



## **CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **OPEN DATA POLICY FOR ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY**

The provision of Government Open Data has been gaining ground globally and in South Africa and there is public and private interest in such a policy for eThekweni Municipality. The eThekweni Council noted in its minutes of 2015-03-15 that eThekweni should, in the long term, provide open data for all its Citizens. The Office of the Strategy Management: Research & Policy Advocacy (RAPA) Department has been commissioned to draft the Open Data Policy for the municipality.

The initial stages of the policy writing process include best practice research and consultation with internal and external stakeholders. What the policy writing team would like to determine before drafting the policy is what opinions the public have on the following questions: the online link: <http://goo.gl/forms/5RzRpg48Ag>

- 1) Which Municipal data should be open? Please provide examples of data that would be of specific interest to you.
- 2) Which Municipal data should not be open and provide reasons for this?
- 3) How would you like the Municipality to make open data available to the public?
- 4) The Municipal website, [www.durban.gov.za](http://www.durban.gov.za) , does already provide data for downloading. Have you downloaded any of this data and have you had any problems with the download process or the data that you downloaded?
- 5) Have you requested data from the Municipality by email or by telephone? Please provide examples of the data that you requested and mention if you encountered any problems.

Following this initial consultation and best practice research the eThekweni Open Data policy will be drafted and circulated to internal and external stakeholders for comment at a later stage.

### **SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS**

Comments can be e-mailed to [prisha.narsai@durban.gov.za](mailto:prisha.narsai@durban.gov.za) no later than 30/11/2015  
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### **ENQUIRIES**

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