

POLICY : INCLUSION OF HOSTEL RESIDENTS IN GREENFIELDS SUBSIDY PROJECTS

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RESOLVED:

That the report on the policy regarding the inclusion of hostel residents in Greenfields subsidy projects **BE NOTED.**

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

To obtain Council approval on a policy to give hostel residents, qualifying for a housing subsidy, the opportunity to be included in the beneficiary lists for greenfields subsidy housing developments.

MOTIVATION

To ensure integration of our communities and to allow equal opportunities to all of our qualifying beneficiaries waiting to be accommodated in any type of housing project it is proposed that a policy be adopted to give hostel dwellers an opportunity to be accommodated in greenfields subsidy housing projects.

DISCUSSION

Greenfields projects are intended to address the housing waiting list with the policy addition from Gauteng Housing to offer 5% of erven to the disabled and make 5% of erven available for rightsizing purposes. It may also be allocated for a specific community such as a specific informal settlement who needs to be relocated if so approved by Council and the Gauteng Department of Housing.

It is accepted at Council level that we need to change the hostel environment and culture to that of affordable rental units. This however gives the present hostel residents only limited opportunity to really become integrated into the social system or the opportunity to move into a totally different housing environment..

In this regard, the MEC for Housing Gauteng, at a workshop held in May. 2003 with officials and Councillors proposed that local authorities allow for hostel residents to become integrated into the urban system by giving them the opportunity to obtain a stand in a greenfields project.

A policy is therefore proposed where 5% of stands in any greenfields project, which is not intended for the relocation of a specific informal settlement, be made available to hostel residents, qualifying for a housing subsidy and who would like to relocate to a single residential stand development.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

None

PERSONNEL IMPLICATION

None

COMMUNICATION

Hostel residents should be requested to register themselves on a waiting list should they prefer such an option.

The Hostel Consultative Forum will be informed about the policy to also convey the policy to residents.

CONCLUSION

Adopting this policy will ensure alignment with Provincial thinking and also ensure integrated development and opportunities for our communities.