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SUPPLEMENT E: INTERVIEW TO THE CITIZENS OF THE AMATHOLE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY AND THE EIGHT LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE AREA OF THE AMATHOLE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

SUMMARY

The research seeks to assess the influence of non-governmental organisations on policy-making in the Eastern Cape Amathole district municipality and the eight local municipalities within the district. The introduction provides the general overview of the study and provides a background to the intention of the research as well as legislative framework within which the municipalities and non-governmental organisations operates. The problem statement briefly describes the problem identified in the study and the objectives of the study are set. The theoretical framework is provided and the theories used to evaluate the roles are discussed which are utilitarian theory and the system theory. The importance of conducting the research is discussed and the limitations of the study are discussed in the research. Importantly, the study plan directs the researcher in the direction towards the goals of the research. Also the terms used in this study that are not clear were defined to avoid misinterpretation; misunderstanding and confusion of word and terms.

The review of the current literature in the field of municipal governance and non-governmental organisations is to explore what has already been done and to identify gaps in the field of local democracy and municipal administration. The nature and place of municipal policy making in public administration as well as co-operative interaction between municipal role-players in municipal policy making and implementation was discussed. The aims of municipal policy are discussed and the participants in municipal policy making are discussed as well to understand the roles of each participant better. Also the role of non-governmental organisation in municipal policy making are then discussed and described and the relationships between the municipal government institutions and the non-governmental organisations as well as the co-operative interaction between municipal role-players in municipal policy-making are explained. The permission to conduct research was received from the Amathole district municipality which covers also the eight local municipalities within the district. The scope of the study explains the

range or extent of matter to be dealt with in the research and the survey area is clearly provided. The research design which is qualitative and quantitative research are discussed and used in adopting the study. The case study as research strategy is discussed and clarified. The data collection instruments which are interviews, questionnaires and the literature study on the subject were briefly explained. Population details and sampling were clearly explained before a sample is provided in the study. The research provides data collection procedures as well as the rate in which responses are expected. However the data will be analysed and the ethical consideration are discussed.

The data analysis and interpretation was conducted to enable the researcher to identify patterns which are consistent within the data. The demographics of chief-officials and political office-bearer and non-governmental organisations members as respondents include their age; year of service; home language; gender; and the academic qualification were analysed and the impact of the influence of non-governmental organisations in municipal policy making was assessed and discussed.

The findings of the study were provided and discussed and the concluding remarks were provided to whether the problem is real and whether the hypothesis is true and valid.

The recommendations of the study were provided to enable Amathole district municipality and the eight local municipalities within the district to meet its legal obligation towards informing the development, adoption and improvement of systems and practices which facilitates efficient implementation of policy and also to contribute to efforts in improving service delivery and effective implementation of public policy in general and policy-making in particular. It is finally, anticipated that the study may provide a springboard for other researchers interested in the interface between non-governmental organizations and their influence in municipal policy-making.

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