

# Increase in EPWP wage rate

**T**he City of Cape Town has increased the wage rates for individuals who are employed as part of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP), a poverty alleviation partnership programme between the national government and the City that offers temporary work opportunities to the unemployed.

“An increase in the wage rates demonstrates the City’s commitment to directly contribute and assist with poverty alleviation. Additionally, the increase in the wage rates will directly contribute to raising the standard of living for

individuals as well as help to lower unemployment over the long-term,” said the City’s Mayoral Committee Member for Urban Management, Alderman Grant Twigg. The wage rate has been increased for each of the six designations in the programme. To cite a few examples, the wage rate for a general worker has increased from R106 to R120 per day; for a semi-skilled worker the rate has increased to R180 per day (previously R128); and for a supervisory position the rate is now R200. Previously, the rate ranged between R124-R149 per day for a position within the supervisory designation.