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COUNCIL DECISIONS–20 0ctober 2020

ITEM NO.	AGENDA ITEM	DECISION
1.	**Oral Representations on the Draft Findings Document: Inquiry into Subscription Television Broadcasting Services.** The purpose of the submission was to provide Council with an update on the decision of the Inquiry into the Subscription Broadcasting Service Council Committee, to conduct a second round of oral hearings in relation to the Inquiry into Subscription Television Broadcasting Services in line with a Council decision of 17 February 2020. 1.1 On 25 August 2017, the Authority published a Discussion Document to solicit views from interested stakeholders on the Authority's preliminary views and analysis concerning Subscription Television Broadcasting Services. 1.2 The Authority received requests from interested parties for an extension to submit written representations. The Authority extended the closing date to 14 November 2017 and subsequently to 04 December 2017. 1.3 Following submissions received from the stakeholders	**The recommendation to convene Public Hearings on 12-15 January 2021 was approved.**

	concerning the Discussion Document, the Authority held public hearings from 07 to 11 May 2018. 1.4 On 17 February 2020, Council took a decision to grant MultiChoice and other stakeholders an opportunity for another round of oral hearings on the draft Findings Document. 1.5 The Committee had planned to conduct Public Hearings on the week of 06 April 2020, however, the prohibition of gatherings as contained in the COVID-19 Disaster Management regulations, the hearings were suspended until gatherings were allowed. 1.6 The Committee agreed to postpone the hearings to 12-15 January 2021, providing the stakeholders sufficient time to prepare for the hearings, and that the Public Hearings will be a hybrid of virtual and physical meeting.	
2.	**Public Hearings on the Discussion Document: Inquiry into Mobile Broadband Services Inquiry** The purpose of the submission was to request Council to approve: 2.1 The proposed new dates of 26 & 27 October 2020 in respect of the Public Hearings on the Discussion Document on Mobile Broadband Services Market Inquiry; and 2.2 The use of an external venue for the Public Hearings in the event that the moratorium on external stakeholders visiting	**the recommendation was approved.**

		ICASA offices was not lifted.	
	2.3	The Committee noted Council 's approval of the proposal to hold Public Hearings on the Discussion Document on Mobile Broadband Services Inquiry during Council sitting of 06 October 2020.	
	2.4	The Committee was of the view that the hearings should be held on 26 and 27 October 2020, in order to afford stakeholders sufficient time to prepare for the hearings as some licensees were using consultants that were not based in South Africa.	
	2.5	The Committee was also of the view that an external venue should be used in the event that the moratorium on external stakeholders visiting ICASA offices was not lifted. That will ensure that stakeholders who may be interested to participate were accommodated.	

ISSUED BY: Secretariat Office
on behalf of Council