

Media Release to the Berea Mail

The Glenwood Urban Improvement Precinct (GUIP) is a commercially funded, non-profit entity covering the area bounded by Lena Ahrens, Alan Paton, Umbilo and King Dinuzulu roads. The GUIP was established in 2019 as a municipal entity under Section 12 of the Municipal Structures Act. One of the GUIP's mandates is to provide a measure of security in the precinct amongst other services which include cleaning, greening and placemaking. While it serves its members focussing in the areas of public spaces adjacent to their businesses, the services provided are of benefit to all residents within the precinct, All work done by the GUIP is within an approved Operational Plan and Budget which is overseen by an elected board.

The GUIP AGM was successfully held on the 15th February 2023 at the Berea Bowling Club. Elected to the board were Mr. David Roberts the newly elected Chairperson, Mr. Pravin Amar (deputy chairperson), Mr Vivian Appalsamy, (treasurer), and Mr. Ahmed Desai. Reappointed at the first board meeting were Mr. Mike Kingston and Ms. Shannon Moffett. Mr. Roberts told the Berea mail that the Glenwood UIP is taking the concerns from its members about security seriously and this will be a key focus for 2023. To that end, Mr Roberts explained that they are calling for proposals for a qualified and experienced security consultant to advise it on security within the precinct.

The primary focus of the consultancy project is to fully assess the security needs of the GUIP and to provide a security plan for the precinct against an approved Operational Plan and Budget. Some of this research has already been done and will be provided to interested consultants during the quoting phase. Recommendations are expected to include the deployment of cameras and other security infrastructure, deployment of human resources, communication with other security groupings including Metro Police and SAPS etc. The security consultant will also assist the GUIP with the development of tender documents for the appointment of service provider(s) to provide the infrastructure and services as identified in the plan. A key component of the project will be consultation with members and residents and the GUIP will be sharing these engagements on our website and Facebook page; <https://www.facebook.com/GlenwoodUIP>

In order to quote for this project, potential bidders need the necessary qualification and experience in developing security plans for areas similar to that of the GUIP. Where relevant, you must have the appropriate registration certificate(s), and be able to provide 2 letters of reference for similar work undertaken. Please visit our website <https://glenwooduip.co.za/> to download the Terms of Reference and research document. All applications must be received by 31 March 2023.

Issued by Mr. David Roberts

Chairperson, Glenwood UIP

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