

## KWADUKUZA MUNICIPALITY

**DEPT: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING**

**REF:**

**EXCO:**

**DATE:28/10/2015**

**SUBJECT: MARINE WEEK: BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR OCEANS**

### **PURPOSE**

To request post facto approval from Council for the hosting of the educational tour for eco-school learners at the Zinkwazi Coral Beach 27 October 2015 as part of the Marine Week 2015.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Council to note that an item was submitted for EDP portfolio that sat on the 30 September 2015 however, due to miscommunication between the department and the secretariat the item was not discussed. The reason for the post facto approval is mainly because arrangements for the functions have been made and all the relevant stakeholders informed and confirmed their attendance.

### **DISCUSSION**

Marine week is celebrated annually to raise awareness about the marine environment and oceans, its importance to human life and promote conservation of marine ecosystems and encourage sustainable use of the marine environment. Marine environments and oceans offer us huge benefits, such as diverse biodiversity, provide food and sustenance. It will also be more

The learners will be taken on an educational tour to the Zinkwazi Coral reef where they will learn about the marine ecosystems, inter-connectivity with inland ecosystems, functionality and importance of conserving and protecting marine environments. Municipal Beach department will also take them through Marine Safety. They would have to prepare a speech around what they learnt. Marine safety will be offered by Beach Department.

The schools that will participate in the function are part of the Eco-Schools or SEEP school programmes and the principal were requested to select 5 learners per school. Council is reminded that the following schools are part of this programme:

<b>ECO-SCHOOLS</b>	<b>SEEP SCHOOLS</b>
Ashville Primary	Lee Primary school
Lloyd Primary	Bongimfundo Primary
Stanger High School	
Stanger Manor Primary	
Zakarya Muslim School	
Melville Primary	
Prospect Farm School	
Stanger Height	

The above-mentioned programme is in line with the implementation of the awareness campaigns of the yearly Environmental management programme

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

### **COMMUNICATION IMPLICATIONS**

This is a partnership with Ezemvelo Wildlife KwaZulu Natal and the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Lunch packs 65x50=3250

Promotional\_Material: R5000 from Vote 152261820

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the report regarding the celebration of the Marine Week 2015 for Eco-Schools or SEEP schools be noted;
2. That it be noted that a total of learners 5 learners per Eco/ Seep school are invited to partake in commemorating Marine Week 2015 to be held at Zinkwazi Coral Beach 27 October 2015;
3. That Council grants post facto approval for the use of approximately R8250 from the budget Vote 152261820 for the hosting of the function

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### **APPROVED/COMMENTS**

**MUNICIPAL MANAGER**

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