



PJWG Workstream 8 meeting held on 30 May 2025

Meeting Notes and Action Items: PJWG Workstream 8

Date: 30 May 2025

Time: 14:02 – 16:00

Location: Virtual Meeting

Chair: Helen Botes

Facilitators: Seth Maqetuka, Sibongile Mazibuko

Agenda Overview

1. Opening and Housekeeping
 2. Apologies and Declarations
 3. Agenda Confirmation
 4. Feedback from Sub-Workstreams
 5. Report to the Presidency
 6. Walkabout Feedback
 7. Summary of Actions and Next Steps
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Key Discussions

1. Opening Remarks

- The Chair welcomed participants and confirmed the meeting agenda.
- Housekeeping: Declarations and apologies to be submitted via chat on teams.

2. Sub-Workstream Feedback

2.1 Urban Management

- Held two meetings and conducted a cleanup campaign.
- Focus areas: service delivery monitoring, cleanup initiatives, property owner cooperation.
- Need for a physical planning workshop involving urban planning experts.
- Challenges: lack of administrative and technical support.
- **Action:** Workshop to be planned and date to be communicated.

2.2 Safety & Security

- Upcoming inaugural meeting scheduled.
- Focus on integrated law enforcement: CPF, JMPD, SAPS, and defence.
- Plan to establish an Integrated Response Centre using Standard Bank facility.
- Highlighted resource shortages and technological needs.
- **Action:** Meeting invite to be sent to relevant stakeholders.

2.3 Finance

- Inaugural meeting held; priority areas identified include billing disputes and affordability models.
- Discussion on unresolved billing disputes, court orders, and short-medium-long term action planning.
- Urgent request for engagement with City CFO, Legal, and Ombudsman to resolve disputes.
- **Action:** Immediate coordination of a stakeholder meeting (including private attorneys and city management).

2.4 Bad Buildings

- Three meetings held with strong participation.
- Key concern: long-term relocation for affected residents.
- Court rulings and past program lessons reviewed.
- Strategy to be finalized and presented, with focus on incremental housing solutions and property reintegration.
- **Action:** Develop clear, multi-stakeholder actionable strategy and present next week.

2.5 Transport & Informal Trading

- Ongoing engagements, including with taxi industry and informal trader registration.
- Concerns about project implementation delays due to SCM.
- Focused on revitalizing BRT and major ranks through PPPs.
- **Action:** Meet with PRASA and Transnet to secure participation and progress cleanup operations.

3. Walkabout Report (23 May 2025)

- Noted distinct difference between well-managed areas (CIDs) and neglected zones.
- Hillbrow highlighted as a critical concern: major infrastructure decay, safety, and sanitation issues.
- Encouragement for broader government involvement in Hillbrow revitalization.

- **Action:** Blueprint for Hillbrow precinct to be developed by end of July; establish cross-functional think tank.

4. Cross-Cutting Recommendations

- All sub-workstreams to identify:
 - **Quick Wins (0–3 months)**
 - **Medium-Term Deliverables (4–12 months)**
 - **Long-Term Goals (>12 months)**
- Workstreams to initiate **WhatsApp groups** for efficient communication.
- Start planning interventions in other CBDs and township areas beyond inner Johannesburg.

Action Items Summary

No.	Action Item	Responsible	Due Date
1	Schedule physical workshop for Urban Management	Urban Mgmt. Subgroup Chairs	Mid-June 2025
2	Coordinate law enforcement integrated planning	Safety & Security Chair (Wayne Dawson)	5 June 2025
3	Arrange stakeholder meeting re: billing disputes	Helen Botes / Seth Maqetuka	6 June 2025
4	Submit list of quick, medium, and long-term actions	All Sub-Workstreams	14 June 2025
5	Draft Hillbrow Redevelopment blueprint	City Planning + JPC + Co-Chairs	31 July 2025
6	Engage PRASA and Transnet formally	Transport Subgroup + Co-Chairs	7 June 2025
7	Report on identified risks (Urban & Law Enforcement)	Urban Mgmt. + Safety Chairs	10 June 2025
8	Establish alignment meeting with Main Finance Workstream	Finance Subgroup	10 June 2025
9	Compile cross-workstream KPIs	All Sub-Workstreams	15 June 2025

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