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ISIFUNDAZWE SAKWAZULU-NATAL

SUBMISSION

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ATTENTION	THE CHAIRPERSON: HEAC	
DATE	23 RD AUGUST 2007	
ENQUIRIES	PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT	REF:1/P
SUBJECT	INTERIM GUIDELINES FOR THE PEOPLE'S HOUSING PROCESS IN KWAZULU-NATAL	

1. PURPOSE

To seek the approval of the MEC for Local Government, Housing and Traditional Affairs for Interim Guidelines for the People's Housing Process (PHP) in KwaZulu-Natal.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The National Department approved guidelines supporting the PHP in Part 10 of the National Housing Subsidy Scheme Manual. A provincial PHP policy was then developed and approved to deal with specific aspects arising out of the National policy.

2.2 The national policy was refined in the introduction of Chapter 8 of part 3 of the National Housing Code. The department's application and interpretation of this policy together with the provincial policy lead to varying approaches in the implementation and a contradiction of the original intention of the policy.

2.3 The National policy as contained in the Housing Code did not accommodate all the requirements of PHP however the policy has been amended since September 2005 to address the outstanding issues of the previous policy. This amended policy is currently being revised by the National Department of housing.

3. POLICY

3.1 These guidelines must be utilized in the interim for PHP projects in KwaZulu-Natal and will be reviewed once the revised national PHP policy is approved.

3.2 The current Provincial PHP policy be withdrawn upon approval of these interim guidelines to alleviate confusion among stakeholders.

3.3 The interim Guidelines must be read in conjunction with the National Policy Framework and Implementation Guidelines for the PHP Delivery Mechanism approved in September 2005(copy attached) and will be enhanced by the provincial guidelines for the use of the Establishment Grant Funding.

3.4 At the onset of the project, an assessment of the beneficiary community must be done to determine the viability of adopting the PHP route by investigating the following:

- the stability of the beneficiary community and its leadership,
- their commitment to the process if adopted; and
- availability of skills.

3.5 The intention to use the PHP option must be made known upfront to ensure that the project is implemented with the knowledge of this intention from the onset.

3.6 Organisational, technical and administrative assistance must only be outsourced after it is determined in the assessment of the beneficiary community that the required skills are lacking.

4. Motivation

In view of the current variations in the implementation of PHP in KwaZulu-Natal, this interim provincial guideline is required to ensure to ensure clarity and procedural uniformity in the implementation of the policy without contradicting the intention of the policy.

5. Financial Implications

The Facilitation grant is currently not made available in KwaZulu-Natal but will now be made accessible to all PHP projects if required.

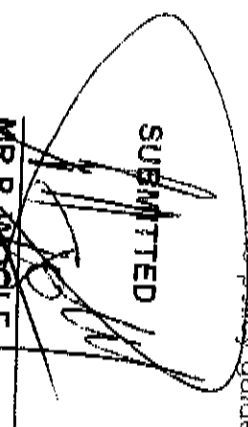
6. Legal Implications

Nil

7. Recommendation that:

the policy/guidelines as contained in paragraph 3 above, be approved.

SUBMITTED


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5/9/2007
DATE

SUPPORTED / NOT-SUPPORTED


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10/09/2007
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RECOMMENDED / NOT RECOMMENDED / RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED


HEAD OF DEPARTMENT
CHAIRPERSON : KZN HEAC

26/11/07
DATE

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