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To: **Ms Benedicta van Minnen**, MAYCO member for Human Settlements Dir. Cape Town

CC: **Dr Ivan Bromfield**, Executive Director of Human Settlements Dir. Cape Town

Dear Ms van Minnen,

RE: Wolwerivier Social Audit

1. Over the last few months, Ndifuna Ukwazi has been supporting the residents at Wolwerivier, many of whom have been struggling with the effects of the move from Skandaalkamp and elsewhere.
2. We have helped the community leaders to discuss their experiences and consolidate some of the problems and demands into a memorandum which you received on the 4 August 2015. Many residents feel that the response has not been adequate to date and we have resolved with the leaders of the community to conduct a social audit together at Wolwerivier.
3. A social audit is a community led process that encourages participation in monitoring government service delivery and expenditure. Residents study government records and verify them against the reality on the ground. Evidence and experiences are collected,

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presented and discussed with government officials at a public hearing. We have attached the principles of community led social audits as an appendix to this letter.

4. As such, the social audit will be focussing on two aspects:
 - 4.1. Current socio-economic circumstances of residents living in Wolwerivier;
 - 4.2. Verification of compliance with the conditions and recommendations of the environmental authorisation for the construction of Wolwerivier issued by the Western Cape Provincial Government, attached as an appendix.

5. As this is a community led social audit, Ndifuna Ukwazi will be helping to facilitate the process. We hope that the social audit will:
 - 5.1. Assist the community to find consensus on the problems they are facing
 - 5.2. Present your office with findings in a clear and actionable report.
 - 5.3. Provide a structured community led process of engagement and participation with the City of Cape Town and the Western Cape Provincial Government.

6. The social audit is scheduled to take place **from Monday 2 to Friday 6 November 2015**. We will endeavour to share the report with you and we would like to invite a representative from the City of Cape Town to attend the public hearing on **Saturday 14 November 2015 at 10:00am** to hear testimony and respond in kind.
 - 6.1. Ideally we would like to extend the invitation to yourself and/or the relevant officials who are directly responsible for service delivery in Wolwerivier in the Human Settelements Directorate.
 - 6.2. We will also invite the relevant officials from the Social Development Directorate; the Western Cape Provincial Government; the Ward Councillor; and members of the media.

7. In addition, we would like to propose an opportunity to meet before the social audit to discuss these matters in more detail. In particular:
 - 7.1. The social audit principles, method and objectives.
 - 7.2. Safety, security and logistics at Wolwerivier during the social audit.
 - 7.3. Further records that the City of Cape Town can provide to assist the community.

7.4. Further opportunities for the City of Cape Town to participate in the social audit process. For example, this could include formal presentations or observing parts of the process.

7.5. A mutually agreeable and suitable person who can chair the public hearing.

8. Please advise us if you or a representative will attend the public hearing on 14 November at 10am; and if you are available to meet this week before the social audit begins. .

Yours sincerely,

Ms Hopolang Selebalo

Head: Local Government Programme, Ndifuna Ukwazi

Attached:

1. The principles of social audits
2. Environmental Authorisation from WC Govt, dated 19 September 2012.
3. Memorandum of issues and demands submitted to City of Cape Town, 4 August 2015