



KWADUKUZA MUNICIPALITY

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF KDM LOCAL AND ILEMBE DISTRICT COMMAND COUNCIL STRUCTURES FOR COVID- 19

BACKGROUND

South Africa and the world is currently facing an unprecedented pandemic, which has made our government to take drastic measures to prevent its spread. As part of the response to this pandemic, government has created an oversight structure to oversee the implementation of all government response in the fight against this pandemic. This structure is called COVID National Command Council, which is chaired by the President. The other spheres of government have also replicated this structure with political heads as the chairpersons. Ilembe District Municipality launched the District Command Structure on April 2, 2020, which the District Mayor is its chairperson. During the launch of the District Command, it was agreed that the sector or cluster focus committee should be establish in order to ensure that the district is able to deal with all issues that emanates during the COVID 19 lockdown period and beyond. All local municipalities were directed to establish their respective COVID 19 Local Command Structure hence this item to Troika for consideration.

DISCUSSIONS

Both the Local and District Command Council structures have the following objectives:

- 1. To ensure alignment to Policy Directives and compliance with the District, Provincial and National Command Centers;*
- 2. To ensure active participation of all relevant stakeholders (including various Government Departments) who have a mandatory responsibility to combat Covid-19;*
- 3. To ensure that other coordinating structures at municipal level (supporting national and institutional arrangements), are functional and that they operate in a collaborative manner;*
- 4. To ensure that there is active participation of all stakeholders in all joint district and provincial disaster management structures, towards ensuring a coordinated response to COVID-19;*
- 5. Monitor the progress and impact of interventions in the municipality and submit weekly-consolidated reports to the District, provincial and national disaster management structures.*
- 6. Monitor the developed KDM COVID -19 Response Plans with immediate effect;*
- 7. Monitor compilation of COVID-19 Risk Profile, including hotspot areas within KwaDukuza Municipality and*

8. Monitor and report on the progress and the impact of the interventions to the District and Province on a weekly basis;

These structures are supported by the Technical Structures consists of multi-disciplinary officials from the municipality or municipalities. The main function of this structure is to ensure that the Command Council agenda items are well researched for consideration as well as the implementation of decisions thereof.

2.1 ESTABLISHMENT OF KWADUKUZA LOCAL COMMAND COUNCIL

The proposed membership of the KwaDukuza Local Command council is listed below:

- Acting Mayor, Cllr D Govender, KwaDukuza Local Municipality;
- Speaker, Cllr RZP Zulu KwaDukuza Local Municipality
- Chief Whip, Cllr D Ndimande KwaDukuza Local Municipality
- EXCO Councillors, KwaDukuza Local Municipality
- Municipal Manager;
- Chief Operations Officer
- Executive Directors
- INkosi to represent Amakhosi

2.2 ESTABALISHMENT OF KWADUKUZA LOCAL COMMAND COUNCIL CLUSTERS

1. Social cluster – Chairperson Cllr JS Phahla, members Cllr TP Du Toit, iNkosi Mathonsi, Mr. Siyabonga Khanyile, Mr. Muzi Sithole, Mr. Njabulo Ngwane, Mr. Themba Dube, Mr. Themba Yengwa and Mr. Mlekeleli Gcabashe and Mr. Mike Pitso. Representative from DSD, SASA and DOH.
2. Governance cluster- Chairperson Cllr. B. Khumalo, members Cllr JLT Sibiya, iNkosi Cele, Mr. Sithembiso Kubheka and Ms. M Ngubane. Representative from COGTA
3. Economic cluster- Chairperson Cllr JA Vallan, members Mr. Sikhumbuzo Hlongwane, Mr. Sibusiso Jali, Mr. Shamir Rajcoomar, Mr. Farlan Naidoo, Mr. Duma Mhaule and Adil Nunkumar.
4. Safety and Security- Chairperson Cllr TV Ntuli, members Cllr MS Singh, Mr. Cecil Viramuthu Mr. Moses Faya, Ms. Nonhlanhla Mkwanzazi, Mr. Dan Mkwanzazi. Rep SAPS, Representative from The Department of Community Safety and Liaison and rep from RTI.
5. Communications and public participation cluster. Chairperson Cllr RZP Zulu, members Mr. Mandla Manzini, Mr. Sifiso Zulu Mrs. Zafika Ngubane, Mr. Mbongeni Zondi and Snenkosi Xaba. Representative from DOH.

2.3 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF KWADUKUZA LOCAL TECHNICAL COMMAND COUNCIL

This is the administrative structure which will be responsible for strategic support to KwaDukuza Local Command Council in terms of identifying and researching into agenda items to be considered by the Local Command Council and including the implementation of its decisions.

The KwaDukuza Local Technical Command Council shall be comprised as follows:

- The Municipal Manager as the chairperson or his/her nominee
- The Chief Operations Officer
- All Executive Directors
- The designated KDM officials serving in various Local Command Clusters.
- Representative from Sector Departments (within KDM)
- Representative from SAPS (Cluster)
- Representative from iLembe Technical Services
- Representative from iLembe Chamber of Commerce
- Representative from the SMMEs
- Representative from SANTACO
- Representative from informal hawkers
- Representative from a Civil Society
- Representative from a Religious Sector

It must be noted that the KDM COVID-19 Disaster Operations Committee made up the designated Disaster Champions and OHS representatives per business unit shall continue to exist serving as the implementation arm of the KDM Technical Command Council.

2.4. REPRESENTATION OF KWADUKUZA TO ILEMBE DM COMMAND STRUCTURE

- Her Worship Deputy Mayor, Cllr D Govender and Honorable Speaker, Cllr Zulu, are currently representing KwaDukuza Municipality on the District Command Council Clusters. **The Deputy Mayor is the Chairperson of District Command Economic Cluster.**
- The Municipal Manager, COO and Director: Community Safety are part of the same structure representing KwaDukuza Municipality in the Technical Working Committee.

- The District Command has the following clusters, which it is recommended that the following officials and councilors shall participate and represent KDM therein.
 1. Social cluster – Cllr JS Phahla, Cllr TP Du Toit, Mr. Siyabonga Khanyile and Mr. Muzi Sithole.
 2. Governance cluster- Cllr B. Khumalo and Cllr JLT Sibiya and Mr. Sithembiso Kubheka.
 3. Economic cluster- Cllr JA Vallan, Mr. Sikhumbuzo Hlongwane, Mr. Sibusiso Jali and Mr. Shamir Rajcoomar.
 4. Safety and Security- Cllr TV Ntuli, Cllr MS Singh, Mr. Nhlanhla Mdakane and Mr. Cecil Viramuthu.
 5. Community and public participation cluster. Mandla Manzini and Mr. Sifiso Zulu. It shall be noted that Speaker, Cllr Zulu will also serve in this committee in her capacity as the Speaker.

It shall be noted that the District Command and Technical Command meet on **Thursday** and **Tuesday** respectively. On the other hand, the KDM Technical Command Council and Local Command Council shall meet at **8h00 every Mondays and Wednesdays respectively.**

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