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REPORT TO: THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR AND MAYORAL COMMITTEE
AND WATER AND WASTE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE

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1. ITEM NUMBER MC 05/03/20

2. SUBJECT

FEEDBACK ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRIP UNDERTAKEN FROM CAPE TOWN TO THE NETHERLANDS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UTILITY LEADERS FORUM AS PART OF THE AMSTERDAM INTERNATIONAL WATER WEEK (AIWW) CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM IN AMSTERDAM, 4TH – 8TH NOVEMBER 2019

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TERUGVOERING OOR DIE INTERNASIONALE REIS VAN KAAPSTAD NA NEDERLAND OM DEEL TE NEEM AAN DIE NUTSDIENSTELEIERSFORUM AS DEEL VAN DIE AMSTERDAM-INTERNASIONALE WATERWEEK (AIWW) KONFERENSIE SE LEIERSKAPSPROGRAM IN AMSTERDAM (NEDERLAND), 4 – 8 NOVEMBER 2019

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3. EVENT SUMMARY

EVENT DETAILS	
CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR	THE UTILITY LEADERS FORUM AS PART OF THE AMSTERDAM INTERNATIONAL WATER WEEK (AIWW) CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM IN NETHERLANDS 4 TH – 8 TH NOVEMBER 2019
OTHER	AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS, MICHAEL WEBSTER WAS INVITED TO SHARE CAPE TOWN'S EXPERIENCE OF DROUGHT AND PRESENT THE CITY'S WATER STRATEGY. MR WEBSTER ALSO PARTICIPATED IN VARIOUS ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS AROUND SUPPORT THE NETHERLANDS CAN POTENTIALLY PROVIDE TO CAPE TOWN, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR CAPE TOWN TO PARTNER WITH AMSTERDAM IN THE WATER SECTOR.
DATE	4 – 8 NOVEMBER 2019
VENUE	FORUM, RAI CONFERENCE CENTRE,
CITY	AMSTERDAM
COUNTRY	NETHERLANDS

7/11/19

ATTENDEE DETAILS

NAME AND SURNAME

DESIGNATION

Michael John Webster**Executive Director****SUMMARY OF HOST ORGANISATION / CITY**

The Dutch Water Sector is one of the most advanced in world. High flood risk due to large parts of the country lying below sea-level, and high population density, brought about the formation of a number of long-standing independent Water Boards (interestingly the first democratically-elected institutions in the country, before the formation of the Dutch state). These boards built the system of dykes and drainage systems that Holland is known for today.

Climate change/rising sea levels are imposing additional challenges onto the Dutch, and they are drawing on their wealth of experience and expertise, developed over centuries, to tackle these challenges, and capacitate others to do the same.

The Dutch Government has offered to share their knowledge/partner with the City of Cape Town to assist with drought recovery and help bring about lasting change. As part of the proposed assistance, the Dutch Government sponsored a trip to Amsterdam International Water Week for the then-Acting Executive Director: Water and Waste. The objective of the visit was as follows:

- a) Discuss with senior Dutch officials the nature of the technical assistance that they could offer to Cape Town in implementing our Water Strategy, and the scope for grant funding from the Dutch Government;
- b) Participate in Amsterdam International Water Week (<https://www.internationalwaterweek.com/>)
- c) Learn about state-of-the-art technologies, particularly relating to desalination, wastewater re-use, automated meter reading and other major technological innovations Cape Town is implementing as part of the Water Strategy;
- d) Represent the City of Cape Town in the Water Utilities partnership as a learning forum for cities facing drought;
- e) Discuss the potential for partnering with the City of Cape Town Water and Sanitation with the Amsterdam Water Utility.

The conference was hosted by Amsterdam International Water Week (AIWW). The programme was organised together with the **Leadership Utilities of the World (LUOW)**, which is an initiative of the Global Water Leaders Group.

The theme of this year's AIWW conference was: Implementation of Integrated solutions by Cities, Industries, Utilities and Financiers: from cases to bankable projects.

4. OBJECTIVE

Water security is of concern internationally, and Cape Town's experience in managing the worst drought on record in our region is of great interest/value to other

regions. For this reason, the Dutch Government invited the City of Cape Town to participate at various sessions during the International World Water Week conference. This represented a big opportunity for the City to build relationships and share insights with the international community of water professionals. All networks and knowledge gained during various interactions at different platforms will benefit the City's Water department, and will offer exposure to the Dutch Water Sector. Above all the benefit resulting from this trip is the continued relationship-building between Netherlands and the City's Water and Sanitation Department.

5. OUTCOMES

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

Outcomes of the trip include:

- a) **Presentation of Cape Town Water Strategy at Cities Leaders Forum:** The participant made a presentation on the Cape Town Water Strategy to a meeting of city leaders from around the world. There was significant interest in Cape Town's experience of the drought – particularly due to the impacts of climate change world wide – and the strategies the city is putting in place to become resilient to drought in future.
- b) **Attendance at Amsterdam International Water Week:** The participant participated extensively in the conference in sessions of relevance to Cape Town. All presentations, documentation and conference proceedings are recorded on the conference website: <https://www.internationalwaterweek.com/>
- c) **Participation in Water in Times of Climate Change Symposium:** The participant was invited as part of a 6 person delegation from Cape Town to participate in the dialogue on Water in Times of Climate Change (<https://frit.vu.nl/en/research/institutes-and-centres/Amsterdam-Centre-for-Religion-and-Sustainable-Development/watersymposium/index.aspx>) hosted by the Vrije Universiteit. Delegations from Cape Town, Amsterdam and Jakarta participated in a "value-driven dialogue" which included government officials, politicians, religious leaders, artists, youth and others. The Cape Town presentation focused on "Life Giving Water", whereas Amsterdam focused on "Threatening Water" (linking to flooding and climate change), and Jakarta on "Cleansing Water" (due to water quality issues in Jakarta). The symposium provided opportunities for future partnerships, insights that will be of value to our own water reuse programme, and ways to promote the City's "water sensitive city" vision.

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- d) **Discussion with Amsterdam Water Utility:** the participants had a number of meetings with officials working in water in Amsterdam, including the CEO of Waternet, Amsterdam. Amsterdam is interested in some kind of twinning arrangement as they believe they can learn from Cape Town in the area of GIS and asset management, whereas they could offer the City expertise on improving water quality and furthering the vision of a water sensitive city.

6. ACTIONS REQUIRED

The City of Cape Town's Water & Sanitation department wishes to build upon the relationship and network connections established and as such will collaborate at any available opportunity with the Dutch Government.

7. IMPLICATIONS

7.1	Constitutional and Policy Implications	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
7.2	Environmental implications	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
7.3	Financial Implications	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
7.4	Legal Implications	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
7.5	Staff Implications	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
7.6	Risk Implications	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- a) The feedback report on the trip to participate in the Amsterdam International Water Week Utilities Conference Leadership Program" undertaken by Michael John Webster on 4th-8th November 2019 **be noted.**
- b) The report be referred to the Water and Waste Portfolio Committee for noting.

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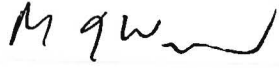
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9. GENERAL DISCUSSION
None.

10. ANNEXURES
None

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COMMENT:

NAME 29 JAN 2020
DATE M.J. WEBSTER


MANAGER: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
DR. DENVER VAN SCHALKWYK

COMMENT:

DATE 14/02/2020

Noted





LEGAL COMPLIANCE

☐ NON-COMPLIANT

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COMMENT:

Confirmed as legally compliant: JMH
Based on the contents of the report.



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TO MAYCO ☒ SECTION 79 OR 80
COMMITTEES ☒

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COMMENT: