

MODULE G: INFORMATION SYSTEMS

SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES AND IMPLICATIONS

1. Security maximum funds at national level

At national level, funds are allocated to provinces according to the following criteria:

- housing backlog
- number of households in the various subsidy bands
- ratio of urban to rural areas
- performance of a provincial government

These criteria should be monitored within the Province to enable the Western Cape to secure the maximum funding possible.

2 Efficiency of the Housing Subsidy System

- Backlog of input data needs to be addressed.
- Co-ordination between different sections in department should be facilitated at all times.
- Evaluation of the system should take place from time to time. This should focus on the delivery of information to facilitate the housing delivery process.

3. Consolidated Housing Stock Database

- Single database should be compiled. Also investigate the use of GIS

4. Delegation of responsibility w r t prioritisation

- The prioritisation model should either prioritise suburbs within the City of Cape Town or PAWC must delegate its responsibility of allocating funds within the CMA.
- If it is decided not to focus prioritisation on a suburb or town level, but rather on a district level, it is important to consider the responsibility and capacity of district councils. Province should provide guidance to prioritisation criteria within district councils should such capacity not exist.

5. Standardise Format

Local authorities are constantly supplying data to various organisations. It must be investigated to possibly identify a single format for record keeping, regarding level of service (infrastructure), financial data and population data on a local authority

level. Organisations should then only query this database and thereby remove the burden of contract questionnaire completion from local authorities.

6. Quantitative vs Qualitative Monitoring

- At present the systems in place can only monitor quantitative data. Address the lack of qualitative monitoring.
- The implementation of a strategy or policy requires the monitoring thereof. Cognisance should be taken of the information implications of a strategy or policy, i.e. what data gather and capture capacity should be provided and at what level.