
<b>WATER DISTRIBUTION Total</b>			<b>68 995 000</b>	<b>72 925 883</b>	<b>70 497 217</b>
Water Purification	ALL WATER PUMP STATIONS (SPECTRUM) PEPPERSPRAY	CRR	470 000	300 000	0
Water Purification	DAM SAFETY CONSTRUCTION	CRR	0	1 800 000	2 300 000
Water Purification	FENCING AT RESERVOIRS	EFF	490 000	500 000	500 000
Water Purification	INSTRUMENTATION	CRR	0	210 000	200 000
Water Purification	NEW POTABLE WATER STORAGE RESERVOIR	EFF	3 600 000	13 500 000	15 000 000
Water Purification	PIPEWORK REHABILITATION: GARDEN ROUTE DAM	EFF	11 100 000	20 000 000	13 000 000
Water Purification	TELEMETRY - WATER PURIFICATION	CRR	210 000	200 000	410 000
Water Purification	TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT	CRR	0	10 000	190 000
Water Purification	UNIONDALE FORT KOPPIE RESERVOIR (500KI) PHASE 1	EFF	10 000 000	10 250 000	19 250 000
Water Purification	UPGRADING OF EBB N FLOW PIPE BRIDGE	CRR	2 460 000	2 500 000	2 500 000
Water Purification	UPGRADING OF WATER PUMP STATIONS	EFF	3 000 000	5 000 000	5 000 000
Water Purification	ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PROJECT	CRR	0	80 000	0



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Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Water Purification	BALANCING DAM	EFF	20 000 000	0	0
Water Purification	DAM SAFETY CONSTRUCTION	EFF	0	1 900 000	2 300 000
Water Purification	EQUIPMENT OF GROUNDWATER RESOURCES	CRR	0	490 000	1 200 000
Water Purification	PACALTSODORP (EAST) 3MI RESERVOIR, 300 KI TOWER AND PUMPSTATION	CRR	8 001 774	0	0
Water Purification	PACALTSODORP (EAST) 3MI RESERVOIR, 300 KI TOWER AND PUMPSTATION	EFF	11 998 226	0	0
Water Purification	PACALTSODORP 14,5ML RESERVOIR AND 1ST PHASE NEW PUMPSTATION	EFF	40 000 000	0	0
Water Purification	THEMBALETHU EAST 8 MI RESERVOIR, 1 MI TOWER AND PUMP STATION	EFF	30 600 000	0	0
Water Purification	THEMBALETHU PUMPSTATION & 6 ML RESERVOIR	EFF	15 000 000	0	0
Water Purification	Groundwater exploration	EFF	1 500 000	4 900 000	5 000 000
Water Purification	GENERATORS - WATER PURIFICATION	EFF	0	3 500 000	1 000 000
<b>Water Purification Total</b>			<b>158 430 000</b>	<b>65 140 000</b>	<b>67 850 000</b>

**Table 96: Capital Budget 2025/26 – 2026/27 Financial Services**

Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget	Proposed budget	Proposed budget
			2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
IT Services Network	BIOMETRICS - IT	CRR	75 000	0	0
IT Services Network	IT ARCHITECTURE ASSESSMENT AND UPGRADES	CRR	300 000	0	0
<b>IT SERVICES NETWORK Total</b>			<b>375 000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
ICT Systems	Management Information System	EFF	23 558 204	3 218 753	3 389 347
<b>ICT Systems Total</b>			<b>23 558 204</b>	<b>3 218 753</b>	<b>3 389 347</b>
Logistics Stores	Erection of new Municipal Store	CRR	150 000	15 850 000	0
<b>Logistics Stores Total</b>			<b>150 000</b>	<b>15 850 000</b>	<b>0</b>
Secretariat Financial Services	AIRCONDITIONER - CREDITORS	CRR	100 000	100 000	0
Secretariat Financial Services	END USER EQUIPMENT (PC'S LAPTOPS AND PERIPHERAL DEVICES) - FIN	CRR	400 000	400 000	400 000
Secretariat Financial Services	OFFICE FURNITURE - CFO	CRR	200 000	0	0
<b>SECRETARIAT FINANCIAL SERVICES Total</b>			<b>700 000</b>	<b>500 000</b>	<b>400 000</b>

**Table 97: Capital Budget 2025/26-2026/27 Electrotechnical Services**

Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Distribution	BESS O&M	CRR	500 000	500 000	0
Distribution	ENG COMMUNICATION SYSTEM	CRR	500 000	500 000	0
Distribution	ENG CONTROL CENTRE: 11KV SAFETY	CRR	0	0	1 250 000
Distribution	ADMIN ENTRANCE CONTROL AND SECURITY MEASURES - ELEC	CRR	50 000	50 000	0
Distribution	SL FESTIVE LIGHTS	CRR	200 000	200 000	200 000
Distribution	SS FICHAT SS UPGRADE - 11KV SWITCHGEAR AND EQUIPMENT	CRR	3 000 000	0	0
Distribution	RETIC FORMAL AREAS UNDERGROUND CONNECTION - UISP AREA	CRR	7 000 000	0	0
Distribution	SS HEATHER PARK UPGRADE	EFF	5 000 000	20 000 000	20 000 000
Distribution	SS HEROLDS BAY SUBSTATION	CRR	1 500 000	0	0
Distribution	SL HIGH MAST LIGHTING	CRR	1 000 000	0	0
Distribution	ADMIN MOBILE RADIOS - ELEC	CRR	100 000	100 000	0
Distribution	OVERLOADED NETWORKS: REPLACEMENT - ELEC	CRR	3 000 000	1 140 000	0

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Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Distribution	ENG PROTECTION SYSTEM GENERAL	CRR	500 000	500 000	500 000
Distribution	ENG QOS	CRR	50 000	0	0
Distribution	FLEET - REPLACE CHERRY PICKER TRUCK - ELEC	EFF	8 000 000	0	0
Distribution	RMU REPLACE OVERLOADED 11KV SWITCHGEAR	CRR	5 000 000	5 000 000	0
Distribution	RETICULATION FILL IN SCHEMES - AD HOC	CRR	100 000	100 000	0
Distribution	RETIC METRO GROUNDS	CRR	500 000	0	0
Distribution	SS SCHAAPKOP 2ND 132/66KV TRANSFORMER	EFF	15 000 000	36 000 000	1 500 000
Distribution	ADMIN SECURITY WALL AT MAJOR SUBSTATIONS	CRR	500 000	500 000	0
Distribution	STREETLIGHTS: UNIONDALE, HAARLEM AND HEROLD	CRR	10 000	10 000	0
Distribution	SS THERON SS UPGRADE - 11KV SWITCHGEAR AND EQUIPMENT	CRR	1 000 000	7 500 000	0
Distribution	LINE - SS GEORGE TO SS GLENWOOD	EFF	0	1 500 000	9 500 000
Distribution	ADMIN UPGRADING OF BUILDINGS - ELEC	CRR	1 000 000	0	0
Distribution	SL UPS FOR TRAFFIC LIGHTS	CRR	1 500 000	1 500 000	0

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Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Distribution	TP Town Planning - Erf 8538 Pac's	CRR	525 000	0	0
Distribution	Meters AUTOMATED METERING SYTEM	CRR	500 000	300 000	50 000
Distribution	SS 11KV SWITCHGEAR AND EQUIPMENT - GROENKLOOF	EFF	1 000 000	5 000 000	7 000 000
Distribution	SS 11KV SWITCHGEAR AND EQUIPMENT - MOOIKLOOF	CRR	0	500 000	3 500 000
Distribution	SS GEORGE SUBSTATION UPGRADE	CRR	1 000 000	0	0
Distribution	ADMIN SAFETY ADDITIONS TO ELEC BUILDING (OHSA)	CRR	2 550 000	50 000	0
Distribution	RE SOLAR PV: Various Buildings	CRR	300 000	300 000	300 000
Distribution	SS THEMBALETHU/BALLOTS BAY 66/11KV SUBSTATION	CRR	500 000	0	0
Distribution	SS Completion of Uniondale Sub	CRR	0	2 000 000	0
Distribution	SL Flood lights in the green belt at Dormelsdrift and Camphersdrift	CRR	200 000	0	0
Distribution	LINE Hansmoeskraal Thembaletu 66KV	EFF	500 000	500 000	1 000 000
Distribution	MS to be installed - Corner Beukes Clinic	CRR	2 000 000	0	0
Distribution	SS Glenwood Substation	EFF	3 000 000	500 000	0

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Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Distribution	MS on Corner of 5th& Akasia Str	CRR	2 000 000	0	0
Distribution	SL New streetlight for 16B Outeniqua Street, Denneoord	CRR	50 000	0	0
Distribution	SS Proefplaas Upgrade	CRR	2 000 000	0	0
Distribution	SS Protea 66/11KV Transformer	CRR	4 000 000	0	0
Distribution	SL Spotlights in Knysna Road from Engen to Mall	CRR	150 000	0	0
Distribution	SS Riverlea- Trf must be upgraded	CRR	500 000	0	0
Distribution	SL Streetlights (Bob Street, Nqwemesha Street)	CRR	320 000	0	0
Distribution	SL Streetlights upgrade in Blanco, Maitland Street, Peter Theron & Napier (very dark)	CRR	400 000	0	0
Distribution	MP: SS Protea - SS Watertoring	CRR	2 000 000	0	0
Distribution	RE Outeniqua WWTW PV Solar - O&M	CRR	250 000	250 000	250 000
Distribution	RE 1MW PV Plant O&M	CRR	250 000	250 000	0
Distribution	PFC - Langenhoven SS	CRR	0	500 000	0
Distribution	PFC - Tamsui	CRR	0	500 000	0
Distribution	PFC - George SS	CRR	750 000	0	0

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Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Distribution	SS Upgrading of Tamsui SS	EFF	1 000 000	10 000 000	15 000 000
Distribution	Cable MV from George SS to Theron SS	EFF	3 500 000	3 500 000	0
Distribution	MP: SS George - SS TableTop	CRR	1 000 000	0	0
Distribution	ADMIN Safety Equipment	CRR	300 000	50 000	0
Distribution	ADMIN Tools and Equipment	CRR	250 000	250 000	250 000
Distribution	ADMIN Office Furniture & Fittings	CRR	150 000	50 000	50 000
Distribution	MP: SS Winery - SS Industries	CRR	700 000	0	0
Distribution	SS Langehoven SS - Erosion problem	EFF	1 000 000	2 000 000	0
Distribution	MP: SS TableTop - SS Winery	CRR	600 000	0	0
Distribution	RE Civic Centre PV Solar O&M	CRR	250 000	250 000	250 000
Distribution	SL Streetlights for Nelson Mandela BLD	CRR	3 350 000	0	0
Distribution	SL Streetlights for York Str	CRR	5 500 000	0	0
Distribution	SL High Mast - PW Botha BLD	CRR	500 000	0	0
Distribution	SL Street lights General	EFF	3 000 000	3 000 000	3 000 000

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Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Distribution	SL Nelson Mandela Traffic Lights	EFF	2 000 000	2 000 000	2 000 000
Distribution	RMU Parkdene RMU relocate	CRR	0	700 000	0
Distribution	LV CABLE Die Vleie Road LV Line Conversion	CRR	1 800 000	0	0
Distribution	RE Gwaing WWTW PV Solar	CRR	250 000	250 000	250 000
Distribution	RETIC Informals - MDYWADINI - 20 units	CRR	600 000	0	0
Distribution	RETIC Informals - Dube Village - 280 Units	CRR	4 500 000	0	0
Distribution	RETIC Informals - Mandela Village - 500 units	CRR	10 000 000	0	0
Distribution	RETIC Informals - Mandela Village - 500 units	EFF	0	10 000 000	5 000 000
Distribution	Meters Smart Meters - City Wide	CRR	0	0	35 000 000
Distribution	Meters Smart Meters - City Wide	EFF	5 000 000	5 000 000	0
Distribution	ENG - Testing Equipment	CRR	500 000	300 000	0
Distribution	ENG BTU's & Batteries Various SS	CRR	300 000	300 000	300 000
Distribution	Eng Protection Upgrade - 5th Street	CRR	0	600 000	0



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Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Distribution	Eng Protection Upgrade - SS Industria 1	CRR	0	600 000	0
Distribution	Eng Protection Upgrade - SS Sappi	CRR	300 000	0	0
Distribution	Eng Protection Upgrade - SS Constantia	CRR	180 000	0	0
Distribution	MS Replace Mini-sub	EFF	3 000 000	5 000 000	5 000 000
Distribution	LINES Replacing and upgrading of redundant MV overhead lines & Cables	CRR	4 000 000	4 000 000	0
Distribution	LV LINES Upgrading of low voltage lines & cables	CRR	2 500 000	2 500 000	2 500 000
Distribution	SL High Mast Light - Clinic Str Rosemore	CRR	900 000	0	0
Distribution	Retic 17 Units Haarlem	CRR	350 000	0	0
Distribution	FORMAL AREA UNDERGROUP ELECTRIFICATION	Grants	3 217 391	3 478 260	3 635 652
Distribution	LV Voortrekker Street OHL conversion	CRR	0	900 000	0
<b>DISTRIBUTION Total</b>			<b>140 252 391</b>	<b>140 478 260</b>	<b>117 285 652</b>
Secretariat Electrical Engineering Services	ADMIN CONTAINER	CRR	200 000	0	0
Secretariat Electrical Engineering Services	ADMIN END USER EQUIPMENT (PCS LAPTOP	CRR	100 000	100 000	120 000

Department	Project name	Funding	Proposed budget 2025/26	Proposed budget 2026/27	Proposed budget 2027/28
Secretariat Electrical Engineering Services Total			300 000	100 000	120 000

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## 7.8 National and Provincial Investment

George Municipality still finds itself in a vulnerable financial position, constantly having to manage itself past deficiencies and inappropriate financial management decisions towards a position of financial viability and sustainability.

The municipality's business and service-delivery priorities were reviewed as part of the year's planning and budgeting process. Where appropriate, funds were transferred to address crucial service-delivery needs and to ensure compliance with legislative requirements and to meet service-delivery obligations. The current year adjustment budget is reflective of this principle and supports the municipality's quest for financial sustainability. The main challenges experienced during the compilation of the 2025/26 MTREF can be summarized as follows:

- National Treasury projects a real economic growth of 1.1 per cent in 2024. Real GDP growth is expected to moderate to 1.8 per cent over the next three years. (MFMA Circular No.129).
- Although George Municipality received the budget facility for infrastructure grant (BFI) allocation of R1.1 billion rand in the previous MTREF for the upgrading of the bulk water services, the need for the upgrading and rehabilitation of the other core services infrastructure remains high. This demand is clearly visible in the draft capital budget.
- Headline inflation is expected to remain between 4.4 to 4.5 per cent target range over the 2025/26 MTREF. (MFMA Circular No. 129).
- The addressing of service delivery shortcomings as identified in the adjustments budget in February 2025 and its effect on the available funding.
- The continued funding constraints with regards to the low available funding for the Capital Budget through the Capital Replacement Reserve (CRR) and the ability to take up loans to meet the demand for upgrading and replacing of infrastructure.
- The development of the Capital Expenditure Framework (CEF) will assist in guiding the municipality in prioritizing the capital budget in line with the Spatial Development Framework (SDF), Long Term Financial Plan (LTFF) etc.

The following tables depict the National and Provincial allocations to the municipality over the 2025/26 MTREF period. It should be noted that the information is subject to change depending on fiscal constraints and the availability of resources.

**Table 98: National and Provincial Investment**

National Allocations / Provincial (R'000)	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028
<b>Municipality</b>			
Equitable share	248 659	268 556	0
Infrastructure Skills Development Grant	6 200	6 500	0
Public Transport Network Grant (PTNG)	184 733	143 751	139 309
Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant for Municipalities	1 966	0	0
Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG)	294 000	0	0

National Allocations / Provincial (R'000)	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028
<b>Municipality</b>			
Equitable share	247 778	263 142	275 041
Infrastructure Skills Development Grant	6 000	6 000	7 600
Public Transport Network Grant (PTNG)	250 300	139 185	149 622
Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant for Municipalities	2 677	-	-
Integrated National Electrification Programme (Municipal) Grant	3 700	4 000	4 181
Local Government Financial Management Grant	1 900	2 000	2 100
Integrated Urban Development Grant (IUDG)	73 504	52 439	54 788
Neighborhood Development Partnership Grant (Capital)	7 500	9 457	5 600
<b>Total</b>	<b>593 359</b>	<b>476 223</b>	<b>498 932</b>

The table below sets out the allocations by the provincial government for the MTREF period.

**Table 99: Provincial allocation**

WCG Departments and funding (R'000)	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028
<b>Cultural Affairs and Sport</b>			
Community Library Services Grant	11 816	-	-
Development of sport and recreational facilities	324	-	-
<b>Department of Local Government</b>			
Community Development Workers Operational Support Grant	94	94	94
Thusong Services Centres Grant	150	-	-
<b>Human Settlements</b>			
Informal Settlements Upgrading Partnership Grant: Provinces (Beneficiaries)	19 000	-	-
Human Settlements Development Grant (Beneficiaries)	20 688	20 500	60 500
Title Deeds Restoration Grant	1 086	-	-
<b>Transport and Public Works</b>			
Financial assistance to municipalities for maintenance and construction of transport infrastructure	7 765	475	534
George Integrated Public Transport Network-Operations (GIPTN)	263 075	269 898	282 044
Integrated transport planning	656	656	686

WCG Departments and funding (R'000)	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028
<b>Total</b>	<b>325 454</b>	<b>291 623</b>	<b>343 858</b>

## 7.9 Reconciling the 2025/26 Budget with the Integrated Development Plan

The following tables depict what the budget buys in terms of IDP priorities for the financial year.

### 7.9.1 Reconciliation of IDP Strategic Objectives and Budget (Operating Revenue)

**Table 100: Reconciliation- IDP Strategic Objectives and Budget (Operating Revenue)**

	Strategic Goal	2025/2026 Budget	2026/2027 Budget	2027/2028 Budget
Sanitation	Affordable Quality Services	283 676 026	298 607 067	313 218 603
Water Services	Affordable Quality Services	581 469 814	601 234 890	621 303 663
Roads Streets, Storm water drainage and Sidewalks	Affordable Quality Services	14 606 252	7 706 751	8 105 682
Transport Planning & Traffic Engineering	Safe, Clean and Green	602 090 779	531 441 610	558 006 942
Electricity	Affordable Quality Services	1 349 748 007	1 498 723 332	1 663 985 826
Housing	Affordable Quality Services	51 375 479	31 724 869	72 232 072
Spatial Planning	Good Governance and Human Capital	20 903 222	21 745 634	23 325 955
Property Development	Affordable Quality Services	7 727 781	8 001 371	8 285 048
Public Safety and Law Enforcement	Affordable Quality Services	103 030 183	107 666 542	112 511 536
Road Transport	Affordable Quality Services	28 132 403	29 398 361	30 721 288
Environmental Health	Affordable Quality Services	6 981	7 295	7 623
Public Amenities	Affordable Quality Services	9 504 722	9 777 010	10 212 822
Waste Management	Affordable Quality Services	251 019 441	263 623 876	276 516 109
Sport facilities and Development	Affordable Quality Services	23 262	24 308	25 402
Local Economic Development	Develop and Grow George	689 822	720 864	753 303
Tourism	Develop and Grow George	716 966	560 800	586 036
Financial viability and management	Good Governance and Human Capital	44 229 905	46 220 826	48 301 368
Revenue enhancement	Good Governance and Human Capital	536 186 303	562 916 261	590 935 688
Credit Control	Good Governance and Human Capital	1 515	1 583	1 655
Budget Formulation and control	Good Governance and Human Capital	1 900 000	2 000 000	2 100 000
People Management and Empowerment	Good Governance and Human Capital	1 932 703	1 237 684	1 257 379
Administrative Support	Good Governance and Human Capital	3 428 766	3 440 761	3 596 226
Library Services	Affordable Quality Services	12 289 686	498 543	521 026

	Strategic Goal	2025/2026 Budget	2026/2027 Budget	2027/2028 Budget
Integrated Development Planning	Participative Partnerships	0	0	0
Communication	Good Governance and Human Capital	0	0	0
HIV/Aids	Safe, Clean and Green	0	0	0
Social Development	Safe, Clean and Green	5 634 391	4 068 333	4 252 294
Internal Audit and Risk Management	Good Governance and Human Capital	0	0	0
<b>Total Revenue (excl. Capital Grants)</b>		<b>3 910 324 409</b>	<b>4 031 348 572</b>	<b>4 350 763 545</b>

### 7.9.2 Reconciliation of IDP Strategic Objectives and Budget (Operating Expenditure)

**Table 101: Reconciliation - IDP strategic Objectives and Budget (Operating expenditure)**

	Strategic Goal	2025/2026 Budget	2026/2027 Budget	2027/2028 Budget
Sanitation	Affordable Quality Services	187 897 660	195 698 193	203 835 327
Water Services	Affordable Quality Services	534 294 234	548 724 990	564 020 061
Roads Streets, Storm water drainage and Sidewalks	Affordable Quality Services	175 799 964	176 211 639	184 279 500
Transport Planning & Traffic Engineering	Safe, Clean and Green	670 962 200	602 380 411	639 597 129
Electricity	Affordable Quality Services	1 226 470 895	1 349 118 130	1 485 175 650
Housing	Affordable Quality Services	81 844 174	60 985 227	102 154 199
Spatial Planning	Good Governance and Human Capital	43 738 665	46 074 494	49 245 549
Property Development	Affordable Quality Services	7 352 434	7 742 530	8 154 019
Public Safety and Law Enforcement	Affordable Quality Services	204 751 676	214 036 135	223 743 663
Road Transport	Affordable Quality Services	17 781 459	18 700 300	19 673 231
Environmental Health	Affordable Quality Services	13 051 406	13 609 075	14 198 539
Public Amenities	Affordable Quality Services	66 821 916	69 605 478	72 666 253
Waste Management	Affordable Quality Services	159 768 343	165 544 659	172 204 360
Sport facilities and Development	Affordable Quality Services	21 149 612	21 943 891	22 775 656
Local Economic Development	Develop and Grow George	7 827 035	8 077 379	8 271 640
Tourism	Develop and Grow George	11 386 465	11 692 868	12 204 129
Financial viability and management	Good Governance and Human Capital	79 681 022	83 603 097	87 730 408
Revenue enhancement	Good Governance and Human Capital	73 476 118	77 004 538	80 672 863
Credit Control	Good Governance and Human Capital	5 634 321	5 964 296	6 313 976
Budget Formulation and control	Good Governance and Human Capital	6 868 863	7 264 969	7 676 455
People Management and Empowerment	Good Governance and Human Capital	56 659 117	57 810 327	60 543 318

	Strategic Goal	2025/2026 Budget	2026/2027 Budget	2027/2028 Budget
Administrative Support	Good Governance and Human Capital	210 948 955	220 652 603	230 998 868
Library Services	Affordable Quality Services	12 605 161	13 309 905	14 052 128
Integrated Development Planning	Participative Partnerships	6 126 313	6 429 528	6 749 004
Communication	Good Governance and Human Capital	26 056 658	27 334 339	28 679 980
HIV/Aids	Safe, Clean and Green	236 039	242 965	250 152
Social Development	Safe, Clean and Green	17 589 375	16 526 163	17 284 697
Internal Audit and Risk Management	Good Governance and Human Capital	12 352 344	12 911 418	13 498 575
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>3 939 132 423</b>	<b>4 039 199 546</b>	<b>4 336 649 328</b>

### 7.9.3 Reconciliation of IDP Strategic Objectives and Budget (Capital Expenditure)

**Table 102: Reconciliation-IDP strategic objectives and budget (Capital Expenditure)**

	Strategic Goal	2025/2026 Budget	2026/2027 Budget	2027/2028 Budget
Sanitation	Affordable Quality Services	211 486 521	168 252 507	99 985 246
Water Services	Affordable Quality Services	269 560 000	174 950 883	193 927 217
Roads Streets, Storm water drainage and Sidewalks	Affordable Quality Services	150 752 919	188 845 740	161 245 276
Transport Planning & Traffic Engineering	Good governance and Human Capital	20 000	0	0
Electricity	Affordable Quality Services	140 552 391	140 578 260	117 405 652
Housing	Affordable Quality Services	840 000	1 950 000	300 000
Spatial Planning	Good governance and Human Capital	8 936 739	15 683 478	8 291 825
Property Development	Affordable Quality Services	5 000 000	0	1 867 740
Public Safety and Law Enforcement	Affordable Quality Services	3 845 000	4 350 000	1 300 000
Road Transport	Affordable Quality Services	3 496 000	1 585 000	2 350 000
Environmental Health	Affordable Quality Services	12 262 000	11 012 000	12 350 000
Public Amenities	Affordable Quality Services	7 748 000	17 820 000	9 291 000
Waste Management	Affordable Quality Services	22 400 000	15 520 000	10 363 000
Sport facilities and Development	Affordable Quality Services	6 530 000	2 000 000	11 020 000
Local Economic Development	Develop and Grow George	1 580 000	2 340 000	2 270 000
Tourism	Develop and Grow George	0	520 000	1 600 000
Financial viability and management	Good governance and Human Capital	850 000	16 350 000	400 000
Budget Formulation and control	Good governance and Human Capital	0	0	0
People Management and Empowerment	Good governance and Human Capital	200 000	200 000	0
Administrative Support	Good governance and Human Capital	24 848 204	4 119 753	4 304 347
Library Services	Affordable Quality Services	0	100 000	100 000

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	Strategic Goal	2025/2026 Budget	2026/2027 Budget	2027/2028 Budget
Integrated Development Planning	Participate Partnerships	0	0	60 000
Communication	Good governance and Human Capital	195 000	165 000	195 000
Social Development	Safe, Clean and Green	220 000	1 388 000	150 000
<b>Total Budget</b>		<b>871 322 774</b>	<b>767 730 621</b>	<b>637 776 303</b>

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# CHAPTER 8: Organisational Scorecard (5 – years)

## 8.1 Introduction

The Integrated Development Plan enables the achievement of the planning stage of performance management. Performance management then fulfils the implementation, management, monitoring and evaluation of the Integrated Development Plan. The performance of an organisation is integrally linked to that of its staff. It is therefore vitally important for any organisation to periodically review its own performance as well as that of its employees. A performance-orientated organisation is one in which vital indications of performance are generated automatically, as part of the management systems that are used by all managers in their day-to-day management activities.

## 8.2 Performance Framework

Regulation 7(1) of the Local Government: Municipal Planning and Performance Management Regulations, 2001 states that “A Municipality’s Performance Management System (PMS) entails a framework that describes and represents how the municipality’s cycle and processes of performance planning, monitoring, measurement, review, reporting and improvement will be conducted, organized and managed, including determining the roles of the different role players.” This framework, inter alia, reflects the linkage between the Integrated Development Plan (IDP), Budget, SDBIP and individual and service provider performance. The Municipal Council adopted a Performance Management Framework on 26 October 2011 and was subsequently reviewed on 12 February 2022.

## 8.3 Performance Management System

The Performance Management System implemented at the municipality is intended to provide a comprehensive, step by step planning system that helps the municipality to manage the process of performance planning and measurement effectively. The PM System serves as primary mechanism to monitor, review and improve the implementation of the municipality IDP and eventually the budget. The performance management policy framework was approved by Council which provided for performance implementation, monitoring and evaluation at organisational and individual levels

## 8.4 Organisational Performance

The organisational performance of the municipality is evaluated by means of a municipal scorecard (Top Layer SDBIP) at organisational level and through the service delivery budget implementation plan (SDBIP) at directorate and departmental levels. The Top Layer SDBIP set out consolidated service delivery targets and provides an overall picture of performance for the municipality reflecting performance on its strategic priorities.

The departmental SDBIP captures the performance of each defined department which reflects on the strategic priorities of the municipality. The SDBIP provides the detail of each outcome for which the senior management is responsible for, in other words a comprehensive picture of the performance of each directorate/sub-directorate.

### **8.5 Individual Performance (s56/57 employees)**

The municipality has implemented a performance management system for all its senior managers. This has led to a specific focus on service delivery and means that:

- Each manager must develop a scorecard which is based on the balanced scorecard model.
- At the beginning of each financial year all the senior managers (Section 57 employees) sign Performance Agreements.

### **8.6 Individual Performance**

Section 38 (a) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, No. 32 of 2000 requires Municipalities to set appropriate key performance indicators as a yardstick for measuring performance, including outcomes and impact, with regards to the community development priorities and objectives set out in its Integrated Development Plan. Section 9 (1) of the Regulations to this Act maintains in this regard, that a Municipality must set key performance indicators, including input indicators, output indicators and outcome indicators in respect of each of the development priorities and objectives.

Every year, as required by Section 12 (1) of the Regulations to the Systems Act, the Municipality also set performance targets for each of the key performance indicators. The IDP process and the performance management process are therefore seamlessly integrated.

The Municipality has embarked upon a process to cascade performance management to all levels in the organisation. A phase in approach is followed starting from Senior Managers to Managers. It is envisaged that the process of cascading will be finalised by 2023. The Human Resource Development Department is responsible for the implementation and monitoring of the cascading process

### **8.7 Municipal Staffing Regulations**

The municipality approved a Performance Management Policy in line with Chapter 4 of the Staff Regulations. The cascading of performance management to all staff is currently in process, where the following activities has been implemented:

- An implementation plan has been developed.
- Awareness Sessions was held with staff. However, this will be ongoing.
- The Ignite system has been updated with the competencies in the Staff Regulations.
- KPA's and KPI's has been created for all staff. It is currently being reviewed in order to ensure it complies with the requirements of the Staff Regulations.
- In terms of the plan the review process needs to be finalise by end of April 2023. After this all KPA's and KPI's will be uploaded on Ignite and training will be provided in the month of May 2023 to compile the agreement on the system. Agreements needs to be concluded by end of June 2023.

### **8.8 Service Delivery Budget Implementations Plan (SDBIP)**

Parallel with the completion IDP revision, work has commenced to prepare the SDBIPs for the financial year for the various functional areas and directorates of the Municipality. The SDBIP will unpack the IDP areas and predetermined objectives into more detailed programmes, projects, budgets, and performance targets and measurement criteria. Section 1 of the Municipal Finance

Management Act 2003 (Act 56 of 2003) (MFMA) defines the SDBIP as:

*“a detailed plan approved by the mayor of a municipality in terms of section 53(1)(c)(ii) for implementing the municipality’s delivery of services and the execution of its annual budget and which must include (as part of the top- layer) the following:*

*(a) projections for each month of-*

*(i) revenue to be collected, by source; and*

*(ii) operational and capital expenditure, by vote;*

*(b) service delivery targets and performance indicators for each quarter”.*

The approved Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Medium-Term Revenue and Expenditure Framework are implemented through the Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP). As a result, only initiatives with a budget are carried out. The SDBIP is used to address the development goals as they are deduced from the IDP that has been authorised.

National Treasury's MFMA Circular Number 13 establishes the SDBIP's format. The SDBIP must enable monitoring and evaluation and offer a picture of service delivery areas and budget allocations in accordance with the aforementioned Circular Number 13. It expressly mandates that the SDBIP contain, among other things, the following:

- Monthly projections of revenue to be collected for each source;
- Monthly projections of expenditure (operating and capital) and revenue for each vote;
- Quarterly projections of service delivery targets and performance indicators for each vote;
- Ward information for expenditure and service delivery; and
- Detailed capital works plan broken down by ward over three years.

### **8.9 MFMA Circular No. 13**

The Circular stipulates that the SDBIP serves as a “contract” between the administration, council and community expressing the goals and objectives set by council as quantifiable outcomes that can be implemented by the administration over the next twelve months. The SDBIP provides the vital link between the mayor, council (executive) and the administration and facilitates the process for holding management accountable for its performance. The SDBIP is a management, implementation and monitoring tool that will assist the mayor, councillors, municipal manager, senior managers and community.

According to Section 53 of the MFMA, the mayor of a municipality is required to take all practical measures to make sure that the plan for the delivery of services and the execution of the budget is authorised by the mayor within 28 days after the budget's adoption. It also demonstrates that the annual performance agreements for the municipal manager and all senior managers, as required by Section 57(1)(b) of the MSA, are connected to the quantifiable performance targets authorised with the budget as well as to the service delivery and budget implementation plan.

### **8.10 Top Layer SDBIP Targets and Indicators**

Quarterly projections of service delivery targets and performance indicators for each vote, is one of the five components of the Top Layer (TL) SDBIP that must be made public as detailed in MFMA Circular 13. The TL SDBIP includes measurable performance objectives in the form of service delivery targets and performance indicators that are provided to the community, that is, what impacts it seeks to achieve. These are drawn from the IDP programmes, services and activities that are relevant to each specific directorate as well as the statutory plans that the department is responsible for. The SDBIPs therefore are the key mechanisms

for monitoring the different responsibilities and targets that each Directorate must fulfil in meeting service delivery needs provided to the community.

### **8.11 REPORTING ON THE SDBIP**

Various reporting requirements are outlined in the MFMA, both the mayor and the accounting officer have clear roles to play in preparing and presenting these reports. The SDBIP provides an excellent basis for generating the reports required by the MFMA. The report then allows the Council to monitor the implementation of service delivery programs and initiatives across the municipality's boundaries.

#### **8.12 Monthly Reporting**

Section 71 of the MFMA stipulates that reporting on actual revenue targets and spending against the budget should occur on a monthly basis. This reporting must be conducted by the accounting officer of a municipality no later than 10 working days, after the end of each month.

This report includes:

- Actual revenue per source;
- Actual borrowing;
- Actual expenditure per votes;
- Actual capital expenditure per vote; and
- Any allocations received

#### **8.13 Quarterly Reporting**

Performance monitoring is an ongoing process by which a manager accountable for a specific indicator and target as set out in the SDBIP continuously monitors current performance against the strategic objectives. The aim of the monitoring process is to take apt and immediate action where the indication is that a target is not going to be met by the time that the formal process of performance measurement, analysis, reporting and review is due. Section 52(d) of the MFMA compels the mayor to submit a report to the council on the implementation of the budget and the financial state of affairs of the municipality within 30 days of the end of each quarter. The quarterly performance projections captured in the SDBIP form the basis for the mayor's quarterly report.

#### **8.14 Performance Reviews**

The performance of the employee in relation to his/her performance agreement is reviewed in accordance with the following schedule. Quarterly performance evaluations are conducted for all contracted employees no later than one month following the quarter for which the evaluation is being done.

#### **8.15 Mid-Year Reporting**

Section 72 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, Act No. 5 of 2003, determines that by 25 January of each year the accounting officer must assess the performance of the municipality and report to the Council on inter alia its service delivery performance during the first half of the financial year and the service delivery targets and performance indicators set in the service delivery and budget implementation plan.

**8.15.1 The section 72 report must include the following:**

- The monthly statements submitted in terms of section 71 for the first half of the financial year
- The municipality's service delivery performance, and the service delivery targets, and performance indicators set in the service delivery and budget implementation plan
- The past year's annual report, and progress on resolving problems identified in the annual report (s72)
- Performance of service providers
- Make recommendations as to whether an adjustments budget is necessary (s72)
- Recommend revised projections for revenue and expenditure to the extent that this may be necessary (s72)

**8.15.2 Monitoring and Adjustments Budget Process**

The section 71 and 72 budget monitoring reports are required under the MFMA and should provide a consolidated analysis of the Municipality's financial position including year-end projections. The Executive Mayor must consider these reports under s54 of the MFMA and then decide as to whether the SDBIP should be amended. The Adjustments Budget concept is governed by various provisions in the MFMA and is aimed at instilling and establishing an increased level of discipline, responsibility and accountability in the municipality's finances. Meaning, funds can be transferred within a vote but any movements between votes can only be agreed by an adjustments budget.

In accordance with the Municipality's approved Performance Management Policy, key performance indicators (KPIs) can only be adjusted after the mid-year assessment and/or after the adjustments budget has been approved. KPIs should be adjusted to be aligned with the adjustment estimate and the reason for the change in KPIs should be documented in a report to the Executive Mayor for approval.

**8.16 Internal Auditing of Performance Reports**

The MFMA requires that the Municipality must establish an Internal Audit section, which service could be outsourced, depending on its resources and specific requirements. Section 45 of the MSA stipulates that the results of the Municipality's performance measures/indicators must be audited by the said Internal Audit section as part of the Internal Auditing process and annually by the Auditor-General.

The Municipal Planning and Performance Management Regulations stipulate that the Internal Audit section must on a continuous basis audit all performance and the auditing must include an assessment of the following:

- The functionality of the municipality's PMS;
- Whether the municipality's PMS complies with the Act; and
- The extent to which the municipality's performance measurements are reliable in measuring the performance of municipalities by making use of indicators.

The Municipality's internal audit function will need to be continuously involved in auditing the performance reports based on the organisational and directorate/departmental scorecards. As required by Regulation, they will be required to produce an audit report on a quarterly basis, to be submitted to the Municipal Manager and Performance Audit Committee. The MFMA and the Municipal Planning and Performance Management Regulations require that the municipal council establish an audit committee consisting of a minimum of three members, where the majority of members are not employees of the municipality. No Councillor

may be a member of an audit committee. Council shall also appoint a chairperson who is not an employee.

### **8.17 MFMA CIRCULAR NO. 88 OF 2017**

The MFMA Circular No. 88 of 2017, its accompanying annexures and subsequent addendums provides guidance to municipalities on the adoption and internalisation of a common set of performance indicators. The implementation of the original circular has shown that the on-going planning, budgeting and reporting reforms process is complex and requires sufficient time and change management for incremental roll-out, growth and institutionalisation.

For immediate implementation purposes, the municipality have identified the indicators in Appendix A to Addendum 2 that are listed as Tier 1 or Tier 2 for our category municipality and started establishing baselines for those measurements (if they are not already being tracked) along with getting to grips with understanding the standard definitions explained in the technical indicator descriptions (TID).

Importantly, please note that intermediate cities, districts and local municipalities are still not yet required to incorporate these indicators in their IDPs and SDBIPs. Instead, the relevant indicators are included as an annexure to the IDP and SDBIP. Although the indicators do not formally have to be included in the IDP/SDBIP, the Municipality will be required to report on performance against said indicators on a quarterly and annual basis. Please do note that the roll-out process currently remains a pilot project. Reporting against these indicators will as such not be audited.

Due to the pilot process, intermediate cities, district and local municipalities will not be required to incorporate the indicators in their existing performance indicator tables in the IDP and SDBIP. Instead, these indicators will find expression in a dedicated Annexure to the IDP and SDBIP which clearly indicates the MFMA Circular No. 88 with indicators applicable to the municipality at Tier 1 and 2 levels of readiness.

Practically, piloting for all categories of municipalities (except metros) means the following as it relates to municipal planning:

- Tier 1 and Tier 2 outcome, output and compliance indicators applicable to the municipality to be included in a dedicated Annexure to the IDP and SDBIP which clearly indicates the indicator;
- Baselines should be established for Tier 1 and Tier 2 outcome, output and compliance indicators and reflected in the IDP;
- Targets for outcome indicators should be set with a five-year horizon for local government (2025/26);
- Targets for output indicators should be set on an annual basis; and
- No targets should be set for compliance indicators as these are tracked for monitoring purposes only.

### **8.18 The Performance Management Policy includes the following objectives that the**

#### **8.19 Municipality's PMS should:**

- The PMS should provide a mechanism for ensuring increased accountability between the local community, politicians, the Municipal Council and the municipal management team;
- The PMS should facilitate learning in order to enable the municipality to improve service delivery;
- It is important that the PMS ensures decision-makers are timeously informed of performance related risks, so that they can facilitate intervention, if necessary; and

- The PMS should provide appropriate management information that will allow efficient, effective and informed decision-making, particularly on the allocation of resources.

The Performance Management Policy clarifies the roles and responsibilities of each of the stakeholders involved in the PMS of the municipality. This negates any confusion that might arise in the municipality's pursuit to speed up delivery and to enhance the quality of services to its local constituents.

The SDBIP is an implementation plan of the approved Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Medium-Term Revenue and Expenditure Framework. Therefore, only projects that are budgeted for are implemented. The SDBIP serves to address the development objectives as derived from the approved IDP. The format of the SDBIP is prescribed by MFMA Circular Number 13 issued by National Treasury. In terms of Circular 13, the SDBIP provides a picture of service delivery priorities, budget provision and the monitoring of performance.

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### 8.20 Five-Year Top-Level Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP)

The SDBIP gives effect to the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and is essentially the management and implementation tool setting out the quarterly service delivery targets.

The Top Layer SDBIP include the main service delivery indicators of the municipality. The following table reflects the 5 Year Implementation Plan of the Integrated Development Plan:

#### 8.20.1 SO 1: DEVELOP AND GROW GEROGE

**Table 103: SO1: Develop and Grown George**

SO 1: DEVELOP AND GROW GEORGE																				
IDP Ref No	Directorate	Indicator (Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Key Initiative)	Unit of Measurement	Indicator Type	Wards	Baseline (2021/22)	5-year target	Target 2022/23	Target 2023/24	Target 2024/25	Target 2025/26	Target 2026/27	Outer years 2027-2032	NKPA link	NDP (National)	PSO (VIP) link	GRDM link	PDO link	SDG LINK	Delivery Indicator
TBC	Planning and Development	Develop Economic Development Strategy	Number of Economic Development Strategies developed	Output	ALL	New KPI	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NKPA 3	NDP 1	VIP 2	GRDM 1	PDO 1.1	SDG 8	Output
TBC	Planning and Development	Develop mentoring and skills development programme for SMMEs and entrepreneurs	Number of skills development programme for SMMEs and entrepreneurs developed by 31 March	Output	ALL	New KPI	1	N/A	1	1	1	1	1	NKPA 3	NDP 1	VIP 2	GRDM 1	PDO 1.1	SDG 8	Output
TBC	Planning and Development	Developing a Digital economy strategy and implementation plan	Number of Digital economy strategies developed by 30 June	Output	ALL	New KPI	1	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	NKPA 3	NDP 1	VIP 2	GRDM 1	PDO 2.4	SDG 11	Outcome
TBC	Planning and Development	Create Investor Database	Number of investment databases developed by 30 June	Output	ALL	New KPI	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NKPA 3	NDP 1	VIP 2	GRDM 1	PDO 1.2	SDG 8	Output
TBC	Civil Engineering Services	Incorporation of proposed public transport routes and interchanges into the SDF and LSDF	Number of Incorporation of proposed public transport routes and interchanges into the SDF and LSDF made by 30 June	Output	ALL	New KPI	1	N/A	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NKPA 3	NDP 1	VIP 2	GRDM 1	PDO 2.4	SDG 11; 15	Output



**SO 1: DEVELOP AND GROW GEORGE**

IDP Ref No	Directorate	Indicator (Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Key Initiative)	Unit of Measurement	Indicator Type	Wards	Baseline (2021/22)	5-year target	Target 2022/23	Target 2023/24	Target 2024/25	Target 2025/26	Target 2026/27	Outer years 2027-2032	NKPA link	NDP (National)	PSO (VIP) link	GRDM link	PDO link	SDG LINK	Delivery Indicator
TBC	Civil Engineering Services	Submit to Council a Draft Integrated Public Transport Network Plan	Number of Draft Integrated Public Transport Network Plans submitted to council by 30 June	Output	ALL	New KPI	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NKPA 3	NDP 1	VIP 2	GRDM 1	PDO 4.1	SDG 11	Output

**8.20.2 SO2: SAFE, CELAN AND GREEN**

**Table 104: SO2: SAFE, Clean and Green**

**SO2 – SAFE, CLEAN AND GREEN**

IDP Ref No	Directorate	Indicator (Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Key Initiative)	Unit of Measurement	Indicator Type	Wards	Baseline (2021/22)	5-year target	Target 2022/23	Target 2023/24	Target 2024/25	Target 2025/26	Target 2026/27	Outer years 2027-2032	NKPA link	NDP (National)	PSO (VIP) link	GRDM link	PDO link	SDG LINK	Delivery Indicator
TBC	Community Services	Submit Disaster Management Plan to Portfolio Committee (Community Services)/ Mayco	Number of Disaster Management Plans submitted to Portfolio Committee (Community Services)/ Mayco by 31 March	Output	ALL	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	NKPA 8	NDP 2	VIP 2	GRDM 1	PDO 4.1	SDG 9	Output
TBC	Community Services	Develop terms of reference (TOR) in conjunction with Disaster Management to establish a Disaster Management Forum	Number of terms of reference (TOR) developed in conjunction with Disaster Management to establish a Disaster Management Forum	Output	ALL	1	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NKPA 8	NDP 2	VIP 2	GRDM 1	PDO 4.1	SDG 9	Output
TBC	Community Services	Implementation of the environmental awareness strategy	Number of environmental awareness strategies implemented by 31 March	Output	ALL	New KPI	1	N/A	1	1	1	1	1	NKPA 8	NDP 2	VIP 2	GRDM 1	PDO 4.1	SDG 9	Output

SO2 – SAFE, CLEAN AND GREEN

IDP Ref No	Directorate	Indicator (Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Key Initiative)	Unit of Measurement	Indicator Type	Wards	Baseline (2021/22)	5-year target	Target 2022/23	Target 2023/24	Target 2024/25	Target 2025/26	Target 2026/27	Outer years 2027-2032	NKPA link	NDP (National)	PSO (VIP) link	GRDM link	PDO link	SDG LINK	Delivery Indicator
TBC	Community Services	Develop a turn- around strategy for traffic and licensing services	Number of turn- around strategy for traffic and licensing services developed by 30 June	Output	ALL	New KPI	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NDP 2	VIP 2	GRDM 1	PDO 4.1	PDO 4.1	SDG 9	Output
TBC	Community Services	Set-up a 24hr control room for all services in George	Number of 24hr control room for all services in George set-up	Output	ALL	New KPI	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NKPA 8	NDP 2	VIP 2	GRDM 1	PDO 2.4	SDG 15	Output
TBC	Community Services	Develop a neighborhood watch support plan	Number of neighborhoods watch support plans developed by 30 June	Output	ALL	New KPI	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NKPA 8	NDP 2	VIP 2	GRDM 1	PDO 42.4	SDG 11	Output
TBC	Community Services	Develop a Draft Implementation Strategy for the Management of Alien Vegetation on Municipal land	Number of Draft Implementation Strategies for the Management of Alien Vegetation on Municipal land submitted by 30 June	Output	ALL	New KPI	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NKPA 8	NDP 2	VIP 2	GRDM 1	PDO 4.1	SDG11	Output
TBC	Planning and Development	Obtain Blue Flag status for at least 2 beaches by 30 November 2022	Number of Blue Flag status beaches obtained	Output	ALL	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	NKPA 8	NDP 2	VIP 2	GRDM 1	PDO 2.4	SDG 15	Output
TBC	Planning and Development	Develop George Tourism webpage	Number of George Tourisms webpages developed by 30 June	Output	ALL	New KPI	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NKPA 8	NDP 2	VIP 2	GRDM 1	PDO 2.4	SDG 15	Output

8.20.3 SO3: AFFORDABLE QUALITY SERVICES

Table 105: SO3: Affordable Quality Services

5<sup>th</sup> Generation Integrated Development Plan 2022 – 2027

SFA 3 – AFFORDABLE QUALITY SERVICES																				
IDP Ref No	Directorate	Indicator (Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Key Initiative)	Unit of Measurement	Indicator Type	Wards	Baseline (2021/22)	5-year target	Target 2022/23	Target 2023/24	Target 2024/25	Target 2025/26	Target 2026/27	Outer years 2027-2032	NKPA link	NDP (National)	PSO (VIP) link	GRDM link	PDO link	SDG LINK	Delivery Indicator
TBC	Civil Engineering Services	Water quality managed and measured quarterly i.e. the SANS 241 physical and micro parameters	Percentage water quality level as per analysis certificate measured quarterly	Output	ALL	New KPI	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	NKPA 9	NDP 8	VIP 5	GRDM 2	PDO 3.1	SDG 13	Output
TBC	Civil Engineering Services	Wastewater quality managed and measured quarterly i.e. the SANS Accreditation physical and micro parameters	Percentage wastewater quality compliance as per analysis certificate measured quarterly	Output	ALL	New KPI	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	NKPA 7	NDP 6	VIP 5	GRDM 2	PDO 3.2	SDG 16	Output
TBC	Civil Engineering Services	Limit water network losses to less than 19% measured annually. (Difference between water units supplied and water units billed as percentage of water supplied)	Average percentage water losses by 30 June	Output	ALL	New KPI	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	NKPA 7	NDP 6	VIP 5	GRDM 2	PDO 3.2	SDG 16	Output
TBC	Electrotechnical Engineering	Limit the electricity losses to less than 10% annually (Average energy purchased to date – Average energy sold to date)/ (Average energy purchased to date) X 100 = Average energy losses for reporting period	Percentage average electricity losses by 30 June	Output	ALL	New KPI	<10%	<10%	<10%	<10%	<10%	<10%	<10%	NKPA4	NDP5	PSO4	GRDM3	PDO3	SDG1	Output
TBC	Electrotechnical Engineering	Provision of basic service delivery to George Residents (NKPI Proxy – MFMA, Reg. S10(a))	Percentage of formal households with access to basic level of electricity measured quarterly	Output	ALL	New KPI	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	NKPA4	NDP5	PSO4	GRDM3	PDO3	SDG1	Output

SFA 3 – AFFORDABLE QUALITY SERVICES																				
IDP Ref No	Directorate	Indicator (Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Key Initiative)	Unit of Measurement	Indicator Type	Wards	Baseline (2021/22)	5-year target	Target 2022/23	Target 2023/24	Target 2024/25	Target 2025/26	Target 2026/27	Outer years 2027-2032	NKPA link	NDP (National)	PSO (VIP) link	GRDM link	PDO link	SDG LINK	Delivery Indicator
TBC	Civil Engineering Services	Provision of basic service delivery to George Residents (NKPI Proxy – MFMA, Reg. S10(a))	Percentage of formal households with access to basic level of sanitation measured quarterly	Output	ALL	New KPI	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	NKPA 7	NDP 6	VIP 5	GRDM 2	PDO 3.2	SDG 16	Output
TBC	Civil Engineering Services	Provision of basic service delivery to George Residents (NKPI Proxy indicator –S10(a))	Percentage of formal households with access to basic level of water measured quarterly	Output	ALL	New KPI	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	NKPA 9	NDP 8	VIP 5	GRDM 2	PDO 3.1	SDG 13	Output
TBC	Community Services	Provision of basic service delivery to George Residents (NKPI Proxy indicator –S10 (a))	Percentage of formal households with access to basic level solid waste removal measured quarterly	Output	ALL	New KPI	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	NKPA3	NDP10	PSO4	GRDM 2	PDO 3.2	SDG15	Output
TBC	Civil Engineering Services	Registered indigent formal households with access to free basic water (NKPI Proxy - MSA, Reg.mS10(a), (b))	Percentage of registered indigent formal households with access to free basic water, measured quarterly	Output	ALL	New KPI	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	NKPA 9	NDP 8	VIP 5	GRDM 2	PDO 3.1	SDG 13	Output
TBC	Electrotechnical Engineering	Registered indigent formal households with access to free basic electricity provided by the municipality (NKPI Proxy - MSA, Reg. S10(a), (b))	Percentage of registered indigent formal households with access to free basic electricity provided by the municipality, measured quarterly	Output	ALL	New KPI	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	NKPA4	NDP5	PSO4	GRDM3	PDO3	SDG1	Output
TBC	Community Services	Registered indigent formal households with access to free basic refuse removal (NKPI Proxy - MSA, Reg. S10(a), (b))	Percentage of registered indigent formal households with access to free basic refuse removal, measured quarterly	Output	ALL	New KPI	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	NKPA3	NDP10	PSO4	GRDM 2	PDO 3.2	SDG15	Output

SFA 3 – AFFORDABLE QUALITY SERVICES

IDP Ref No	Directorate	Indicator (Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Key Initiative)	Unit of Measurement	Indicator Type	Wards	Baseline (2021/22)	5-year target	Target 2022/23	Target 2023/24	Target 2024/25	Target 2025/26	Target 2026/27	Outer years 2027-2032	NKPA link	NDP (National)	PSO (VIP) link	GRDM link	PDO link	SDG LINK	Delivery Indicator
TBC	Civil Engineering Services	Registered indigent formal households with access to free basic sanitation (NKPI Proxy - MSA, Reg. S10(a), (b))	Percentage of registered indigent formal households with access to free basic sanitation, measured quarterly	Output	ALL	New KPI	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	NKPA 7	NDP 6	VIP 5	GRDM 2	PDO 3.2	SDG 16	Output

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8.20.4 SO 4: Participative Partnerships

Table 106: S04: Participative Partnerships

SO4: Participative Partnerships																				
IDP Ref No	Directorate	Indicator (Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Key Initiative)	Unit of Measurement	Indicator Type	Wards	Baseline (2021/22)	5-year target	Target 2022/23	Target 2023/24	Target 2024/25	Target 2025/26	Target 2026/27	Outer years 2027-2032	NKPA link	NDP (National)	PSO (VIP) link	GRDM link	PDO link	SDG LINK	Delivery Indicator
TBC	Corporate Services	Establish Gender Forum	Number of Gender Forums Developed by 30 June	Output	ALL	New KPI	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NKPA 8	NDP 2	VIP 5	GRDM 2	PDO 4.4	SDG 9	Output
TBC	Corporate Services	Establishment of a Youth Forum	Number of Youth Forums established by 30 June	Output	ALL	New KPI	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NKPA 2	NDP 2	VIP 5	GRDM 2	PDO 4.4	SDG 9	Output
TBC	Corporate Services	Develop Elderly and Disabled Support initiatives	Number of Elderly and Disabled Support initiatives developed by 30 June	Output	ALL	New KPI	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NKPA 9	NDP 8	VIP 5	GRDM 3	PDO 4.4	SDG 12	Outcome
TBC	Planning and Development	Develop of Eviction Management and Emergency housing Plan (re-settlement land)	Number of Eviction Management and Emergency housing Plan (re-settlement land) developed by 30 June	Output	ALL	New KPI	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NKPA 3	NDP 3	VIP 5	GRDM 2	PDO 4.5	SDG 7	Outcome
TBC	Community Services	Implementation of sustainable waste minimisation and diversion projects	Number of sustainable waste minimisation and diversion projects implemented by 30 June	Output	ALL	New KPI	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NKPA 6	NDP 2	VIP 5	GRDM 2	PDO 4.4	SDG 7	Outcome
TBC	Corporate Services	Develop ECD Forum	Number of ECD Forums Developed	Output	ALL	New KPI	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NKPA 6	NDP 2	VIP 5	GRDM 3	PDO 4.4	SDG 7	Outcome

8.20.5 SFA 5: GOOD GOVERNANCE AND HUMAN CAPITAL

Table 107: S05: Good Governance and Human Capital

S05: GOOD GOVERNANCE AND HUMAN CAPITAL																				
IDP Ref No	Directorate	Indicator (Activity/ Project/ Programme/ Key Initiative)	Unit of Measurement	Indicator Type	Wards	Baseline (2021/22)	5-year target	Target 2022/23	Target 2023/24	Target 2024/25	Target 2025/26	Target 2026/27	Outer years 2027-2032	NKPA link	NDP (National)	PSO (VIP) link	GRDM link	PDO link	SDG LINK	Delivery Indicator
TBC	Corporate Services	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 reports (NKPI Proxy - MFMA, Reg. S10(e))	Number of reports on the number of people from employment equity groups employed in the three highest levels of management submitted to the City Manager by 30 November and 30 June	Output	ALL	New KPI	11	N/A	1	1	1	1	1	NKPA 9	NDP 8	VIP 5	GRDM 3	PDO 5.9	SDG 9	Input
TBC	Corporate Services	The percentage of the municipality's budget (Training Budget) spent on implementing its workplace skills plan (NKPI Proxy - MFMA, Reg. S10(f))	Percentage of the Municipality's approved workplace skills budget (Training Budget) actually spent on implementing its Workplace Skills Plan by 30 June	Output	ALL	New KPI	95%	N/A	N/A	95%	95%	95%	95%	NKPA 11	NDP 4	VIP 5	GRDM 1	PDO 1.3	SDG15	Output
TBC	Planning and Development	Submission of the Mid-Year MFMA S72 Performance Report to the Mayor	Number of Mid- Year MFMA S72 Performance Reports submitted to the Mayor by 25 January	Output	ALL	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	NKPA 9	NDP 8	VIP 5	GRDM 3	PDO 5.8	SDG 16	Input
TBC	Internal Audit	Submission of Audit Committee reports to Council	Number of Audit Committee reports submitted to Council	Output	ALL	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	NKPA 10	NDP 9	VIP 5	GRDM 3	PDO 5.9	SDG 16	Input
TBC	Risk Management	Investigation of all formally reported fraud, theft and corruption cases initiated.	Percentage of formally reported fraud, theft and corruption cases initiated within 30 days of receipt	Output	ALL	New KPI	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	NKPA 9	NDP 8	VIP 5	GRDM 3	PDO 5.6	SDG 16	Output
TBC	Planning and Development	IDP/Budget/SDF time schedule (process plan) submitted to Mayco/Council	Number of IDP/Budget/SDF time schedules (process plan) submitted to Mayco/Council by 31 August	Output	ALL	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	NKPA 10	NDP 9	VIP 5	GRDM 3	PDO 5.7	SDG 16	Input

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TBC	Corporate Services	Job creation through the Municipality's local economic development initiatives including capital projects (NKPI Proxy – MFMA, Reg. S10(d))	Number of EPWP job opportunities created by 30 June	Output	ALL	New KPI	1400	N/A	N/A	1400	1400	1400	1400	NKPA 5	NDP 8	VIP 5	GRDM 3	PDO 5.6	SDG 16	Input
TBC	Corporate Services	Develop EPWP Policy	Number of EPWP Policies developed by 31 March	Output	ALL	1	1	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	NKPA 5	NDP 9	VIP 5	GRDM 3	PDO 5.7	SDG 16	Input
TBC	Corporate Services	Conduct Workplace Skills Audit	Number of Workplace Skills Audits Conducted by 31 December	Output	ALL	1	1	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	NKPA 5	NDP 8	VIP 5	GRDM 3	PDO 5.5	SDG 16	Output
TBC	Internal Audit	Review the 3-year Internal Audit Plan based on the risk assessment and submit to Audit Committee	Number of RBAP (Risk Based Audit Plans) reviewed and submitted to Audit Committee	Output	ALL	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	NKPA 5	NDP 8	VIP 5	GRDM 3	PDO 5.1	SDG 16	Output
TBC	Planning and Development	Submit the Draft IDP to Council	Number of Draft IDP submitted to Council	Output	ALL	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	NKPA 5	NDP 9	VIP 5	GRDM 3	PDO 5.2	SDG 16	Output
TBC	Planning and Development	Submit the Final Annual Report and Oversight Report to Council	Number of Final Annual Report and Oversight Report submitted.	Output	ALL	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	NKPA 5	NDP 4	VIP 5	GRDM 3	PDO 5.4	SDG 16	Output
TBC	Risk Management	Submission of Audit Committee reports to Council	Number of Audit Committee reports submitted to Council	Output	ALL	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	NKPA 5	NDP 4	VIP 5	GRDM 3	PDO 5.4	SDG 16	Output
TBC	Planning and Development	IDP/ Budget/SDF time schedule (process plan) submitted to Mayco/Council	Number of IDP/Budget/SDF time schedules (process plan) submitted to Mayco/Council by 31 August	Output	ALL	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	NKPA 5	NDP 4	VIP 5	GRDM 3	PDO 5.4	SDG 16	Output



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TBC	Financial Services	Submit the Final Annual Report and Oversight Report to Council by 31 March 2023	Number of Final Annual Report and Oversight Report submitted to Council by 31 March 2023	Output	ALL	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	NKPA 5	NDP 4	VIP 5	GRDM 3	PDO 5,4	SDG 16	Output
TBC	Risk Management	Investigation of all formally reported fraud, theft and corruption cases initiated	Percentage of formally reported fraud, theft and corruption cases initiated within 30 days of receipt	Output	ALL	New KPI	100%	N/A	N/A	100%	100%	100%	100%	NKPA 5	NDP 4	VIP 5	GRDM 3	PDO 5,4	SDG 16	Output
TBC	Financial Services	Ratio in respect of Debtor Payment Days (Collect all billed revenue to ensure that sufficient cash is generated to meet George's debt and operating commitments)	Net Debtors Days Ratio ((Gross Debtors – Bad Debt Provision)/Billed Revenue) x 365 (Target Number of days), measured quarterly	Output	ALL	New KPI	≤45	N/A	≤45	≤45	≤45	≤45	≤45	NKPA 5	NDP 4	VIP 5	GRDM 3	PDO 5,4	SDG 16	Output
TBC	Financial Services	Submission of the Annual Financial Statement (AFS) to the Auditor- General of South Africa	Number of Annual Financial Statements (AFS) submitted to the Auditor-General of South Africa by 31 August	Output	ALL	New KPI	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	NKPA 5	NDP 4	VIP 5	GRDM 3	PDO 5,4	SDG 16	Output
TBC	Financial Services	Financial viability measured in terms of the available cash to cover fixed operating expenditure (NKPI Proxy - MSA, Reg. S10(g)(iii))	Cost coverage as at 30 June annually [(Cash and Cash Equivalents - Unspent Conditional Grants - Overdraft) + Short Term Investment) / Monthly Fixed Operational Expenditure excluding (Depreciation) ≤	Output	ALL	New KPI	>3.0	N/A	>3.0	>3.0	>3.0	>3.0	>3.0	NKPA 4	NDP11	PSO 5	GRDM 3	PDO 5	SDG 16	Output
TBC	Financial Services	Achieve an average payment percentage of 96% by 30 June (Gross Debtors Opening Balance + Billed Revenue Gross Debtors Closing Balance - Bad Debts Written Off) / Billed Revenue x 100	(Gross Debtors Opening Balance + Billed Revenue - Gross Debtors Closing Balance - Bad Debts Written Off) / Billed Revenue x 100	Output	ALL	New KPI	96%	N/A	96%	96%	96%	96%	96%	NKPA 4	NDP11	PSO 5	GRDM 3	PDO 5	SDG 16	Output

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TBC	Financial Services	Financial viability measured in terms of the municipality's ability to meet its service debt obligations (NKPI Proxy - MSA, Reg. S10(g)(i))	Debt coverage ratio ((Total operating revenue - operating grants received)/ (Debt service payments due within the year)) measured by 30 June	Output	ALL	New KPI	>6.7	>6.7	>6.7	>6.7	>6.7	>6.7	>6.7	NKPA 4	NDP11	PSO 5	GRDM 3	PDO 5	SDG 16	Output
TBC	Financial Services	Financial viability measured in terms of the outstanding service debtors (NKPI Proxy - MSA, Reg. S10(g)(ii))	Service debtors to revenue ratio – (Total outstanding service debtors / revenue received for services) measured by 30 June	Output	ALL	New KPI	<0.25	N/A	<0.25	<0.25	<0.25	<0.25	<0.25	NKPA 4	NDP11	PSO 5	GRDM 3	PDO 5	SDG 16	Output

**Note:** The Five-year Municipal Scorecard will be updated in accordance with the approved Top Layer (TL) Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP). The TL SDBIP must be approved by the Executive Mayor within 28 days after the adoption of the Municipal Budget, to be tabled in Council during May

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