

**EXTRACT FROM THE COUNCIL MINUTES HELD ON 25 MAY 2020**

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**OVERBERG DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY COVID-19 DISASTER PLAN**

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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

For council to take cognizance of the Overberg District Municipality Covid-19 Disaster Management Plan.

**BACKGROUND**

In consideration of the magnitude and severity of the COVID -19 outbreak which has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO), Cabinet in its special Cabinet meeting held on 15 March 2020 resolved to declare a National State of Disaster. In this regard, the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) issued a Gazette declaring a State of Disaster, in terms of Section 27 of the Disaster Management Act, 2002.

Furthermore, the President of the Republic addressed the nation and announced extra ordinary measures to be implemented to mitigate and combat the spread of Covid-19. To ensure proper monitoring, reporting and implementation of the regulations, directions and guidelines by all relevant sectors, the President established a National Coronavirus Command Council that meets 3 times a week to coordinate responses to the pandemic.

Subsequently, the Minister of COGTA issued Directions and Regulations (Gazettes No 43147 and No.43148, respectively) on 25 March 2020. The directions issued stipulates that for the duration of the state of disaster for COVID-19, all Premiers, Members of Executive Councils responsible for local government in the province, the President of the South African Local Government Association, all Executive Mayors/Mayors and Institutions of Traditional Affairs shall take all reasonable measures to facilitate and implement the measures to the extent provided.

To ensure a well-integrated and coordinated planning and response to the COVID-19, the directions provides for establishment of the provincial and district institutional structures. Therefore, disaster plan is developed in line with the Directions issued by the Minister of COGTA on 25 March 2020 to respond to COVID-19 in the Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs sectors.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

As per operational budget

**PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

As per staff compliment

**ATTACHMENT**

- COVID-19 Disaster Management Plan

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** (Proposed by Ald V Mentile and seconded by Cllr A Klaas)  
Cognizance was taken of the Overberg District Municipality Covid-19 Disaster Management Plan.