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STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION HELD BY DIPALESENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

On the 1st and 2nd September 2016, Dipaleseng Local Municipality held a productive and interactive strategic planning session in Badplaas and this came just in time to usher in the newly elected political leadership of the institution.

The various departmental heads made detailed presentations on the status of their departments and units clearly defining their challenges and made recommendations for addressing them.

The current status and level of the municipal programmes and their impact were scrutinized. Identification of priority of programmes which should pass through in the next financial was also shown.

“It is crucially important that we all form a united front from councilors, management, employees and also including stakeholders in delivering on our institutional vision. Our altered attitudes and combined efforts should resemble and epitomize our mission as a collective”, stated the Executive Mayor, Cllr Mafunda L Makhubu as he addressed the house at the commencement of the two day session.

All internal and external factors preventing the institution from achieving or pursuing long-term objectives were identified and the measures to be implemented in the linkage of budget IDP with a perspective of advancing development for our municipality. Stringent re-commitments to a coordinated manner of rendering service delivery were made in an effort to render quality services to the community of Dipaleseng.

The strategic plan will serve as a lighthouse for the municipality and create the possibility for planned and expedient implementation of our programmes. In doing so, the municipality shall always be alive to the challenges facing our communities in

respect of the delivery of basic services. With a solid and precise strategic plan, the municipality will have an idea of what needs to be achieved, how and when to achieve it.

“I believe that we have a solid and good quality council, administrative leadership as well as employees and have complete faith in their capabilities to sail this ship to safe waters” concluded the Executive Mayor.

The overall aim of the session was to come up with measures to effectively and efficiently give effect to the objectives as set out in Sections 152 and 153 of the Constitution while ensuring that the municipality continues to remain functional and renders services in the manner as stated in the vision, the Key Performance Areas (KPA's), strategic objectives and Pre-Determined Objectives (PDO's) as outlined in its five year Integrated Development Plan (IDP).

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