

# ANNEXURE D



**Garden Route District Municipality**

**Spatial Development Framework**

**Performance Review on Implementation Report**

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## **1. Introduction**

### **1.1 Purpose of Report**

The purpose of the report is to identify the gaps and assess the level of development of the re-adopted 2017-2022 MSDF framework of the Garden Route District Municipality's Spatial Development Framework which may ultimately trigger an amendment of or the need to acquire a new MSDF for the Garden Route District municipality.

## **2. Background**

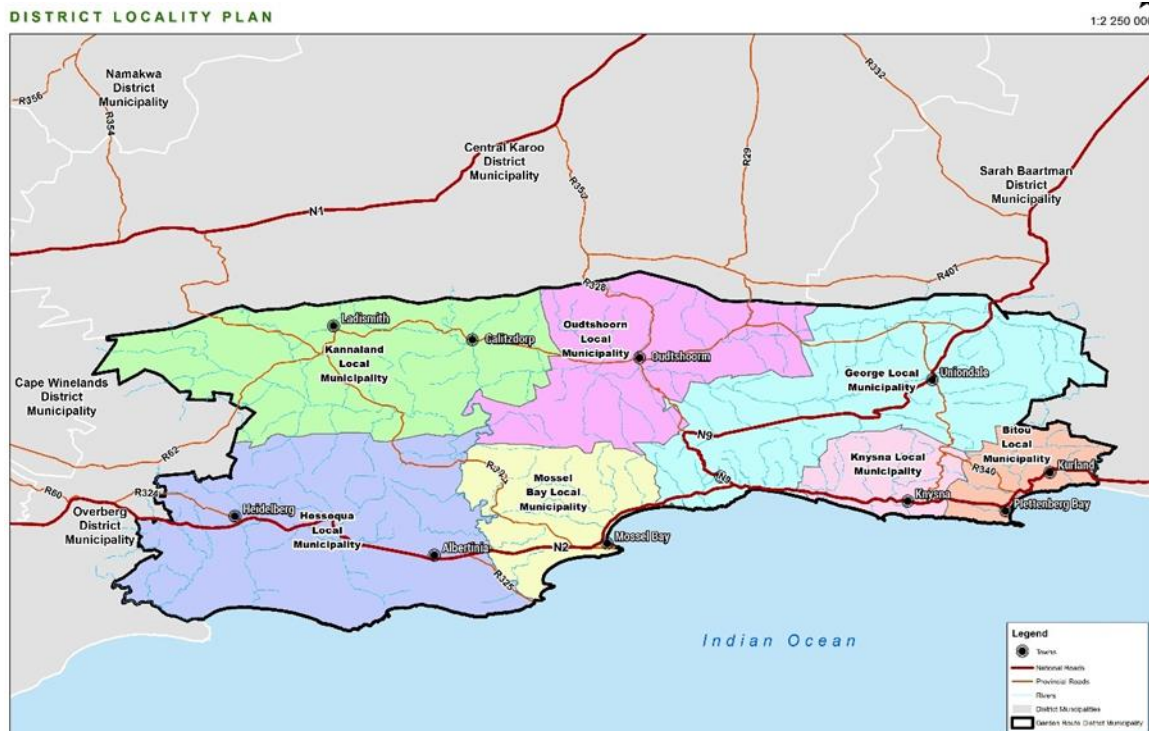
Developing and/or reviewing a Spatial Development Framework is critical to any municipal organization, apart from its compliance requirements, it provides a spatial rendition of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP). The IDP reviewed annually is a guiding tool for the municipality to guide economic development, alignment of funding within the district, guide investment to identified nodal areas and areas of focus and concern and reach the vision and achieve the objectives set by the Municipality for a five-year period and beyond.

The Garden Route District Municipality is a Category C municipality situated in the Western Cape Province. The name was changed from Eden District Municipality to the Garden Route District Municipality in October 2018. Garden Route District shares borders with four other district municipalities, namely: Sarah Baartman District Municipality in the Eastern Cape, and Overberg, Cape Winelands, and Central Karoo District Municipalities in the Western Cape.

The District Municipality comprises seven local municipalities: George, Mossel Bay, Knysna, Bitou, Oudtshoorn, Hessequa and Kannaland.

The Plan below spatially locates the 7 B Municipalities within the context of the GRDM and identifies some of the main towns within the municipal space.

Locality Plan: Garden Route District Municipality



Source: GRDM Human Settlements Sector Plan 2022

### 3. The GRDM's key spatial strategies/proposals are expressed in three themes namely:

- The economy is the environment in the Garden Route District.
- Regional accessibility for inclusive and equitable growth
- Co-ordinated growth management for financial sustainability

### 4. Legislative requirements

#### Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000

Section 34(a)(i) and (ii) of the Municipal Systems Act set forth the need to “review” an MSDF annually in terms of performance of the municipality in relation to the guidance provided in its MSDF, as well as at any time deemed necessary in response to changing circumstances. The annual review allows for proactive monitoring of the implementation of the MSDF, while highlighting the need for actions that need to be taken to support the MSDF implementation on a sustained basis. Section 34(b) further stipulates that the review of the MSDF may result in the need for the amendment of the MSDF.

### 5. What is a Municipal Spatial Development Framework?

A Spatial Development Framework (SDF) is a long-term plan which aims to manage growth and changes within a municipality for the municipality to become more sustainable, integrated, and equitable.

#### 5.1 What is the Link between the IDP & the SDF?

A Spatial Development Framework (SDF) provides a “geographical expression to the economic, social, cultural, and ecological policies of society. It is at the same time

scientific discipline, an administrative technique and a policy developed as an interdisciplinary and comprehensive approach directed towards a balanced regional development and the physical organisation of space according to an overall strategy."

The SDF should co-ordinate the spatial implications of all strategic sector plans such as engineering, housing, community services, etc. The SDF should give physical effect to the vision, goals, and objectives of the municipal IDP. The Spatial Development Framework also informs the land use management of a municipality.

## **6. Objectives of a Municipal Spatial Development Framework**

The objectives of the development of a MSDF includes but are not limited to the below-mentioned points: -

- To provide a strategic development vision of a municipal area
- To identify specific interventions to realise a development vision.
- To provide for the interface between the urban and rural space
- To allow for cross municipal/cross-border planning
- To identify and highlight the tourism potential within the district.
- To outline the economic sectors and identify new sectors for possible growth in the district.
- To address specific developmental issues and challenges within the study area
- To provide a basis for guiding the land-use management decision making
- To address the need for rural housing and to cater to existing and displaced rural communities.
- To guide and identify the municipal infrastructure needs of the district.
- To identify areas of agricultural potential within the district
- To identify areas of possible densification as well as to identify towns where urban regeneration is necessary.
- Development of a conceptual scenario for envisaged spatial form.
- Setting out objectives that reflect the desired spatial form of the district.

## **7. Why the need to update the 2017 re-adopted GRDM MSDF**

### **7.1 Gaps identified in the 2017-2022 GRDM MSDF**

The purpose of this section is to highlight gaps, or aspects to be addressed, that have been identified in the 2017-2022 GRDM MSDF which relates to new trends and inputs, with the intent to improve the MSDF.

- The current council-approved SDF document and associated plans refer to the old Name of the Eden District Municipality.
- The District Development Model (DDM) is not included in the current SDF, and therefore the SDF does not completely align with the new DDM focus.
- The GRDM intends to become a housing provider (FLISP/GAP, SH & inclusionary housing) and has prepared a District Housing Sector Plan. The plan is critical and should be incorporated into the District SDF.

- Since 2017-2022, when the last SDF was approved by the council, there has been a global economic shift due to the Covid 19 pandemic which has resulted in economic impacts which transpired to the development of a Growth Recovery Strategy plan needing to be incorporated into the reviewed Districts MSDF.
- The 2017-2022 MSDF can also be considered irrelevant and outdated from the perspective of their local municipalities and adjacent district municipalities have updated their own SDF which puts the GRDM into a precarious situation and the GRDM needs to reflect the current and existing situation and align to that of the neighbouring districts.
- Statistical information like population etc needs to be updated.

## **8. Assessment of the GRDM's SDF implementation framework**

- Currently, the GRDM's does not have a detailed Capital Investment Framework and Expenditure framework.
- The current implementation framework also needs to be updated/developed outlining the role players, their responsibilities, budget, source with an effective and a monitoring and evaluation component.



Spatial Development Action plan aligned to the IDP: Progress on the GRDM MSDF Implementation Framework

GARDEN ROUTE SDF STRATEGY 1: REGIONAL ACCESSIBILITY FOR INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE GROWTH

Number of Projects: 7

Key Regional Policy	Project or Action	Responsible Actors	Timeframes	Monitoring Indicator	Progress to date
1. REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT, ACCESS & CONNECTIVITY POLICY	Regional rail enhancement – connect the Garden Route to the South African eastern coastal corridor stretching from Cape Town to Durban, as set out in the NSDF (2019).	<p><b>Lead organisations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provincial Department of Transport and Public Works</li> <li>PRASA</li> <li>Transnet</li> </ul> <p><b>Support Organisations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Department of Transport</li> <li>Garden Route District Municipality</li> <li>SCEP</li> <li>All local Municipalities</li> </ul>	2020 - 2030	Establishment of a rail corridor passing through the Southern Cape along the eastern coastal corridor	There has been no movement on this project. PRASA's focus is almost entirely on the existing rail crisis of the metropolitan areas
	Upgrade R62 to accommodate freight and road traffic, alleviating N2	<p><b>Lead Organisation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provincial Department of Transport and Public Works</li> </ul> <p><b>Support Organisations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SANRAL</li> <li>Garden Route District</li> </ul>		Upgrade of the R62 to accommodate increased freight and traffic volumes as alternative to the N2.	The Upgrading of the R62 has been fully completed- Oudtshoorn to De Rust

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	Develop and implement an affordable inter and intra-regional public transport service for the Garden Route	<p>Municipality</p> <p><b>Lead Organisations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provincial Department of Transport and Public Works</li> <li>All local municipalities</li> </ul> <p><b>Support Organisations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Garden Route District Municipality</li> <li>PRASA</li> <li>Transnet</li> <li>National Department of Transport</li> </ul>		Regional IPTN developed & implemented.	Intra-Go George public transport is operational. A service provider was appointed in September 2022 to develop an Integrated transport plan for the Garden Route region. The first phase of the project has been completed.
<b>2. TOWN CENTRE REVITALISATION &amp; COMMERCIAL INCENTIVISATION POLICY</b>	<b>Town Centre Revitalisation Plans:</b> Develop and implement town centre revitalisation plans with the goal of reinvigorating these places of economic	<p><b>Lead Organisations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>George LM</li> <li>Mossel Bay LM</li> <li>Oudtshoorn LM</li> <li>Kynsna LM</li> </ul> <p><b>Support Organisation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of</li> </ul>	2020/21	Town centre revitalisation plans developed & implemented	<p><b>Ongoing:</b> Revitalization of George CBD is included in the 2023-2027 George MSDf as a Priority Investment Area.</p> <p><b>Ongoing:</b> Mossel Bay Municipality developed a</p>



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	opportunity and growth & improving ICT and Wi-Fi access, as well as providing other incentives for business to operate in these areas, as well as disincentives for commercial decentralisation in the region.	<p>Transport and Public Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning</li> <li>Provincial Department of Economic Development and Tourism</li> </ul>			<p>Precinct Plan (Local Spatial Development Framework Plan) for an integrated node providing guidelines for integrated design for the purposes of the community living together in November 2019</p> <p>The Oudtshoorn and Knysna municipalities intends to revitalize/improve the CBD as stipulated in their MSDF's spatial proposals.</p>
<b>3. REGIONAL DENSIFICATION POLICY</b>	Develop appropriate, credible and implementable Spatial Development Framework's for all local and district municipalities in the region.	<p><b>Lead Organisation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All local municipalities</li> </ul> <p><b>Support Organisation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Garden Route District Municipality</li> </ul>			<p>All local municipalities' MSDF are updated, except that of Kannaland LM is old, it was last updated in 2013.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Central Karoo District- SDF review is currently in progress</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provincial Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cape Winelands District Municipality - adopted a new SDF in June 2022</li> <li>West Coast District Municipality - Final SDF was submitted to and adopted by council in 2020</li> <li>Overberg District Municipality – Draft SDF being developed in 2022</li> </ul>
<b>4. REGIONAL VACANT LAND OPTIMISATION POLICY</b>	Undertake vacant and underutilised land audits for all land within or in proximity to the major settlements of the region, and unlock well-located land, via a development facilitation and property development unit, for development by providing a suite of desirable rights and all relevant authorisations and infrastructure support for development in these land parcels,	<p><b>Lead Organisation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All local municipalities</li> </ul> <p><b>Support Organisation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Garden Route District Municipality</li> <li>Provincial Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning</li> <li>Provincial Department of Transport and Public Works</li> <li>Provincial Department of</li> </ul>	2022/23	Vacant Land Audit and strategy for vacant land development	Garden Route District Municipality is in a process of developing a land Audit strategy.

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	incentivising spatial justice and efficiency	Economic Development and Tourism			
<b>5. MAINSTREAMING DISASTER MANAGEMENT IN REGIONAL THINKING POLICY</b>	Embed disaster management in all planning and delivery mechanisms for land development and infrastructure, specifically as it relates to climate change risks, flooding, and fire events.	<p><b>Lead organisations</b></p> <p>Garden Route District Municipality Provincial Department of Local Government</p> <p><b>Support Organisation</b></p> <p>All local municipalities</p> <p>Provincial Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning</p>	Immediate and ongoing	Disaster management mainstreamed in all development applications (building plans, land use changes, environmental authorisations)	<p>The Garden Route District Municipality has developed Disaster Risk Assessment Strategy for the entire district to be incorporated into MSDF's and Land Use Schemes. Only George in the whole district has included the Risk Assessment into the MSDF</p> <p>The Garden Route District Municipality, through one of its Growth and development strategies of Supporting Wellness and Resilience, is dealing with systemic risks, taking into account casual factors and resilience impacts, requiring management of risks across public and private sectors</p>

## 2. GARDEN ROUTE SDF STRATEGY: THE ECONOMY IS THE ENVIRONMENT

Number of Projects: 20

Key Regional Policy	Project or Action	Responsible Actors	Timeframes	Monitoring Indicator	Progress
1. ENVIRONMENTAL REHABILITATION, ENHANCEMENT & RESILIENCE POLICY	Protect, conserve, rehabilitate & restore wetlands, rivers, lakes and natural environment assets and undertake alien vegetation clearing, focusing on wetlands, riverine systems and water catchment areas.	<b>Lead organisations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provincial Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning</li> <li>Cape Nature</li> <li>SANPARKS</li> </ul> <b>Support organisations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All local municipalities</li> <li>Garden Route District Municipality</li> <li>Department of Water and Sanitation</li> </ul>	Immediate and ongoing	<p>Decrease in alien vegetation land cover.</p> <p>Improvement in river system health and water quality</p>	Garden Route District Municipality developed an invasive species monitoring, control and eradication draft plan in April 2019
	Enhance agricultural practices to mitigate harmful environmental, riverine and wetland impacts	<b>Lead Organisation</b> Provincial Department of Agriculture  <b>Support Organisations</b> All local municipalities GRDM Provincial Department of Environmental Affairs	Immediate and ongoing	Decrease in siltation and pollution of riverine and wetland systems.	A Draft Gouritz River Estuarine Management Plan was developed in June 2018 in response to siltation and pollution of riverine and wetland systems.

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	Contain Development and Manage rural areas through appropriate application of Spatial Planning Categories (from Garden Route SDF)	<p><b>Lead Organisations</b> All local municipalities</p> <p><b>Support Organisations</b> GRDM Provincial Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning Provincial Department of Agriculture Cape Nature SANPARKS</p>		<p>Increase in gross dwelling unit density of all urban settlements.</p> <p>Land use planning and environmental planning decisions consistent with Spatial Planning Categories</p>	Most local municipalities have begun to identify and encourage areas for densification through their planning tools(zoning scheme by laws and MSDF's)
<b>2. RESILIENT REGIONAL SETTLEMENTS POLICY</b>	Ensure the regional adherence to compact urban development to prevent erosion of regional scenic assets and undesirable disaster management risks to fire and flood	<p><b>Lead Organisation</b> All local municipalities</p> <p><b>Support Organisations</b> Garden Route District Municipality Provincial Department of Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning Heritage Western Cape</p>	Immediate and ongoing	No Urban Development in scenic areas or fire and flood risk areas	The local municipalities are continuously monitoring scenic, fire and flood prone areas through their land Use Management systems.

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	<p>Manage development along the coastline in a sustainable and precautionary manner through coastal setbacks and avoiding flood risk zones (see Garden Route SDF for detail)</p> <p>Mitigate fire risk and impacts on disaster management by implementing veld fire management zones and alien vegetation management.</p>	<p><b>Lead Organisation</b> All local Municipalities Provincial Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning</p> <p><b>Support Organisations</b> Garden Route District Municipality</p> <p><b>Lead organisations</b> Cape Nature SANParks Provincial Department of Local Government</p> <p><b>Support organisations</b> All local municipalities Garden Route District Municipality Provincial Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning Provincial Department of Agriculture</p>	<p>Immediate and Ongoing</p> <p>Immediate and Ongoing</p>	<p>No development within relevant Coastal Management Line</p> <p>Alien vegetation clearing</p> <p>Fire management practices implemented</p>	<p>Draft GRDM Coastal Management Program which acts as a guideline for all affected municipalities for management of their coastal areas through land use schemes and by-laws</p> <p>Garden Route District Municipality developed an invasive species monitoring, control and eradication draft plan in April 2019</p>

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<b>3. REGIONAL WATER RESILIENCE POLICY</b>	<p>Explore and establish a Garden Route regional bulk water infrastructure system for the region to support future water security.</p> <p>Implement aggressive 'war on leaks' and water</p>	<p><b>Lead Organisation</b> Garden Route District Municipality Provincial Department of Local Government</p> <p><b>Support Organisation</b> National Department of Water and Sanitation Provincial Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning Mossel Bay, Oudtshoorn, George, Knysna, Bitou, Hessequa, Kannaland Local municipalities</p> <p><b>Lead Organisations</b> All local Municipalities</p>	<p>2021/22 – implementation of recommendations from pre-feasibility</p> <p>Immediate and Ongoing</p>	<p>Implementation of pre-feasibility study recommendations</p> <p>Decrease in % of water lost to leaks / infrastructure failure.</p>	<p>Garden Route District Municipality is in a process to conduct a feasibility study for a regional bulk water infrastructure system within the 2022-2023 financial year.</p> <p>Each individual municipality needs to increase its focus on water services</p>





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	appropriate & feasible) waste recycling programmes to reduce waste to landfill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• George LM</li> <li>• Knysna LM</li> <li>• Bitou LM</li> <li>• Hessequa LM</li> <li>• Kannaland LM</li> <li>• Garden Route District Municipality</li> </ul> <p><b>Support Organisations</b></p> <p>Provincial Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning</p>			Integrated Waste Management Plan which also promotes waste recycling.
<b>4. GARDEN ROUTE AIR ACCESS POLICY</b>	Increase air access opportunities (particularly low cost carrier airlines) between George and other South African airports, notably Cape Town, which open up opportunities in the tourism economy.	<p><b>Lead organisations</b></p> <p>ACSA GRDM SCEP George Municipality</p> <p><b>Support organisations</b></p> <p>DEDAT Other local Municipalities Businesses Wesgro</p>	2019/20 – WESGRO engage with low-cost carrier airlines to open Cape Town – George route	The entry of low-cost carriers' airlines on the Cape Town – George flight route	The projected has ceased for now. The topic of air access improvement processes will be incorporated as part of the GDS Connected Economy and Sustainable Tourism Clusters' functions.
<b>5. SKILLS TO MATCH THE ECONOMY POLICY</b>	Develop & implement a skills development and upskilling	<p><b>Lead organisations</b></p> <p>Provincial Department of Economic Development and Tourism</p>	2020/21 – implement skills strategy.	Implementation of a Garden Route Skills Strategy (Skills Mecca Concept)	A Skills Mecca Development Coordinator appointed on 1 April

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	<p>programme for the region that ensures the upskilling and training of inhabitants in the region in order to access the economic opportunities that exist in relevant key growth sectors of the economy.</p> <p>Economic sector support for key job and economic growth sectors of the economy: develop incentives and sector support initiatives to make ease of doing business a priority for deemed priority sectors.</p>	<p>Garden Route District Municipality SCEP SEDA B-municipalities</p> <p><b>Support organisations</b> National Department of Higher Education &amp; Training South Cape College (George Campus) Nelson Mandela Bay University (George Campus &amp; Saasveld Campus)</p> <p><b>Lead organisations</b> All local municipalities Provincial Department of Economic Development and Tourism</p> <p><b>Support organisations</b> Garden Route District Municipalities SCEP Provincial Department of Agriculture</p>	<p>2019/20 – identify incentive measures</p> <p>2020/21 – implement incentive measures</p>	<p>Incentive measures applied to priority sectors to encourage job growth</p>	<p>2021 with an extended contract to September 2024. Twelve Skills Mecca Technicians appointed on EPWP Contracts to allow for representation in each local municipality. With support of the Training Unit, the Skills Mecca is implementing skills development projects across the District to the value of R 50m and 1, 073 beneficiaries.</p> <p>Economic sector support is seen in the Garden Route Film Commission establishment</p> <p>The Garden Route District Municipality, through its Human Settlements Section have an approved Incentives Policy Framework, for possible implementation by the B Municipalities to</p>

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					encourage private developers to participate in the development of Affordable Housing
<b>6. REGIONAL ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY</b>	Explore Special Economic Zones for Garden Route region	<p><b>Lead organisations</b> Garden Route District Municipality Mossel Bay Municipality Southern Cape Economic Partnership</p> <p><b>Support organisations</b> DTI PetroSA TNPA ACSA DEDAT</p>	<p>2019/20 – Business case for SEZ for region</p> <p>2020/21 – Implementation of SEZ for region</p>	Establishment of SEZ in Garden Route	The processes of the establishment of a SEZ reached concept stage thereafter ,the district was advised by DTI to follow the industrial parks route, the process is yet to be continued
	Facilitate and promote film sector in region	<p><b>Lead organisations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Garden Route Film Office</li> <li>• Garden Route District Municipality</li> <li>• All B-municipalities</li> <li>• SCEP</li> </ul> <p><b>Support organisations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wesgro</li> <li>• DTI</li> <li>• DEDAT</li> </ul>		<p>Establishment of Film Office in Garden Route;</p> <p>Increase in film productions to create employment opportunities;</p> <p>Development of the Film Industry – Skills/Marketing/Database/Locations etc.</p>	The Film office in the Garden Route has been established.

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	<p>George Airport Growth Strategy – determine what infrastructure, support and systems are needed to position George airport for growth</p>	<p><b>Lead organisations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACSA</li> <li>• George Local Municipality</li> <li>• Garden Route District Municipality</li> <li>• SCEP</li> </ul> <p><b>Support Organisations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provincial Department of Economic Development and Tourism</li> <li>• WESGRO</li> <li>• DTI</li> </ul>	<p>2021/22 – Develop Strategy 2022/23 – implement Strategy.</p>	<p>George Airport Growth Strategy developed.</p>	<p>Significant work has been done in terms of developing and Growing the George Airport Precinct, undertaken by ACSA</p> <p>Due to the impact of COVID-19, and severe restrictions on international travel (and associated tourism arrivals) which have impacted on domestic air travel, there has not been significant progress made to date.</p>
	<p>Mossel Bay Port Growth Strategy – determine what infrastructure, land use changes, support and systems are needed for Mossel Bay Port diversification and/or</p>	<p><b>Lead organisations:</b> Transnet National Ports Authority Mossel Bay Local Municipality</p> <p><b>Support Organisations</b> Garden Route District Municipality Provincial Department of Economic Development and Tourism Provincial Department of Transport and Public Works SCEP</p>	<p>2019/20 – develop plan / strategy 2020-25 – lobby for implementation of plan / strategy</p>	<p>Mossel Bay Port Growth Strategy developed.</p>	<p>Transnet National Ports Authority has developed a Port Development Framework Plan for Mossel Bay Local Municipality and has gone out for Public Participation in May 2023.</p>

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	expansion	PETROSA			
<b>7. REGIONAL INFORMAL ECONOMY POLICY</b>	Informal sector Support Strategy: develop and implement an Informal Sector Support Strategy which provides the necessary sector support and infrastructure / services to assist in stabilising and accommodating informal economy	<p><b>Lead organisations</b> All local municipalities Provincial Department of Economic Development and Tourism</p> <p><b>Support organisations</b> Garden Route District Municipality SCEP National Dept of Small Business</p>	2022/23 – develop informal sector support strategy for all local municipalities. 2023-26 – implement informal sector support strategy.	Informal sector Support Strategy developed	There has been limited movement on how the district supports and enables informal sector economy opportunities
<b>8. RURAL ECONOMY DEVELOPMENT POLICY</b>	Appropriate development in Rural Areas Guideline: Define and	<p><b>Lead organisations</b> All local municipalities Provincial Department of Agriculture DRDLR</p>	2021/22	Appropriate development in Rural Areas Guideline	The DEA&DP has developed a revised Rural Development Guideline which should give increased

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	<p>promote appropriate economic and development opportunities in the rural areas to both revive these economies and create balanced, sustainable settlements and hamlets, including exploring the creation of ICT hubs in rural areas</p>	<p><b>Support organisations</b>            Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning            Garden Route District Municipality            Provincial Department of Economic Development and Tourism</p>			<p>clarity and certainty as to how rural development should be managed in the province.</p>
<p><b>9. REGIONAL AGRI-PROCESSING POLICY</b></p>	<p>Forestry &amp; Agri-processing support plan: Encourage &amp; incentivise agri-beneficiation, agri-exports and niche agricultural products</p>	<p><b>Lead organisations</b>            Garden Route District Municipality            Provincial Department of Agriculture            All local municipalities            SCEP</p> <p><b>Support organisations</b>            DEDAT            BGCMA (Breede Gouritz Catchment Management Agency)            WESGRO            Farmer Associations            DRDLR</p>	<p>Immediate and ongoing</p>	<p>Year on year growth in niche agri-sector industries (such as honey bush tea and berry)</p>	<p>The Garden Route Investment Conference has identified significant agricultural and agri-processing opportunities relating to berries, timber, fruit, honey bush tea, proteas, essential oils, aloe, and hops production in the region.</p> <p>To date, the Garden Route District</p>



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					Municipality has secured a funding of 1 million for honey bush tea.

### 3.GARDEN ROUTE SDF STRATEGY: COORDINATE GROWTH MANAGEMENT FOR FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Number of projects: 10

Key Regional Policy	Project or Action	Responsible Actors	Timeframes	Monitoring Indicator	Progress
<b>1. LEVERAGE AND ENHANCE SENSE OF PLACE FOR SUSTAINABLE TOURISM POLICY</b>	Regional Tourism Strategy for the Garden Route and Klein Karoo – signage, presence & impact. Improved tourism coordination.	<b>Lead organisations</b> Department of Economic Development and Tourism Garden Route District Municipality  <b>Support organisations</b> All local municipalities SCEP WESGRO	<b>2019/20</b>	Develop and implement a Regional Tourism Strategy for the Garden Route.  Develop a single District Regional Marketing Organisation for the Garden Route .	A Garden Route and Klein Karoo Tourism Strategy has been developed. Many local municipalities have developed their own Destination Marketing Strategy.
	Preserve and enhance sense of place and	<b>Lead organisations</b> Department of	<b>2020/21</b>	Develop and implement design guidelines for new building typologies and	There has been no movement on the development of a design

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	<p>garden Route aesthetic through appropriate development &amp; design guidelines.</p> <p>Identify and protect scenic and cultural landscapes in the garden Route and Klein Karoo</p>	<p>Environmental Affairs and Development Planning All local municipalities DEDAT</p> <p><b>Support organisations</b> Garden Route District Municipality SCEP/EDP Provincial Department of Agriculture</p> <p><b>Lead organisations</b> Provincial department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning Garden Route District Municipality</p>	<p><b>ongoing</b></p>	<p>retrofitting that are context appropriate for different development typologies of the Garden Route</p> <p>Preserved scenic assets</p>	<p>guideline for different contexts in the Garden Route</p> <p>To date-all municipalities through their MSDFs are promoting appropriate development that does not undermine sense of place</p>

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		<b>Support organisations</b> All local municipalities Provincial Department of Agriculture			
<b>2. REGIONAL FACILITY CLUSTERING PROTOCOL POLICY</b>	Cluster social facilities to optimise equitable access & spatial efficiency: Develop a Clustering Protocol for the Southern Cape which seeks to promote the appropriate clustering of facilities and services that government delivers, as well as identifying excess land on schools, clinics, and hospital sites for the provision of subsidised housing in the 'wrapping concept' as currently being developed for the Western Cape Government.	<b>Lead organisations</b> Provincial Department of Transport and Public Works All local municipalities  <b>Support organisations</b> Provincial department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning Garden Route DM	<b>2021/22</b>	Clustering Protocol developed and implemented in facility delivery.	the DTPW has done work in the West Coast

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	Locate regional facilities at most accessible points in regional nodes	<p><b>Lead organisations</b> Provincial Department of Transport and Public Works All local municipalities</p> <p><b>Support organisations</b> Provincial department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning Garden Route DM</p>	2021/22	Clustering Protocol developed and implemented in facility delivery	Same as above
<b>3. REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE EXPANSION POLICY</b>	Coordinate the regional increase in supply capacity relating to water, waste, and electricity provision.	<p><b>Lead Organisation</b> Garden Route DM</p> <p><b>Support organisations</b> All local municipalities Provincial Department of</p>	Immediate and ongoing	Develop and implement regional infrastructure plans	There are interventions currently underway in Garden Route for the development of regional infrastructure plans

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	Develop regional and municipal infrastructure master plans in accordance with the proposals of the SDFs and IDPs of municipalities. Align growth with infrastructure and fiscal capacity (see Garden Route SDF)	Local Government  <b>Lead organisations</b> Garden Route DM finance head  <b>Support organisations</b> Provincial Treasury All local municipality finance heads			
<b>4. MUNICIPAL AND SETTLEMENT COMPLEMENTARITY POLICY</b>	Clearly define each role and function of each settlement in the region as contributing towards the greater economic strategy – George as the service centre and highest order settlement, Mossel Bay as an industrial, service, and tourism settlement, Knysna and Plettenberg Bay as the tourism and lifestyle	Done in Garden Route RSIF	<b>Immediate and ongoing</b>	Development opportunities located appropriately and responsibly	The function of each municipal area/town are clearly defined in the Garden Route MSDF, and the RSIF and the Growth Development Strategy

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	settlements, etc.				
<b>5. INTEGRATED PLANNING, MANAGEMENT &amp; DELIVERY POLICY</b>	Coordinate integrated management and strategic regional governance with relevant stakeholders through the IDP process. Ensure deep levels of collaboration and impact in joint planning exercises for the region. Link these clearly to outcomes and deliverables that are funded and pursued through partnerships	<p><b>Lead organisations</b> Garden Route DM All local municipalities</p> <p><b>Support organisations</b> Provincial Department of Local Government Provincial Treasury Southern Cape Partnership All provincial Departments</p>	<b>Immediate and ongoing</b>	Implementation of IDP and Garden Route RSIF	The existing JDMA, SIME, TIME and IPSS systems set in place the infrastructure and processes to enable integrated planning, budgeting and delivery, however it requires each entity to engage on these platforms meaningfully and with the intent to plan and budget jointly
<b>6. REGIONAL MONITORING, EVALUATION &amp; REPORTING POLICY</b>	IDP Review and M&E: Municipalities must have clear visions and implementation plans speaking directly to its planning instruments, with measurable targets and goals.	<p><b>Lead organisations</b> Garden Route DM All local municipalities</p> <p><b>Support organisations</b> Provincial Department of Local Government Provincial Treasury Southern Cape Partnership</p>	<b>Immediate and ongoing</b>	Implementation of IDP and Garden Route RSIF	Same as above

## 9. Conclusion

It is seen through the aforementioned identified gaps, an updated Spatial Development Framework would be highly beneficial for the district, the 7B Municipalities as well as planning within the regional space.