



CITY OF HARARE

EDUCATION, HEALTH, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ABOVE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HOUSE ON THURSDAY, 26TH JANUARY 2023 AT 10:00 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors : C.J.Nyatsuro (Chairperson)
: J.Z. Kautsa (Vice Chairperson)
: L. Gomba
: G.T Hadebe
: T.Manase
: M.S Matinyanya
: M.S. Mutizwa
:C.Runyowa
:C.Zumba

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE: Councillor - T. Katsaria

OFFICIALS PRESENT

W. Chiwawa : Acting Town Clerk
E. Mushava : Acting Chamber Secretary
S. Majogo : Acting Director of Housing and Community Service
R. Tapera : Acting Director of Health Services
G. Kusangaya : Acting Finance Director
B. Matengarufu : Acting Human Capital Director
L. Chirombo : Acting Director of Works
L. Mwaziya : Acting Director of Harare Water
M. Vere : Acting Director of Health Services
A. Nyamurova : Town Clerk`s Office (Audit Manager)
D.S. Mavolwane : Town Clerk`s Office (A/Monitoring & Evaluation Manager)
C.E. Dhedheya : Town Clerk`s Office (Monitoring & Evaluation Division)
L. Mukumba : Town Clerk`s Office (Monitoring & Evaluation Division)
B. Mutonzi : Town Clerk`s Office (CCD)
C. Chisunga : Town Clerk`s Office (CCD)
L. Muchena : Department of Housing and Community Services
E. Bare : Department of Housing and Community Services
G.B. Munetsi : Department of Housing and Community Services
D. Chakukura : Department of Housing and Community Services
K. Mamvura : Department of Housing and Community Services
R. Mushanawani : Department of Housing and Community Services
T. Mapanga : Department of Works

F. Kashangura : Department of Works
D. Njanina : Committees Manager
O. Mutonhori : Transport Manager
C. Muchena : Chamber Secretary`s Department
J. Makarutse : Chamber Secretary`s Department
J. Masitala : Chamber Secretary`s Department
C. Banga : Chamber Secretary`s Department
H. Mufema : Chamber Secretary`s Department
G. Mutenure : Chamber Secretary`s Department
T.G. Dimbo : Chamber Secretary`s Department
T.R. Mugarasave : Chamber Secretary`s Department
N.P. Warurama : Chamber Secretary`s Department
P.S. Chipara : Chamber Secretary`s Department

RECOMMENDATIONS : **19 to 20**

RESOLUTIONS : **1 to 18**

REPORTERS AND MOVERS : Councillors: C.J Nyatsuro, J.Z. Kautsa

1. PRAYERS (1)

The opening and closing prayers were led by Councillors C. Zumba and L. Gomba.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (A.2)

The Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 1st December 2022 had been circulated with the Agenda.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 1st December 2022 be taken as read and confirmed.

ACTION: A/CS: 26/01/23

3. INVITATION OF THE EDUCATION, HEALTH, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE TO ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ITS FUNCTIONS.

Under matters for which the Chairperson's consent had been obtained, the Committee expressed concern on the invitation of this Committee to activities related to its functions.

The Committee further reiterated the need to invite it to attend to activities or functions happening in the City which fall under its purview.

RESOLVED

That the Acting Director of Housing and Community Services and Acting Chamber Secretary ensure timely invitation of this Committee to events falling under its purview.

ACTION: A/DHCS & A/CS: 26/1/2023

4. OUTSTANDING STRATEGIC WORKSHOP FOR THE EDUCATION, HEALTH, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE.

Under matters for which the Chairperson's consent had been obtained, the Committee enquired progress on convening the outstanding Strategic workshop for the Committee.

The Acting Chamber Secretary advised that plans were underway to convene the workshop at the shortest possible time.

Following discussion, the Committee-

RESOLVED

That the Acting Chamber Secretary organizes a Strategic Workshop for the Education, Health, Housing and Community Services and Licensing Committee at the shortest possible time.

ACTION: A/CS: 26/01/23

5. OUTSTANDING FAMILIARISATION TOUR OF TWO CITIES WITH A FUNCTIONING RESIDENTIAL ALLOCATION SYSTEM (A.4)

Under matters for which the Chairperson's consent had been obtained, the Committee enquired on the outstanding familiarization tour of two cities with a functioning residential allocation system. The Committee tasked the Acting Chamber Secretary to organize the tour as that function had been on hold within the Department of Housing and Community Services.

RESOLVED

That the Acting Chamber Secretary organizes a familiarization tour of two cities with a functioning residential allocation system for the Education, Health, Housing and Community Services and Licensing Committee as a matter of urgency .

ACTION: A/CS: 26/01/23

6. OUTSTANDING TOUR OF MUTARE AND BULAWAYO STADIA (A.4)

Under matters for which the Chairperson's consent had been obtained, the Committee enquired on the outstanding tour of Mutare and Bulawayo Stadia. The Committee tasked the Acting Chamber Secretary to organize the tour of Mutare and Bulawayo to learn how they were managing their stadia.

RESOLVED

That the Acting Chamber Secretary organizes a Look and Learn Visit to Mutare and Bulawayo City Council this Committee to appreciate how they are managing their Stadia.

ACTION: A/CS: 26/01/23

7. VISIT OF INSPECTION TO BEATRICE ROAD INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL TO APPRECIATE THE LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT FOR THE CITY HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT. (A.4)

Under matters for which the Chairperson's consent had been obtained, the Committee agreed to undertake a visit of inspection of Beatrice Road Infectious Diseases Hospital to appreciate the new laundry equipment for the City Health Services Department.

Following discussion, the Committee-

RESOLVED

That the Acting Chamber Secretary organizes a visit of inspection to the Beatrice Infectious Diseases Hospital by the Committee to appreciate the new laundry equipment for the City Health Services Department.

ACTION: A/CS & A/DHCS: 26/01/23

8. REVIEW OF FEES FOR COUNCIL CRECHES (A.4)

Under matters for which the Chairperson's consent had been obtained, the Committee expressed concern that fees for Council Crèches were too high whilst the standards were low resulting in most parents withdrawing their children and taking them to private Crèches which offered better standards and affordable fees.

There was hence need to review the fees downwards to make the Crèches more attractive to more children. There was further need to revive the issue of giving the children milk from Council farms.

RESOLVED

That the proposal to review fees at Council Creches downwards be referred to the Finance and Development Committee.

ACTION: A/CS (CCO) :26/01/23

9. STREET LIGHTS CHALLENGES IN MUFAKOSE (A.4)

Under matters for which the Chairperson's consent had been obtained, the Councillor for Ward 36 Mufakose expressed concern that for the previous 4 years, streets lights in her ward had not been switched on regardless of her numerous reports to the relevant Department. The Committee tasked the Acting Town Clerk to map the way forward on the issue.

RESOLVED

That the Acting Town Clerk (Acting Director of Works) attends to the matter and reports to the Environmental Management Committee on action taken.

ACTION: A/CS, A/DW & A/TC: 26/01/23

10. REPORT ON THE DRUG SURVIVORS SPORTS FESTIVAL HELD IN BULAWAYO AT THE WHITE CITY STADIUM FROM 9TH TO 14TH OCTOBER 2022. (H.1)

The Committee had before it, a report (16th November 2022, circulated with the Agenda) by the Acting Director of Housing and Community Services on the report on Drug Survivors Sports Festival held at the White City Stadium in Bulawayo from 9th to 14th October 2022.

The Acting Director of Housing and Community Services reported that the Ministry of Youth, Sports, Arts and Recreation in partnership with the Office of the First Lady had hosted the drug survivors Southern Region Sports Festival in Bulawayo. The Greater Harare Community team made up of ten (10) drug survivors from Mabvuku and Mbare Social Services were part of the Provincial team which had participated at that event

The tournament ran under the theme 'Towards Vision 2030: Alleviating Drug and Substance Abuse by Youth was meant to raise awareness on the detrimental effects of drugs and substance abuse to well as to integrate the drug survivors back into the community. Three officials from the Department of Housing and Community Services were incorporated into the National Organizing Committee to offer technical advice and participate at this event.

The Committee noted that the Harare Provincial team had come first at that festival bringing home a floating trophy and Gold medals. The City had also provided transport for the travelling delegation to and from Bulawayo. The Sports Festival provided an opportunity for exchange of ideas and notes both for the technical team as well as the youth.

The Committee however expressed concern that it was being left out on most activities and functions which fell under its purview including this festival as well as other functions such as official opening, commissioning and other events which fell under its purview. There was a further proposal to have the festival held in Harare.

The Acting Director of Housing and Community Services advised that he would take the concerns of the Committee into consideration for all future festivals and events.

Following discussion, the Committee-

RESOLVED

(1) That the Committee notes that the Department of Housing and Community Services participated at the Southern Region Drug Survivors Sports festival held in Bulawayo from 9th to 14th October 2022.

(2) That in future, the Committee be invited to attend festivals and other events which fall under its purview.

ACTION: A/DHCS: 26/01/23

11. UPDATED PREPAREDNESS REPORT FOR 2022 TO 2023 GRASS CUTTING SEASON. (H.2)

The Committee had before it, a report (25th October 2022, circulated with the Agenda) by the Acting Director of Housing and Community Services recommending noting the preparedness for 2022 to 2023 grass cutting.

The Acting Director of Housing and Community Services reported that under normal circumstances, the grass cutting season stretched from November of one year to April of the following year. The Grass cutting operations had already started in facilities located on wet lands where grass had already grown. Stone picking was under way on centre islands within the Central Business District. This was done to avoid vehicle damage during tractor mowing operations.

The Acting Director of Housing and Community Services reported that the three grass cutting cycles were normally done for effective grass control but some areas usually had one cut and none in some areas. The major challenges which were normally faced included: -

- erratic fuel supply and allocation,
- numerous equipment breakdowns (due to ageing equipment especially tractors),
- delays in the availing of essential spares and consumables like cutting twine, grease, brush cutter heads etc,
- general shortage of resources (manpower, equipment and consumables).

The Acting Director of Housing and Community Services further reported that it was important to note that failure to engage seasonal workers to assist in grass cutting operations during the previous seasons had made grass cutting operations difficult. The section had a total of 9 tractors. Out of the nine (9) tractors, only 3

were functional, 6 were in the workshop for repairs. However, of the three functional tractors only two could mow and the other one which could not mow was used for trailer work. The section had a total of 56 brush cutters, 21 were functional, 15 needed to be repaired and 20 needed to be disposed of.

The Department had initiated the procurement of four (4) tractors for grass cutting. The tractors had been delivered to Supply Chain Division but had not yet been released for use due to some procurement challenges. Delays in financing procurement of spare parts had also delayed the repair of grass cutting equipment by the Central Mechanical Workshop especially tractors and brush cutters. Mobilization or procurement of consumables and spares required urgent financing for efficient and effective grass cutting operations.

The Committee however, expressed the need for it to undertake a visit of inspection to the Grass Cutting Division in order to make an informed decision.

Following discussion, the Committee-

RESOLVED

- (1) That Council notes the up-dated preparedness report for 2022 - 2023 grass cutting season.
- (2) That the Acting Chamber Secretary organizes a visit of inspection to the Grass Cutting Division by the Committee to enable it to make an informed decision.

ACTION: A/CS & A/DHCS: 26/01/23

12. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES ENCOMPASSING WOMEN, YOUTH, SPORTS, ART AND RECREATION AS WELL AS THE ROLE PLAYED BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2022. (H.3)

The Committee had before it, a report (25th October 2022, circulated with the Agenda) by the Acting Director of Housing and Community Services on the community development programmes encompassing women, youth, sports, art and recreation as well as the role played by community development partners during the third quarter of 2022.

The Acting Director of Housing and Community Services reported that the third quarter had witnessed a number of community development initiatives. The Social Services Section had managed to hold a wide range of activities in order to ensure that the vulnerable members of the community namely, children, women and youths were empowered socially and economically. Several development partners had come on board in a bid to complement the City's efforts in

facilitating community development and alleviating social ills evident in the communities. The Women and Youths Development Programmes, as well as Sports, Arts and Recreation activities undertaken during the period under review were detailed in the report.

The Committee noted that other activities included; general welfare and community development, swimming pools and the refurbishments of stadia. Most of the community facilities were in a deplorable state with fallen perimeter walls, broken doors, cracked walls and leaking roofs.

The Acting Director of Housing and Community Services further reported that the City had signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Office of the Presidential Envoy at Large (OPEAL) on the refurbishment of Gwanzura Stadium. The agreed works included; procurement and installation of irrigation equipment, construction of two user toilets, refurbishment of VIP toilets, refurbishment of Press Room and repair of the touchline fence. Not much had been done regarding the agreed works except the construction of two user toilets which were yet to be completed.

With regard to Rufaro Stadium, the Acting Director of Housing and Community Services reported that Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Harare and Sakunda Holdings was yet to be implemented. The City now awaited the presentation of feasibility study findings. Meanwhile, the Department of Housing and Community Services worked on pitch maintenance works while the Department of Works undertook minor painting, plumbing and building works. The total amount of revenue collected in the month of December 2022 amounted to \$ZWL 16 515 277.17.

The Committee, however, expressed concern that the Department had made so many achievements but the Committee had not been invited to any of the any of the activities.

The Committee further tasked the Acting Chamber Secretary to advise Council on legal position of the agreement between City of Harare and Sakunda on Rufaro Stadium as outlined in this meeting.

Following discussion, the Committee-

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Committee notes the contents of the report on community development activities carried out by the Social Services Section working in partnership with various stakeholders during the third quarter of 2022.

(2) That the Acting Chamber Secretary (Legal Division) advises Council on status of the agreement between City of Harare and Sakunda Holdings viz the Task Force set by Council to refurbish Rufaro Stadium.

ACTION: A/CS & A/DHCS: 26/01/23

**13. COUNCIL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING PRODUCTION UNIT/ FACTORY
PROGRESS REPORT. (H.4)**

The Committee had before it, a report (16th December 2022, circulated with the Agenda) by the Acting Director of Housing and Community Services recommending noting the status of Council Protective Clothing Production Unit/Factory.

The Acting Director of Housing and Community services reported that Council had authorized management to set up a Production Unit to manufacture Protective Clothing. The Unit consisted of 1 Superintendent, 1 Pattern Maker, 2 Supervisors on secondment and 17 machine operators on secondment. The recruitment of permanent staff was taking too long since the fabrics, materials and trims were yet to be procured for assessment.

The Acting Director of Housing and Community Services reported that Council's Protective Clothing Factory was not fully capacitated for full scale manufacture of protective clothing. It currently used two small offices which were congested as it had not yet relocated to Rufaro Marketing Headquarters due to outstanding requisitions for refurbishments, furniture, ICT equipment and other accessories.

He further reported that progress was being hampered by delays in the procurement of materials for manufacture of the protective clothing

The Committee discussed the matter and agreed to undertake a visit of inspection of the Council's Protective Clothing Production Unit to enable it to make an informed decision and that the Supply Chain Division and Human Resources Department be part of the tour.

Following discussion, the Committee-

RESOLVED

(1) That consideration of the report on the Council Protective Clothing Production be deferred pending a visit of inspection to the site by the Committee to enable it to make an informed decision.

(2) That all the relevant Departments including Human Resources and Supply Chain Division be part of the tour.

ACTION: A/CS, AHCD, A/CT (SCM) A/DHCS: 26/01/23

14. STATUS OF ALLOCATION OF UNSERVICED RESIDENTIAL STANDS IN WESTLEA TO COUNCIL EMPLOYEES. (H.5)

On 22nd November 2022 the Audit Committee (Item 13) had resolved inter alia-

“That the Education Health, Housing and Community Services and Licensing Committee addresses all outstanding issues concerning allocation of stands inclusive of applicants who have paid land intrinsic value but are yet to be allocated and issues of double allocation of stands.”

The Committee discussed the matter and enquired whether the Acting Director of Housing and Community Services could to allocate the stands.

The Acting Director of Housing and Community Services advised that some processed had not been completed. An official from the Department of Housing and Community Services also advised that, with regard to Westlea housing scheme, the application for change of use of the land had not yet been approved.

During further discussion, the Committee enquired how could there be double allocation and payment of intrinsic value when the layout plan had not been approved. It also enquired the status of Council’s Land bank.

The Acting Monitoring and Evaluation Manager advised that the Acting Finance Director (ACVEM) was working on the land bank in preparation for submission to the Finance and Development Committee for consideration. The Acting Director of Works also advised that the application for change of use had been resubmitted to the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works and that they were following up on the matter.

The Committee expressed concern at being misled by officials that the layout plan was approved yet it had not yet been approved. I accordingly agreed that officials who had misled the Committee be disciplined.

The Committee further expressed concern over non -attendance at its meetings by certain Departments and resolved that failure to attend future meetings would result in disciplinary action.

Following discussion, the Committee-

RESOLVED

- 1) That the matter relating to officials who misled the Committee by advising that layout Plans for Westlea housing scheme were approved in Westlea be referred to the Human Resources and General Purposes Committee for appropriate disciplinary action.
- 2) That this Committee accedes to the recommendation by the Audit Committee to address all outstanding issues concerning allocation of stands inclusive of applicants who have paid intrinsic value but are yet to be allocated and issues of double allocations of stands as detailed in the preamble.

ACTION: A/DHCS: 26/01/23

15. INVESTIGATION OF CLAIM OF RESIDENTIAL STANDS IN MABVUKU AND TAFARA BY VARIOUS GROUPINGS: LAYOUT PLANS TPY/ER/01/13 AND TPY/ER/01/16. (H.6)

On 22nd November 2022, the Audit Committee (Item 16) had resolved inter alia-

"That the issue relating to the need for Acting Director of Housing and Community Services to liaise with the Private Developers on the need to consider Council's Housing Waiting list on selling their stands be referred to Education Health Housing and Community Services for consideration."

It had also recommended to Council:-

- (1) *That the Acting Director of Housing and Community Services considers allocating the stands depicted on layout plans TPY/ER/01/16/1/A, TPY/ER/01/16/1/B and TPY/ER/01/13 to the identified beneficiaries as proposed.*
- (2) *That pursuant to approval of paragraph (1) above, the Acting Director of Housing and Community Services notifies the beneficiaries at the change in the stand numbers that will now be applicable to them hence forth.*
- (3) *That it be noted that clause 7.1.1 in the addendum to the memorandum of agreement allowed Shelter Zimbabwe to sell and allocate stands, and that it complicates the termination of the*

agreement in that those people who were sold stands by Shelter Zimbabwe will face Council for remedy.

- (4) That in view of paragraph (3) above, Council extends the contract by a period not exceeding two (2) years and strictly monitor Shelter Zimbabwe with monthly reports which will be submitted on the developments, rather than termination which will require Council to compensate Shelter Zimbabwe for improvements on land according to Section 9.8.3 of the Memorandum of Agreement.*
- (5) That it be noted that the Surveyor General's Department has not approved survey diagrams for Shelter Zimbabwe hence Shelter Zimbabwe cannot be held responsible for the delays in approving sewer and water designs by Harare Water and that land invasions were also beyond the control of Shelter Zimbabwe which resulted in destruction of some of the infrastructure.*
- (6) That in view of sentiments raised in paragraph (5) above, the Acting Director of Works follows up with the Surveyor General so that the survey diagrams are approved.*
- (7) That the Acting Town Clerk ensures that the selection of land developers goes through a procurement process to enhance fairness, transparency, accountability, value for money and to avoid picking land developers who have no capacity.*
- (8) That Council extends the Memorandum of Agreement by a period not exceeding two (2) years since land invasion has beyond the control of Pure Gold and the relocation of graves compensated the situation as the prices required consultation with Government Ministries which took a very long time. Section 9.8.4 of the Memorandum of Agreement requires City of Harare to compensate Pure Gold for improvements on land and Council may not have funds for this purpose. Progress reports on work done should be submitted to Council on a monthly basis.*
- (9) That Council notes that the cancellation of the Memorandum of Agreement will result in legal battles with Council continues dealing with Pure Gold as if the Memorandum of Agreement is still in operation which raised an expectation that the Memorandum of Agreement will be renewed and so the Memorandum of Agreement should be extended as so far there is no Council resolution for the termination.*
- (10) That it be noted that Mabvuku Tafara Housing Pay Scheme is entitled to one thousand one hundred and seventy-three (1273) and not four*

thousand one hundred and twenty-five (4 125) residential stands as they are claiming. Therefore, they should be allocated another forty-three (43) extra stands which were created after survey.

- (11) That Council honors the 500 residential stands allocated to Chiedza Pay Scheme on layout plan TPY/ER/01/16/1/B.*
- (12) That Council works with the list provided by Mr G. Mashavave faction as they won at the High Court of Zimbabwe when they were challenged by a faction led by Mr Takataka.*
- (13) That Mabvuku Tafara Youth Empowerment should vacate land that they are occupying as they grabbed the land illegally and should wait to be allocated elsewhere whenever there is land available.*
- (14) That Council considers allocation of land to Freedom Fighters elsewhere since the same land they are claiming has already been allocated to Shelter Zimbabwe.*
- (15) That Council issues public statements stating that land identification and chasing after layout plans by individuals or groups does not guarantee allocation of the land by Council to the chasers.*
- (16) That Council evicts the self-proclaimed land developers from its land in Tafara and Mabvuku since they have no contracts with it.*
- (17) That the executive members of Chiedza Housing Cooperative compensate members who were conned of their residential stands on that Council considers reallocation of stands elsewhere, subject to availability of those stands or may also consider refunding those who paid their money to Council once of payment is produced.*
- (18) That the Acting Director of Works continues to pursue the matter on the status of the survey with the Surveyor General's Office for the layout plans TPY/ER/01/13. TPY/ER/01/16/1//A and TPY/ER/01/16/1/B.*
- (19) That the Acting Director of Housing and Community Services ensures that beneficiaries of private land developers are drawn from the Housing Waiting List Standard Operating Procedures is automated.*
- (20) That the Acting Director of Housing and Community Services ensures that beneficiaries of Private land developers are drawn from the Housing Waiting list and dropped there from after allocation.*

- (21) *That the Acting Chamber Secretary (legal) relooks into the Memorandum of Agreement for Pure Gold and Shelter Zimbabwe and advise on the legal implication if the stands are to be reduced whilst monitoring their competency.*

The Committee discussed the matter and enquired the details of Mabvuku stands. The Housing Allocations Officer advised that in 2015/2016, shelter Zimbabwe was allocated 1500 residential stands to develop and sell the stands. Council had however changed position and allowed shelter Zimbabwe to sell the stands before development.

He further reported that Pure Gold was allocated 2500 residential stands to service and sell the stands. Pure Gold had sold 500 stands at the time of Audit. He further reported that the Memorandum of Agreement for the two (2) organisations had expired and that consideration was for Council to cancel or renew the agreement. The Acting Chamber Secretary was tasked to view the Memorandum of Agreement with two developers with the view to determine whether to recommend either reduction of the number of stands allocated to the two and allocate such stands to Council employees or extension of the Memorandum of Agreement.

He clarified that Audit Manager had recommended extension of the agreement. However the Audit Committee had recommended taking back some of the stands.

The Committee discussed the matter and agreed to abide with recommendations of the Audit Committee which are outlined in the preamble.

RESOLVED

- 1) That the Committee hereby concurs with the resolutions of the Audit Committee which are detailed in the preamble above.
- 2) That the Heads of Department expedites the implementation of the resolutions outlined in the preamble above.

ACTION: A/DHCS: 26/01/23

16. PROPOSED RECISSION OF COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF 9 JULY 2020 ITEM 15 (A) ON REPOSSESSION OF 152 STANDS IN KUWADZANA TOWNSHIP. (H.7)

The Committee had before it, a report (11th November 2022, circulated with the Agenda) by the Acting Director of Housing and Community Services

recommending the rescission of Council resolution of 9th July 2020 item 15 (a) which authorized repossession of 152 stands in Kuwadzana Township.

The Acting Director of Housing and Community Services reported that the Harare Metropolitan Police (HMP) had carried out an investigation into the illegal allocation of residential stands in Kuwadzana Township in 2020. A total of 152 stands were identified to have been illegally allocated and recommended beneficial repossession of same so that Council was not financially prejudiced.

The Audit Manager had then reported to the Audit Committee on 7 July 2020, Item 2 on behalf of the Harare Metropolitan Police and all the recommendations were adopted by Council at its 1895th Ordinary Council Meeting of 9 July 2020, Item 15.

The Acting Director of Housing and Community Services reported that he had visited some of the sites and observed that they were all built up areas. All the visited stands were constructed either up to roof level or completed. It was also important to note that it could be difficult for Council to demolish the structures given the stages of completion of same.

The Committee discussed the matter noting that some of the houses were reportedly built on top of sewer lines and expressed the need for it to undertake a visit of inspection to the site to enable it to make an informed decision.

Following discussion, the Committee-

RESLOVED

That consideration of the report be deferred pending a visit of inspection to the site by the Committee to enable it to make an informed decision.

ACTION: A/DHCS: 26/01/23

17. CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD AT SUNNINGDALE COMMUNITY HALL ON 13th DECEMBER 2022. (H.9)

The Committee had before it, a report (11th January 2022, circulated with the Agenda) by the Acting Director of Housing and Community Services recommending noting the certificate presentation ceremony held at Sunningdale Community Hall on 13th December 2022.

The Acting Director of Housing and Community services reported that the Education and Social Services Division through the Social Services Section was

mandated to carry out skills training programmes at its centres designed to capacitate marginalized community members with various skills for self-employment.

However, the section was constrained on this mandate due to the shortage of training equipment and machinery as well as training materials. The Ward Councillor had mobilized training materials to facilitate the skills training programme which was held as an outreach programme of Chinembiri Training Centre. The two hundred and fourteen (214) graduants were presented with Certificates of Attendance by His Worship, the Mayor of Harare, Councillor Jacob Mafume who was the guest of honour at this ceremony.

The Committee expressed concern that they were not invited to attend the ceremony.

The Acting Director of Housing and Community Services apologized, and the Committee:-

RESOLVED

That the Committee notes that two hundred and fourteen (214) community members were trained in cake-baking and icing, catering, welding and dress making and were awarded with certificates of attendance at Sunningdale Community Centre on 13 December 2022.

ACTION: A/DHCS: 26/01/23

18. PROGRESS ON ALLOCATION OF THE BELVEDERE STANDS (A.3)

Arising from the previous Minutes, the Committee expressed concern that after touring the above stands, it had recommended that the stands, be allocated to Council employees and disabled people but to date, no allocations had been made and the stands were now being invaded by land barons.

The Acting Director Housing and Community Services was requested to submit a progress report at the next meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED

That the Acting Director of Housing and Community Services submits a progress report on the allocation of the Belvedere stands at the next meeting of the Committee.

ACTION: A/DHCS:26/01/23

19. OBSERVATION OF THE THIRTY-SIX MONTHS PAYMENT PERIOD FOR THE RESIDENTIAL STANDS FOR COUNCILLORS EVEN AFTER THE EXPIRY OF THEIR TERM OF OFFICE.

Under matters for which the Chairperson's consent had been obtained, the Committee expressed the need for Council to observe the thirty-six-month payment period for the residential stands by Councilors even after the expiry of their term of office as some were yet to be allocated or were allocated too late to pay up prior to expiration of terms of office.

Following discussion, the Committee: -

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

- 1) That Council maintains the (36) thirty-six months payment period for residential stands for Councillors even after the expiry of their term of Office.
- 2) That Council seeks the approval of the Minister for this proposal.

ACTION:A/CS & A/DHCS: 26/01/23

20. RECISSION OF COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION TO ALLOCATE FLAT SITES AND ENTER INTO MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT (MOA) WITH VARIOUS DEVELOPERS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SAME. (H.8)

The Acting Director of Housing and Community services reported that on 16th December 2019, this Education, Health, Housing and Community Services and Licensing Committee (Item 8) had recommended the allocation of Flat sites to the developers listed in his report

The Committee now had before it, a report (22nd November 2022, circulated with the Agenda) by the Acting Director of Housing and Community Services recommending granting authority to rescind of Council's resolution to allocate Flat sites and enter into Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) with various developers for development of same.

The Acting Director of Housing and Community Services further reported that according to the resolution, all the twelve (12) developers were supposed to pay the purchase price by 15 January 2020 and then enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with City of Harare, but there was no record of payment except for Hayes Construction (Pvt) Ltd. In addition, there was no information available as to whether the eleven developers were advised of the prices of the stands or not.

Following discussion, the Committee-

RESLOVED TO RECOMMEND

- (1) That Council rescinds its decision on eleven (11) of the twelve (12) developers of Flat sites which decision allowed Council to allocate Flat sites and to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with developers for development listed below (Items 7 -18 of the Education, Health, Housing and Community Services and Business Licensing Committee of 16 December 2019 Approved by Council on 17 December 2019 Item 11).
- (2) That Council notes that of the twelve (12) developers who were awarded the Flat sites, only one developer, Hayes Construction has paid the purchase price of the land to Council.
- (3) That Council repossesses the sites and fence them.

ACTION: A/DHCS: 24/02/23

THE MEETING ENDED AT 1:00 PM

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**ANNEXURE A TO ITEM 20 OF THE MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION, HEALTH,
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE
DATED 26TH JANUARY 2023.**

	NAME OF DEVELOPER	STAND NUMBER	PLAN NUMBER	STAND SIZE
1.	Hayes Construction (Pvt) Ltd	19376 Southerton	TPX1326/3	7354m2
2.	Quorn (Pvt) Ltd	182554 Borrowdale West	TP2F/1892/1	1.65 Hectares
3.	Sunfirm Distributors	1730 Lot 46 Ardbernnie Block MM	TP2F/2232	700m2
4.	Kotrum (Pvt) Ltd	1728 Lot 1 Sub A/Lot 46 Ardbernnie Block MM	TP2F/2232	530m2
5.	Zimbabwe Housing Project (Pvt) Ltd	12996 Glen View	TPX/WR/08/12	2000m ²
6.	Sizonet Trading (Pvt) Ltd	12995 Glen View	TPX/WR/08/12	2000m2
7.	Kuchi Holdings (Pvt) Ltd	13001 Glen View	TPX/WR/08/12	2000m2
8.	Front Communication Investments (Pvt) Ltd	12997 Glen View	TPX/WR/08/12	2000m2
9.	Arosum Properties (Pvt) Ltd	21023 STL	TPF2847	3.2 Hectares
10.	A.M Machado Contactors	1879 Glen View	TPY 487/4/18	1.95 Hectares
11.	Gombe Holding (Pvt) Ltd	13000 Glen View	TPX/WR/08/12	2000m2
12.	Plushfort Property Developers	4920 Marlborough		11 830m2