



## REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

LC18765

### 1. ITEM NUMBER

### 2. SUBJECT

*FEEDBACK ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRIP UNDERTAKEN FROM 25 JUNE TO 28 JUNE 2017 TO ATTEND THE FIRST BOARD MEETING OF THE GLOBAL COVENANTS OF MAYORS FOR CLIMATE AND ENERGY IN BRUSSELS, BELGIUM*

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*TERUGVOERING OOR DIE INTERNASIONALE REIS VAN 25 JUNIE TOT 28 JUNIE 2017 VIR DIE BYWONING VAN DIE EERSTE DIREKSIEVERGADERING VAN DIE "GLOBAL COVENANT OF MAYORS FOR CLIMATE AND ENERGY" IN BRUSSEL, BELGIë*

#### ISIHLOKO

*INGXELO EMALUNGA NEHAMBO KUMAZWE APHESHEYA EQHUTYWE UKUSUSELA NGOWAMA-25 UKUYA KOWAMA-28 KWEYESILIMELA 2017 NGENJONGO YOKUZIMASA INTLANGANISO YOKUQALA YEBHODI ENGEZIVUMELWANO ZOSODOLOPHU KWIHLABATHI NGOKUJOLISWE KWISIMO SEZULU NEZAMANDLA OMBANE NEZIBASO, ESE-BRUSSELS, E-BELGIUM*

### 3. EVENT SUMMARY

EVENT DETAILS	
CONFERENCE/SEMINAR	Board Meeting of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy
OTHER	To participate in a panel discussion hosted by Politico Europe on climate change and investment. To engage with the Secretary General of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
DATE	25 – 28 June 2017
VENUE	Various venues, including the Solvay Library, the European Commission and the European Parliament
CITY	Brussels
COUNTRY	BELGIUM

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ATTENDEE DETAILS	
NAME AND SURNAME	DESIGNATION
Patricia de Lille	EXECUTIVE MAYOR
Gareth Morgan	PRINCIPAL PROFESSIONAL OFFICER: TRADE & INVESTMENT
PROVIDE SUMMARY OF HOST ORGANISATION / CITY	
<p>The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM) is an international coalition of cities and local governments with a shared long-term vision of promoting and supporting voluntary action to combat climate change and move to a low emission, resilient society. The Executive Mayor of Cape Town, Patricia de Lille is one of the ten Board Members, consisting of mayors from around the world, and assists in providing strategic direction for the newly-established initiative.</p> <p>There are approximately 7400 cities that are members of the GCoM, which was formed recently out of an amalgamation of the Compact of Mayors and the EU Covenant of Mayors.</p> <p>The GCoM emphasizes the importance of climate change mitigation and adaptation, as well as increased access to clean and affordable energy.</p>	

#### 4. OBJECTIVE

The main objective was to attend and participate in the inaugural board meeting of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy. Mayor De Lille is a board member.

The associated objectives were to position Cape Town as forward looking globally competitive city, and to both share and learn from best practice responses to climate change.



## 5. OUTCOMES

- ☐ - Partnership Agreement
- ☐ - Membership Agreement
- ☐ - Grants Agreement
- ☐ - Memorandum of Understanding
- ☐ - Statement of Intent
- ☒ - Other

- By providing leadership in the Board of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, Cape Town took its place alongside other leading progressive cities of the world, positioning Cape Town as a forward looking, globally competitive city.
- Among other things, the Board adopted its Terms of Reference, it adopted its vision and mission and it adopted the principles for the reporting on greenhouse gas emissions associated with commitments cities are making through the Covenant.
- The Board committed to expanding its membership in various regions across the world including Africa.
- Shared information with and received information from the Secretary General of the UNFCCC on efforts to grow the Marrakesh Partnership, a partnership of non-state actors responding to requirements of the Paris Climate Agreement.

## 6. ACTIONS REQUIRED

**Prepare and participate in the next board meeting of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM) which is expected to happen via teleconference in November 2017 [Responsible: International Relations]**

**Support initiatives of the Global Covenant to expand membership in sub-Saharan Africa [Responsible: International Relations; Environmental Management; Sustainable Energy Markets]**

**Become familiar with principles of the GCoM of reporting on emissions as approved by the Board, and ensure readiness to participate in future reporting initiatives [Responsible: Sustainable Energy Markets]**

**Explore the feasibility of including a minimum percentage of electric vehicle charging stations in parking allocations as per relevant planning regulations for private property development [Responsible: Development Management; Sustainable Energy Markets]**

Explore learning pathways on divestment from fossil fuels with other cities that have taken action already, notably Stuttgart. [Responsible: Finance]

## 7. IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Constitutional and Policy Implications No ☒ Yes ☐

7.2 Environmental implications No ☒ Yes ☐

7.3 Financial Implications No ☒ Yes ☐

7.4 Legal Implications No ☒ Yes ☐

7.5 Staff Implications No ☒ Yes ☐

7.6 Risk Implications No ☒ Yes ☐

## 8. OTHER SERVICES CONSULTED

- The Executive Mayor

## 9. RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDED that:

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## 10. GENERAL DISCUSSION

The Executive Mayor participated in a panel discussion hosted by Politico Europe on 26 June 2017, titled: "Smarter, Greener Cities: Investing in a sustainable urban future". Other panelists included the Mayor of Atlanta, Kasim Reed and Werner Hoyer, President of the European Investment Bank. The event was opened by the Mayor of Vancouver, Gregor Robertson.

The discussion focused on the relationship between cities and national governments, with an emphasis on the roles cities can play in responding to climate in relation to national governments, particularly when national governments fail to act. A significant part of the discussion also focused on access to finance and innovative finance mechanisms. The Executive Mayor was able to use the opportunity to promote Cape Town's first Green Bond, which had recently been released to the market.

The event was live streamed and approximately 200 decision makers from the European Commission and Parliament as well as from international NGOs were in the audience. The event allowed the Executive Mayor to position Cape Town as a forward looking competitive city to an influential audience.

The inaugural board meeting of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM) was held in the Solvay Library on 27 June 2017. In attendance were the Mayors of Cape Town, Vancouver, Atlanta, Chefchaouen and Surabaya, as well as the Deputy Mayor of Paris and the Assistant Mayor of Seoul. In addition, Michael Bloomberg, the former Mayor of New York City and current co-chair of the GCoM, as well as Maros Sefcovic, the Vice President of the European Commission and co-chair of the GCoM, were also present.

The reason for the inaugural board meeting was because the GCoM had only recently been formed, after an amalgamation of the Compact of Mayors and the EU Covenant of Mayors. The amalgamation brought together over 7400 cities under the GCoM, representing just over 9% of the world's population.

The Board approved its Terms of Reference, and noted that the next board meeting would be held via teleconference in November 2017. Further it approved the GCoM's vision and mission.

The adopted vision is: "We envision a world where committed mayors and local governments – in alliance with partners – accelerate ambitious, measureable climate and energy initiatives that lead to an inclusive, just low-emission and climate resilient future, helping to meet and exceed the Paris agreement objectives."

The adopted mission is: "The Global Covenant of Mayors serves cities and local governments by mobilizing and supporting ambitious, measureable, planned climate and energy action in their communities by working with city/regional networks, national governments and other partners to achieve our vision."

The Board also approved various principles regarding measuring and reporting on emissions as well as a working group which will, among other things, make recommendations on a harmonized definition of compliance under the GCoM, approved data reporting platforms and the identification of tools that will help cities measure inventories and develop climate action plans.

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**MANAGER INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**  
**DR. DENVER VAN SCHALKWYK**

COMMENT:

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DATE

10/27/2017



**CITY MANAGER**  
**ACHMAT EBRAHIM**

☒ SUPPORTED FOR ONWARD SUBMISSION TO  
MAYOR ☒ / MAYCO ☐ / COUNCIL ☐

☐ NOT SUPPORTED

☐ REFERRED BACK

COMMENT:

DATE

21.07.2017



**LEGAL COMPLIANCE**

☐ REPORT COMPLIANT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF  
COUNCIL'S DELEGATIONS, POLICIES, BY-LAWS  
AND ALL LEGISLATION RELATING TO THE MATTER  
UNDER CONSIDERATION.

☐ NON-COMPLIANT

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DATE 21/07/2017

**MAYORAL COMMITTEE MEMBER**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENT:

*[Signature]*

P. de Lille.

**EXECUTIVE MAYOR**

PATRICIA DE LILLE

☒ SUPPORTED FOR ONWARD SUBMISSION TO  
MAYCO ☒ COUNCIL ☒

☐ PC RECOMMENDATION

☐ RECOMMENDATION AS CONTAINED IN  
ORIGINAL REPORT

☐ ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATION TO BE  
REFLECTED BELOW

☐ APPROVED I.T.O. DELEGATED AUTHORITY

☐ NOTED

☐ REFUSED

☐ REFERRED BACK

DATE 26 July 2017