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good governance and
sustainable economic opportunities”*



**MR. LWAZI CINDI
MUNICIPAL MANAGER**

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S FOREWORD.....

public funds supported by the Financial Misconduct Disciplinary Board will bestow, deepen and inculcate a culture of accountability in all aspects of our operations.

The summary of all the negative events mentioned herein were not sufficient to deter the municipality from steaming ahead in creating better hope by approving a budget whose focus is not shy of improving infrastructure development and maintenance and general service delivery that shall meet the much anticipate future growth of the municipality.

The provision of dignified living conditions for all residents has been identified as the cornerstone to improve the holistic outlook of the municipality. In this regard, we noted the advanced stages of some of the various infrastructure projects which were conceptualized, designed and implemented to cause improvement. There are numerous pockets of excellence that were engineered during this reporting period which shall be reported in details as part of upkeep and maintain our level of accountability as we also prepare of Annual Financial Statements, Annual Report and other compliance reports to the Auditor General of South Africa.

It will also be a point of erroneous omission not to mention the excellent performance of our employees who recently participated in municipal sports games within the district and mesmerized the opponents and came overall third within their short stint at the games. The municipal team is indeed a force to be recognized as it continues to sweep across its opponents.

In closing, I want to encourage residents to please take some time to familiarize themselves with the 2023/24 Budget as well as the new 2023/24 Tariffs

Hope for a better life, hope for better living conditions, hope for more opportunities and hope for a better Dipaleseng where all residents can reach their full potential is definitely on course. Let us take hands and ensure that Dipaleseng Municipality remains a shining example of what can be achieved when local government works.

The release of this newsletter covers our last quarter of the 2022/23 financial year which marks the end of the fiscal year for a municipality. It is a quarter characterized by many significant calendar events that lead to the tabling and approval of the municipality's revised 5th generation IDP document for the 2023/24 financial year accompanied by its budget.

It is heart-warming and encouraging to acknowledge that the approved and adopted revised IDP and budget were premised on extensive consultations with all municipal constituencies including Sector Department and various organized community structures of Dipaleseng. We are further excited that their approvals were well consulted with the Mpumalanga Provincial Treasury who herein rendered their much valued advise and assisted the municipality to approve a funded, credible and reliable budget despite the micro and macro socio-economic difficulties which manifested itself from stark decline in revenue collection, rolling energy blackouts, municipal infrastructure vandalism and sabotage, service delivery breakdowns.

The poor payment culture for municipal service and numerous financial leakages due to a myriad of control deficiencies inherent from past practices will also not be a deterrent to force fundamental changes within the entire organization. The revival of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee as a watchdog on the utilization of



STATE OF THE MUNICIPALITY ADDRESS

Honourable Speaker, I am excited about the budget that is before council today. I specifically want to highlight a few key municipal projects, which I will do later in my address.

The Annual 2023/2024 Medium Term Revenue and Expenditure Framework (MTREF) Budget addresses the rates and tariffs, operating budget, capital budget and funding sources, which will enable Dipaleseng Municipality to render services to the local community in a financially sustainable manner.

The application of sound financial management principles following the compilation and implementation of a Long-Term Financial Plan is essential and critical to ensure that the Municipality remains financially viable, and that municipal services are provided sustainably, economically and fairly to all communities.

The process for developing the Municipality's annual budget is mainly guided by the strategic thrusts and operational priorities of Dipaleseng Municipality's Integrated Development Plan (IDP), as well as the MTREF that outlines the projected annual revenue and expenditure for the budget year under consideration, and the two outer financial years.

The COVID-19 pandemic, unemployment, and various other economic factors, has had a profound impact on the financial position of



Honourable Speaker,
Honourable Councillors,
Municipal Manager, Directors,
Municipal employees, Members of the public,
All protocols observed.

Welcome to you all and thank you for attending the meeting today.

It is my privilege to present the 3-year 2023/24 Medium-Term Revenue and Expenditure Framework (MTREF) budget to Council.

the Municipality. This posed immense challenges for the compilation of a fully funded and credible budget aimed at ensuring adequate levels of service delivery.

In consideration of the uncertainty and unpredictability of the future economic climate, as well as the current financial position of the Municipality, it was imperative to apply a conservative and cautionary budget approach when projecting the Revenue and Expenditure for the Annual 2023/2024 MTREF Budget.

All factors affecting the compilation of the Annual 2023/2024 MTREF Budget were taken into consideration to ensure that the anticipated revenue streams and funding sources are affordable and sustainable for funding both the operating and capital expenditure budgets. These factors have also been taken into consideration during the review of the budget-related policies.

The main challenges experienced during compilation of the 2023/24 MTREF can be summarized as follows:

Impact of external economic factors;

Limited revenue streams;

Minimal surpluses in the short to medium term;

Insufficient investment in new/replacement/upgrade of revenue generating assets;

Insufficient budget allocation for Repairs and Maintenance of PPE;

Prioritization of Capital and Operating Projects;

Increased bulk electricity costs;

Poor collection of outstanding debt;

Dependency on the use of external service providers; and

Poor implementation of cost-reduction measures.

Ageing water, roads, sanitation and electricity infrastructure

The Annual 2023/2024 MTREF Budget was compiled in accordance with the requirements of applicable legislation.

The compilation of the annual budget, in terms of legislation, must also take into consideration the Budget Circulars released by both National Treasury and Provincial Treasury. These Budget Circulars have been considered during the preparation of the Tabled 2023/2024 MTREF Budget, and have been tabled in Council during March 2023.

The Annual 2023/2024 MTREF Budget has been compiled based on the financial framework, financial strategies and financial policies of Council.

National government grant allocations for the 2023/2024 to 2025/2026 financial years, as published in the Division of Revenue Bill.

National Treasury published two budget circulars for the 2023/2024 MTREF. MFMA Municipal Budget Circular No 122 published on 09 December 2022 as well as MFMA Municipal Budget Circular No 123 published on 03 March 2023.

The National Treasury Circulars mainly address the South African economy and inflation targets; key focus areas for the 2023/2024 budget process; Local Government conditional grant allocations; Municipal Standard Chart of Accounts (mSCOA); maximising the revenue generation of the municipal revenue base; Eskom bulk tariff increases; funding choices and management issues in relation to employee-related costs and remuneration of councilors; conditional grant transfers to municipalities; municipal budget and reporting regulations; and, the budget process and submissions for the 2023/2024 MTREF.

All factors affecting the compilation of the budget were taken into consideration to ensure that the anticipated revenue streams and funding sources are affordable and sustainable for funding both the operating and capital budgets.

I have led a powerful and full contingency of councilors and officials and relevant stakeholders during our IDP/Budget consultative process. The people have spoken, I heard what different sectors of our communities said, youth, business people and other stakeholders.

Honourable Speaker, I will now provide a summary of the budget:

The budget has been prepared in terms of guidelines as contained in Circular 123 of the MFMA. The contents and format of the budget are in line with the requirements of the Municipal

pal Budget and Reporting Regulations and any applicable legislation.

The 2023/2024 budget comprises of R 349 million for operating expenditure and R 36.7 million for capital programs. The total operating income budget is R 354.2 million resulting in an operating surplus of R 5.1million.

Municipal revenues and cash flows are expected to remain under pressure as we still continue to have low income revenue growth with a continued increase in expenditure

The GDP is expected to grow by 0.9 per cent in real terms in 2023, compared with an estimate 1.4 per cent at the time of the medium-term budget policy statement (MTBPS), projected a slowly recovery of 1.8 per cent in 2025 as per NT outlook. CPI is kept at 5.3 per cent. This will put further pressure on Municipality and its Consumers as cost of living is becoming more unaffordable

Honourable Speaker, our tariff increases the 2023-24 financial year will be:

increase in property rates by 5.3%

increase in the sewerage tariffs of 5.3%

increase in the refuse tariffs of 5.3%

increase in the water tariffs of 5.3%

increase in the electricity tariffs of 15.1% * NB Electricity tariffs are subject to change pending NERSA approval.

These average increases are linked to the inflation targets as guided by Circular 123 of the National Treasury Municipal Budget Circular for the 2023/24 MTREF - 03 March 2023.

This is the high level summary of the 2023/2024 final operating expenditure budget by type:

The total combined estimated expenditure to be incurred amounts to R 349 million with the following major expenditure.

R 71.9 million Employee related cost

R 6.4 million Remuneration of Councilors

R 99.4 million Bulk purchases

R 34 million Contracted services

R 16.9 million Finance charges

R 12.5 million Inventory consumed

R 18 million general expenses

KEY PROJECTS

Honourable Speaker, I mentioned earlier that I wish to elaborate on certain key projects planned for the next 3 years. These are:

The high level capital expenditure budget equates to R 36.7 million for the 2023-24 financial year.

Capital grant funding from the National Government include the following –

(a) Municipal Infrastructure Grant – R 21.7 million

The Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) supports government's aim to expand service delivery; alleviate poverty; and, funds the provision of infrastructure for basic services, roads and social infrastructure for poor households.

We committed in completing all the projects as planned.



(b) Integrated National Electrification Programme Grant – R 15 million.

The Integrated National Electrification Programme Grant (INEP) aims to provide electricity to poor households and to fund bulk infrastructure to ensure a constant supply of electricity to poor households.

INEP PROJECTS

Electrification of 1200 households

Construction of 2 by 4 kilometers 22kv feederlines

Construction of 15MVA 88/11kv New Nthoroane Sub Station

Honourable Speaker,

We still experience intermittent water disruptions and electricity outages. I personally would like to assure our residents that as a Municipality we are prioritizing the issue of water supply.

I will not talk about water and leave out the barbaric acts of spate of vandalism on our infrastructure that costs us millions of rands to fix, the millions that we could be channeling to other service delivery projects.

LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE STATUS

Compliance with the MFMA implementation requirements have been satisfactorily complied with through the following activities –

In-Year Reporting

In-year reporting to the National Treasury and Provincial Treasury, in electronic format, is fully complied with. The monthly Section 71 and quarterly Section 52 reports, submitted to the Executive Mayor, has progressively improved with more meaningful financial information now being provided for sound and proper decision-making.

Internship Programme

The Municipality has participated in the Municipal Financial Management Internship programme. There are currently five (5) Finance Interns included in this programme. These graduates undergo training in various departments within Financial Services Directorate. Since the introduction of the Internship programme, the Municipality has appointed a few of the individuals in perma-

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ment positions. This could only be achieved through National Treasury's Finance Management Grant with an allocation of R 2 400 000.

Budget and Treasury Office

The Budget and Treasury Office has been established in accordance with the MFMA.

Audit Committee

The Municipality has an Audit Committee, which is fully capacitated and functional.

Honourable Speaker, Our number of indigent households has decreased drastically over the past few years. We are currently embarking on a drive to register more residents on the indigent register, to qualify for free basic services and to boost our equitable share trench. There are many households in the ESKOM electricity supply areas that potentially also classify to be indigent, but they choose not to apply for the subsidies. High levels of poverty exist in our communities. The indigent subsidy scheme for indigent households includes, water, refuse removal, sewerage, property rates and electricity.

We also plan to implement a once-off incentive on residence, non-profit organisations and businesses for long outstanding debts.

Honourable Speaker, I need to assure all our stakeholders to please be patient with us as we turn our Municipality around.

I believe we are all aware of what this beautiful Municipality of ours has been through, it will not be possible to have a turnaround of things overnight. But we will definitely get it right and steer it in the right direction. Rome was not built in one day.

Honourable Speaker, In conclusion, I wish to express my gratitude.

I thank our consumers who diligently pay their municipal accounts every month to ensure that we can continue to deliver the required municipal services.

I thank the citizens and organisations that made inputs in our IDP and Budget processes.

I thank the Provincial Treasury that made inputs in our IDP and Budget processes.

I thank the leadership of the ANC, the ruling party.

The Mayoral Committee, and all Councillors need a special mention and I sincerely express my gratitude to them.

I also thank the Ward Committee member for their contributions.

The Management and Operational Management and all personnel of the municipality is thanked in advance for delivering on the expected service delivery standards and projects.

I also give a word of thanks to the CFO and his team for all their hard work during the budget preparation process.

I thank the Municipal Manager for his valued input, leadership and support.

Allow me to personally thank each and every one of you for attending this event.

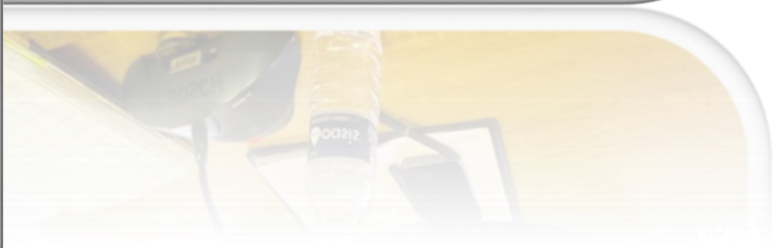
I thank you all.

CLLR. KHETIWE MOEKETSI
EXECUTIVE MAYOR

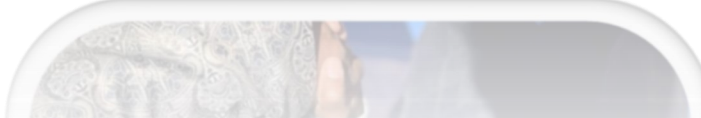
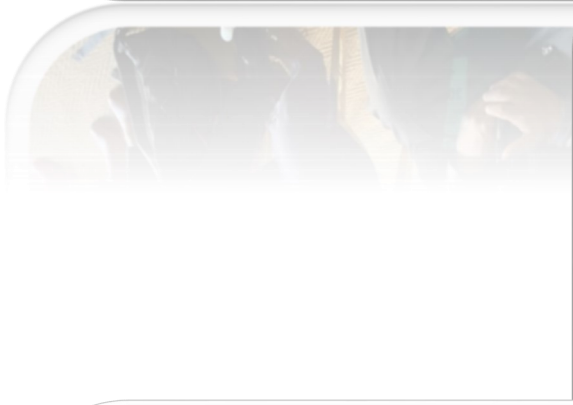


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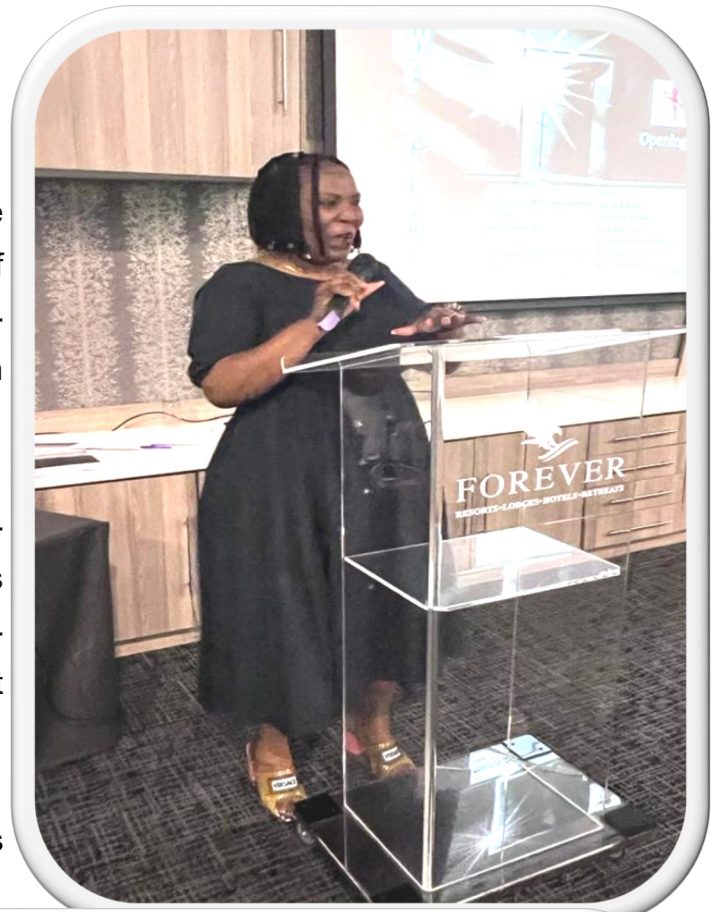


DIPALESENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY STRATEGIZES FOR THE FUTURE

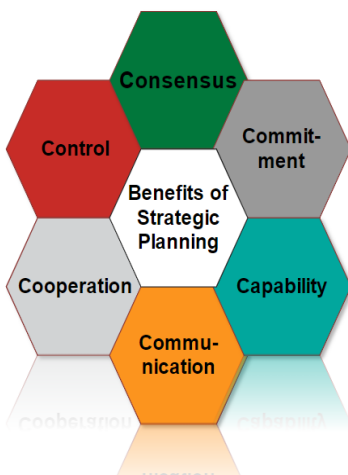
Monday, 6th February 2023 saw Dipaleseng Local Municipality commence with its three day strategic planning session with the aim of determining the most appropriate organizational trajectory to achieve desired goals within the confines of very limited resources.

It has become critically important for organizations to conduct this exercise as it enables them to identify strategically important outcomes orientated goals and objectives against which medium-term results can be evaluated.

The point of departure included contributions from key external stakeholders in



Strategic planning helps to ensure that institutions perform well through:



local government such as the Mpumalanga Office of the Premier, Provincial Department of Cooperative

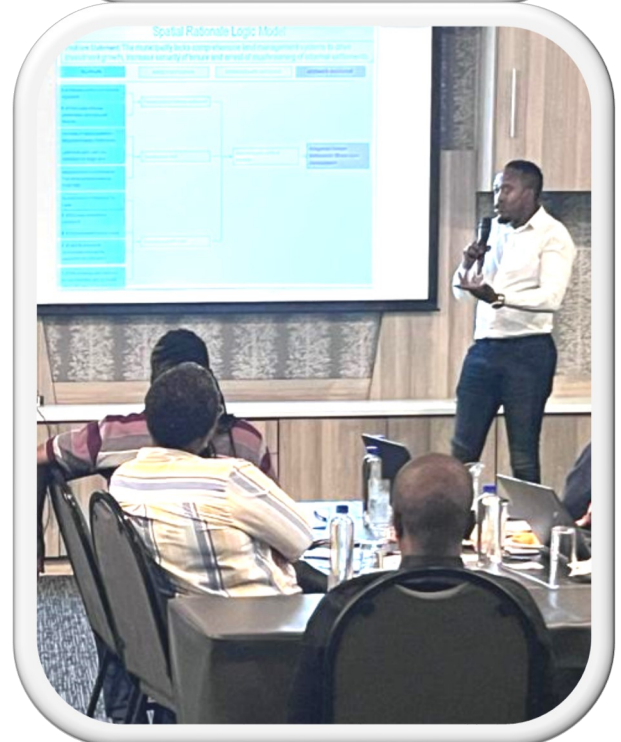
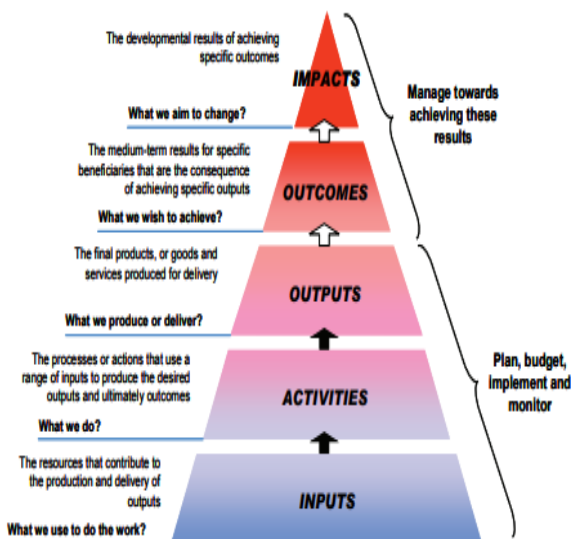
Governance & Traditional Affairs, Provincial Treasury, Municipal Infrastructure Support Agency, Gert Sibande District Municipality, the institution's Audit Committee was also in at-

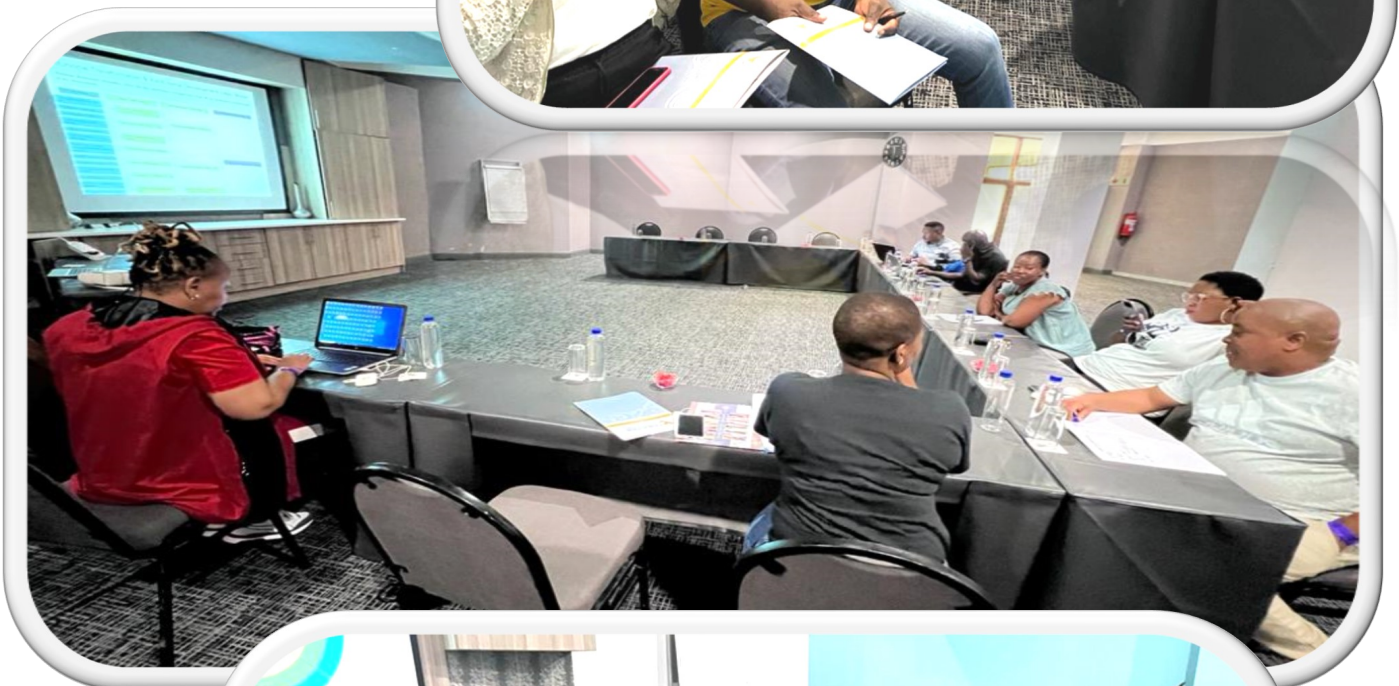
tendance.

The crucial work of commissions then started which is where bulk of the strategic planning work actually occurred.

The municipality along with all other government institutions have the responsibility of ensuring responsible spending in light of the limited nature of public funds. Therefore, it is imperative that costs of initiatives to be undertaken are linked to results to ensure value for money.

The institution focused on the five key municipal priorities and utilized performance information concepts aligned to the outcomes orientated approach as depicted in the figure below.





January-June 2023



Council Adopts Draft 2023 IDP & BUDGET

On Thursday, 30th March 2023, the Executive Mayor tabled the 2023/24 Draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Draft Medium-Term Revenue & Expenditure Framework for 2023/24 respectively which was duly adopted by the Council of Dipaleseng Local Municipality.

This was done in the presence of community members who observed these proceedings from the gallery in the municipal Council Chambers.

The adoption of these documents will enable the institution to commence with extensive public consultation on these to gain support, inputs from various stakeholders as well as concurrence from community as direct beneficiaries of intended programs for implementation.



The Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, Act No.56 of 2003 vests in Council specific powers of approval and oversight;

- Approval of budgets
- Approval of budget related policies, and
- Review of Annual Report and adoption of Oversight Report.

Thus in line with this legislative requirement, the Oversight Report on the

2021/2022 Annual Report conducted by the Municipal Public Accounts Committee was also tabled at this sitting.

The Oversight Report was prepared using guidelines prepared by the National Treasury as per MFMA Circular 32 and attempts to ad-

dress comments and submissions made by the community and stakeholders while also considering observations and recommendations of the MPAC.

Contained in the report, it is reflected that the committee commends Council, the Municipal Manager, management team and staff members on the strides made towards good governance.



The committee also noted with satisfaction that all components of the Annual Report are included as required in terms of Section 121 (3) of the Local Government Municipal Finance Management Act, Act 56 of 2003.



RIDGEVIEW BECOMES HOME TO MORE RESIDENTS

Dipaleseng Local Municipality handed over more house to more happy home owners in Ridgeview, in Siyathemba on Friday, 24th March 2023.

This is as a result of an ongoing housing development project rolled out by the Mpumalanga Provincial Department of Human Settlements.



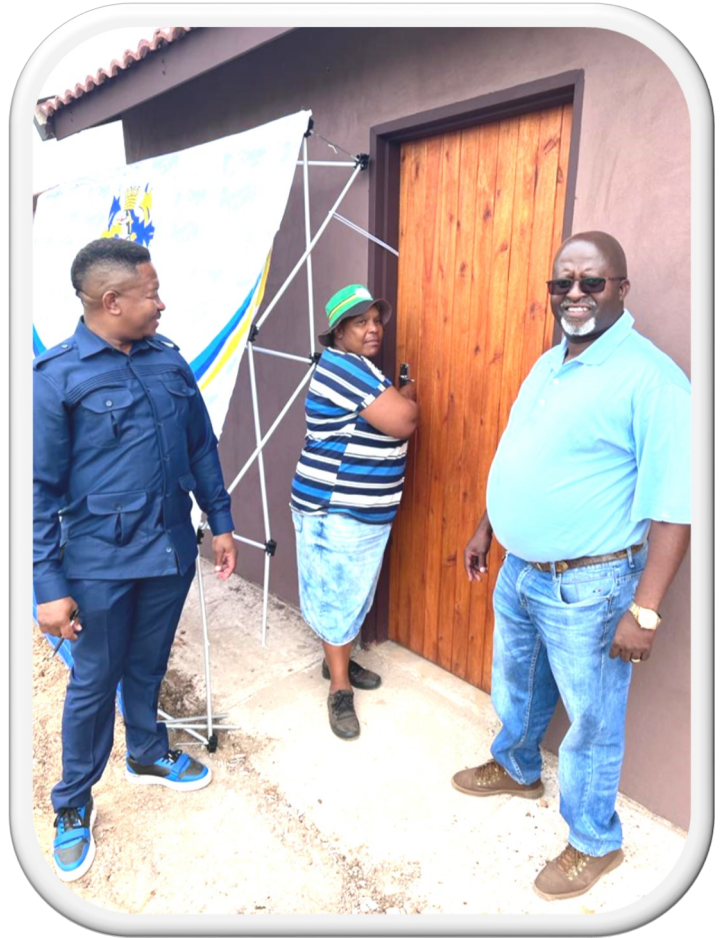
The project is nearing its completion with less than 100 more housing units to be completed and handed over to beneficiaries in terms of the initial allocation given to the municipality by the department.

A total of forty (40) housing units were handed over by the Ward Councillor, Cllr. Muzikayise Makhoba accompanied by Member of Mayoral

Committee, Cllr. Ahmed-Nazir Carrim, the Municipal Manager, Mr. Lwazi Cindi and Manager in the Office of the Municipal Manager who is also Acting Director for Planning & Economic Development, Mr. Nkosana Bhembe.

Beneficiaries were ecstatic to be handed keys to their properties and exchanges congratulatory messages amongst each other.

They were further notified of responsibilities that come with these home ownerships in respect of opening and payment of municipal accounts, maintenance of the property and observing municipal regulations in terms of property upgrades and so forth.



DIPALESENG HOSTS ZULU-ROYAL MAIDEN

On the 18th March 2023, Dipaleseng Local Municipality together with maidens from Dipaleseng held an overnight camp at the Siyathemba Community Hall in preparation for the Maiden's Opening Event on the 19th March 2023.

Dipaleseng Maidens also hosted maidens from both University of KwaZulu-Natal and Nigel in Gauteng.

On the 19th of March 2023 the "Izintombi" 2023 opening event was held at Siyathemba

Thusong Service Centre Hall, the event was blessed with the presence of her highness

Princess Mukelile ka Zwelithini Zulu.

The Speaker of Council Cllr Xolani Shozi graced the event with his attendance and welcomed the princess in our municipality, he extended the appreciation on the programme of "Izintombi" as it plays a huge role in many social ills we



are facing as the municipality such as teenage pregnancy and the use of drugs by our young girls and boys.

The Office of the Executive Mayor supported the programme in the form of assistance with accommodation and gifting of the princess and her entourage.

On the 20th of March 2023 The Executive Mayor, Cllr. Khethiwe Moeketsi had a meeting with the princess to discuss possible support the



Royal House can bring to the community of Dipaleseng through programmes such as the “Izintombi” and other possible programmes which can work on development of young men as well. They were later joined by officials from the Royal family and the municipality.

Dipaleseng Local Municipality, through its Transversal unit and the ladies who introduced the programme in Dipaleseng to map a way forward on how to assist them to register the Community Based Organization (CBO) in order for them to source funds from other stakeholder.



CAPITAL PROJECT LIST 2022/23

| # | Project name | Project Budget Amount | Expenditure to date | Project Status | Challenges | Implementing Agent |
|----|--|-----------------------|---------------------|---|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Upgrading of Siyathemba Stadium (Phase 3) | R1.1m | R0.00m | Project under SAPS investigations | The Contractor was terminated | DLM |
| 2 | Construction of 10MVA Balfour Substation – Phase 3 | R 0 m | R 0 m | Construction stage: (Physical progress 99%) | Awaiting Eskom to connect Electricity | DLM |
| 3 | Electrification of 1 200 Households (HH) in Ridgeview – Phase 2 | R 5 m | R 2.2 m | Construction stage: (Physical progress 83%) | None | DLM |
| 4 | Upgrading of Fortuna Water Treatment Works (From a 6.5 Ml/day to 19.5 Ml/day) | TBA | R 0.00m | Construction stage: (Physical progress 89%) | Slow progress, Site closed due to a casualty | GSDM |
| 5 | Energy Efficiency and Demand Side Management – Phase 3 | R 4m | R 2.9 m | Phase 3 Completed | None | DLM |
| 6 | Upgrading of TVET College | R 142m | TBA | Construction stage: (Physical progress 95%) | Unreleased retentions of other subcontractors | DHET |
| 7 | Balfour Community Health Centre | R299m | TBA | Construction stage: (Physical progress 95%) | Bulk water connection to the facility | DoH |
| 8 | Construction of Multi-purpose hall and childcare Centre in Dipaleseng L.M. | R 20.6m | R0.00 | Construction stage: (Physical progress 35%) | Very slow progress | DHS |
| 9 | Balfour/ Siyathemba/ Grelingstad/ Nthorwane Regional Bulk Water Supply – Phase 3 | TBA | TBA | Construction stage: (Physical progress 99%) | Some Works cannot be implemented due to Sizanani Land agreement | GSDM |
| 10 | Construction of 802 m long Dlundu Street in Siyathemba Ward 1 | R 12m | R 5.3m | Construction stage: (Physical progress 45%) | Appointment of Contractor delayed | DLM |
| 11 | Upgrading of Siyathemba Sewer Pump Station | R 12m | R 2m | Construction stage: (Physical progress 35%) | N/A | DLM |
| 12 | Siyathemba/ Grelingstad/ Nthorwane Regional Bulk Water Supply – Phase 4 | R166m | R26m | Construction stage: (Physical progress 57%) | BPT land allocation Acquiring approval for way-leaves | GSDM |
| 13 | Appointment of a Contractor for the Construction of 2 X 4km Feeder Lines to Ridgeview. | R40m | R8.4m | Construction stage: (Physical progress 12%) | N/A | DLM |

January-June 2023

| Conditional Grant | Job opportunities created | Consultant | Date Ap-pointed | Contractor | Date Ap-pointed | Appoint-ment amount | Target Dates |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|--|
| MIG | 24 | NKP Consultants | 23-Jan-2018 | Big Family Con-struction | 13-Aug-2018 | R 11.5m | Start Date: 21/05/2018 Completion: N/A |
| INEP | 19 | F&A Consulting | 16-Oct-2015 | Kgoshi Electri-cal | 10 April 2019 | R34m | Start Date: 10/04/2019 Completion: 30/11/2022 |
| INEP | 10 | Melokuhle Man-agement | 12-Nov-2019 | Kgoshi Electri-cal | 03 Feb 2021 | R27.98 | Start Date: 03/05/2021 Completion: 03/05/2022 |
| DWS | 36 | Vumesa | 18-June-2018 | Avax SA | 20/03/2019 | R 102.8 m | Start Date: 20/03/2019 Completion: 30/11/2022 |
| EEDSM | 15 | TJM Greentech/ Rock of Africa | 30-Sep-2020 | TJM Greentech/ Rock of Africa | 30-Sep-2019 | As per funds sourced | Start Date: 30/10/2020 Completion: 30/10/2023 |
| DHET | 186 | MSW and Con-sulting Engineers | N/A | Shomang Con-struction | N/A | R142m | Start Date: 01/08/2019 Completion: TBA |
| DoH | 205 | TBA | TBA | ENZA Con-struction | TBA | TBA | Start Date: 07/11/2019 Completion: 30/01/2023 |
| DHS | 25 | NATHOO MBEN-YANE ENGI-NEERS | TBA | TSSN | 07 May 2019 | R20.6m | Start Date: 24/06/2019 Completion: 31/01/2020 |
| RBIG | 20 | Vumesa | TBA | MPFUMELELO Business Enter-prise | 17 Dec 2019 | R 199m | Start Date: 13 Jan 2020 Completion: 31/10/2022 |
| MIG | 30 | Zenkcon Engi-neers | 15-Jan-2022 | Mpophoma Construction | 21 October 2022 | R 9.5 m | Start Date: 21/10/2022 Completion: 21/06/2023 |
| MIG | 20 | Atiso Consulting | 15-Jan-2022 | VMT Civils | 08-Nov-2022 | R 9.9m | Start Date: 08/11/2022 Completion: 08/07/2022 |
| RBIG | 20 | Vumesa Consult-ing | 18-June-2018 | GPTN Trading | 15-Mar-2022 | R166m | Start Date: 15/03/2022 Completion: 15 November 2023 |
| INEP | 20 | Melo20kuhle Management | 15-Jan-2022 | Euremaro In-vestment | 27-Oct-2022 | R27m | Start Date: 15/11/2022 Completion: 15 November 2023 |



INTER-GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS GOOD & STRONG

The existence and strengthening of inter-governmental relations and cooperation within the locality is depicted by continuance of engagements through the next session of the Dipaleseng Local Municipality IGR Consultative Forum Meeting that took place on Tuesday, 28th February 2023.

At this sitting, the Speaker of Council, Cllr. Xolani Shoji elaborated on the objectives of the IGR being to create a multi-sectoral platform for sector departments, through the municipality to engage on service delivery matters affecting them and our communities, and to further propose remedial actions were challenges are identified.

Furthermore the platform seeks to apprise councilors for future ward consultation meetings in terms of responding to sector departmental issues raised by the community members. Attendees are encouraged

to exercise maximum participation during deliberations.

The forum led by the Speaker as well as other councilors, was very well attended by the following sector departments; Department of Health, Department of Social Development, Department of Cooperative Governance & Traditional Affairs, Department of Public Works, Roads & Transport, Department of Higher Education & Training– Balfour TVET College as well representatives from the municipality.



January-June 2023

SASOL SLP CONSULTATIVE ROADSHOW

In terms of the requirements of the provisions of Clause 7.3 of the Implementation Guidelines for the Broad-Based Socio-Economic Empowerment Charter of the Mining and Minerals Industry, 2018 (Mining Charter 2018) Sasol Mining embarked on a public participation process with local communities as their key stakeholders.

The consultation was in relation to the 2021-2025 Social Labour Plan submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE).

Sasol Mining (Pty) Ltd is the holder of the Mining Right No 128/2011 MR (Reference number: MP

30/5/1/2/2/138 MR) with the associated approved SLP in respect of the area referred to as the Sasol Secunda Complex. The Sasol Secunda Complex SLP is in its third year of the five-year cycle as per the implementation plan submitted to the

DMRE.

As per requirement of the Act (Mining Charter 2018) Sasol Mining therefore consulted and provided feedback to the surrounding communities on the progress of the implementation plan. In terms of the Public Participation process, the following topics were discussed:

- An update on progress made with the implementation of the SLP
- An overview of the Sasol Secunda Complex SLP for the financial years 2021 - 2025

Consultations of Dipaleseng Local Municipality communities in all nodal areas were conducted, from the 11th to 13th April 2023 though the one in Siyathemba was regrettably disrupted before proceedings could commence.

Sasol Mining understands that they are required by law to give feedback to the interested and affected communities as the SLP

addresses issues pertaining to human resources development and local economic development, with the commitments in respect thereof, for the next two-year period. They also shared that the Sasol Secunda Complex SLP (FY21-25) can be viewed on Sasol's website: <https://www.sasol.com/mining-slp>



DIPALESENG HOSTS DISTRICT AIDS COUNCIL

Thursday, 15th June 2023, Gert Sibande District Municipality hosted their District Aids Council in

Dipaleseng Local Municipality. As part of the program, schools around the vicinity of the hosting Municipality and pledge support in the form of donations. In this case, Gert Sibande District Municipality donated sanitation towels for female learners in the school. This is in line with government's commitment to education and ensuring attendance if all learners at school throughout the year irrespective of their family backgrounds.





The day's program involved a number of activities with the next one being handover of a donation in support of one of Dipaleseng's SMME owned and run by youth from Siyathemba. Ms Sbongile Mlangeni, was ecstatic to receive the donation of two sewing machines which will be used to further their business and committed to the business growth and further development to increase job opportunities.



Next on the agenda was the GBVF Breakfast hosted by the District Executive Mayor, Cllr. Walter Mngomezulu, at the Thusong Service Centre in Siyathemba under the theme "Do not engage in abusive activities and become an abuser- Stop abuse". The aim of the session was to engage with survivors of GBV, offer support to victims through multidisciplinary channels available and to ascertain community requirements under this category.

The Executive Mayor also offered donations to GBV survivors, People living with Albinism while LeJoy and Buhle Bendalo organizations received one printer and months' worth of supply of paper each to assist them in their administrative duties for their respective objectives.

The Executive Mayor further pledged more support in the coming future for the community of Dipaleseng by Gert Sibande District Municipality.







This was followed by the formal sitting of the District Aids Council in the municipal Council Chamber wherein Executive Mayors from across the district presented reports from their respective Local Aids Councils. Through this platform, collective efforts in planning are aligned for better synergy in implementation throughout the district.

The District Aids Council consolidates from feeder locals and compiles one district report which is presented by district Chairperson, being the Honorable Executive Mayor, Cllr. Walter Mngomezulu to the Premier at the Provincial Aids Council.



The day's activities concluded with a walkabout at the Siyathemba Thusong Service Centre where different government departments were rendering services. This allowed the leadership present to actively engage with community members. Community members of different demographics gathered to receive much needed services and grabbed the opportunity to raise issues and concerns to the ears of their elected leaders.





DIPALESENG COMMEMORATES YOUTH MONTH

As part of observing Youth Month Dipaleseng Local Municipality in partnership with the Independent Electoral Commission and other

stakeholders hosted a youth commemoration event on Friday, 30th June 2023 at Grootvlei Community Hall.

The aim was to engage young people on socio-economic issues with particular reference to matters that inform development in the country.

Seeing that low political literacy can be cited as one of the reasons behind low voter turnout for youth, the Independent Electoral Commission utilized the opportunity to encourage active participation of young people in election processes and voting whether national, provincial and also local government elections.

Young people have the numbers to bring change into this country as our country is desperate for effective political accountability and inclusive leadership that incorporates intersectional mechanisms of governance.



The event amongst others aimed to re-activate energy amongst young people to take cognizance of elections that normally influence their life dynamics and directly or indirectly shape their environmental landscapes.

The youth in attendance were guided towards finding solutions to change socio-economics conditions of the country, starting from their own locality, through education, entrepreneurship, social upliftment programs and exercising human right to vote to deepen democracy and partake in active citizenry from a young age.



CLLR. KHETHIWE MOEKETSI
EXECUTIVE MAYOR

The South African government declared the 16th June as Youth Day to serve as a reminder of the progress our country has made regarding equality and equal opportunity for all youth and to honor the youth who lost their lives as over 500 youths were killed on the morning of June 16, 1976, as thousands of black students went on a protest rally from their schools to Orlando Stadium.

However, today's youth face a whole new host of challenges as they battle to forge forward amid the modern day complexities in post-apartheid and democratic dispensation.

Challenges such as lack of employment opportunities, issues related to body image, family problems, substance abuse, pressures of materialism, lack of affordable and adequate housing, negative stereotyping, crime and pressures of 24-hour social networking.

Our government has galvanized efforts in education and skills development because we understand that the foundation of any state is the education of its youth.

It is with the understanding that we cannot always build the future for our youth but we can build our youth for the future, that government is also paddling drives for SMME development and innovative start-up as active drivers of employment and economic stimulation.

I want to urge our youth to be agents of change in their own spaces, environment and society as a whole by rising above their situation, grabbing and utilizing the endless opportunities at their disposal and refuse to accept anything but the best, until they get it!!!

HAPPY YOUTH DAY

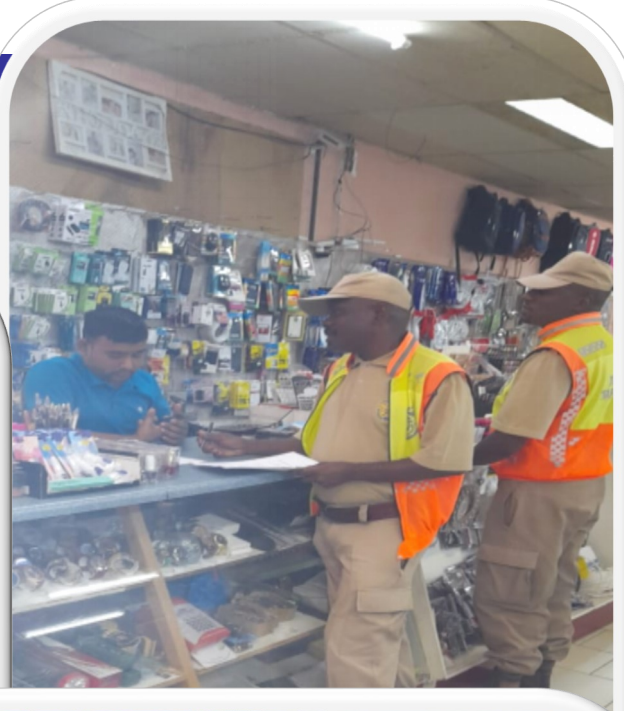


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