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Council item

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL - ADOPTION OF THE MANGAUNG
METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY OPEN SPACE SYSTEMS POLICY**

1. PURPOSE:

This report is submitted to Council to request approval of the Mangaung Metropolitan Open Space System Policy.

2. BACKGROUND:

The Metropolitan Open Spaces are meant to play a key role in maintaining sustainable development and the liveability of the Mangaung Metropolitan area. To achieve a sustainable development between social, economic and environmental issues, the municipality uses a tool called Municipal Spatial Development Framework (MSDF) to spatially restructure the municipality and guide the location of future developments.

Furthermore, the MOSS is not a reckless urban open space but provides substantial ecosystem services such as; removing carbon dioxide emissions from the atmosphere and in turn produce oxygen, purify air and water, regulate micro-climate, reduce noise, protect soil and water, maintain biodiversity and have recreational, cultural and social values.

3. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Draft Policy was published in the Free State Provincial Gazette on the 4th of December 2020 and all the inputs and comments submission due date was on the 31st of January 2021. No inputs were received from the public regarding the Draft Policy.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996.

5.2 National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None

5. RECOMMENDATION

Is recommended that:

6.1 The Mangaung Metropolitan Open Space System (MOSS) policy be approved by Council.

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Date: 15/07/2021

Recommended By:



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Date: 15/07/2021

Approved By:



Cllr L Masoetsa
Act Executive Mayor

Date: _____

Attachments:

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