



Speaking Notes by the Sedibeng District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr Mahole Simon Mofokeng on the occasion of the 29th Meeting of the Mayoral Committee Meeting held on the 22nd March 2011, Mayor's Parlour, Vereeniging.

Honourable Members of the Mayoral Committee, welcome once again to this special sitting of the Mayoral Committee. This sitting comes after a very successful hosting of the 51st Anniversary of the Sharpeville Massacre, which unlike the one held last year was without the tensions from our communities.

This year's Commemoration was marked by reporting back to our communities on progress made on the commitments we made last year. Looking at what was achieved through the 100 Days Service Delivery programme, I daresay were we to have another 200 days, I have no doubt that we could certainly move a few mountains.

My pride in your support and commitment knows no bounds. I am however concerned about the state of the Evaton Cemetery. It needs to be attended to as well.

This sitting today is geared towards the 2011/12 IDP. I notice with interest how we had very few stakeholders attending the various public participation review sessions. This is very disturbing in the light of the fact that we are in an Election year. Why is it that we had such low turnouts, gives me some cause for concern.

I must however, applaud the efforts which went into the Breakfast Meeting. Much more could have been done save for the fact that it did not turn out to be a disaster. I hope we will double our efforts going forward.

I know that as we wind down the clock to the 2011 Local Government Elections, we may just be apprehensive as to what the outcome will be from our communities. If what we have achieved in the last year and the current term of office is anything to go by, we have nothing to worry about.

The issues which we have to grapple with, is to ensure that the 2011/12 IDP seals the fate of our detractors. This is only possible if this IDP was to provide answers to those issues which are close to the hearts of our communities.

For the sake of our communities, I hope that this IDP will in the outset, align itself with the national priorities as outlined by the President of the Republic of South Africa, Honourable Jacob Zuma, Namely the creation of sustainable jobs here in Sedibeng. This will assist in setting the tone for the next five year IDP to be developed after this one.

Dear Colleagues, I must commend all of you for a job well done during the challenging times we went through. Your support and commitment to the course is there for all to see. The communities we serve are going around with a smile on their faces and a spring in their step as they look at the developments in the areas they live in.

It is very encouraging to note that all this happened in spite of the debilitating recession which had an impact in the manner of the provision of services in the entire country.

We hit the ground running and emerged victorious, with a few scratches and bruises, yet emerged victorious. I could not have wished for a better team. If I was to be thrown into battle in the middle of the night, with the odds stacked against me, I would not bat an eyelid in the knowledge that I have, had and always can count on your support.

I take this opportunity once again thank you for the great support you have always been.

You will recall that in our last Special Mayoral Committee Meeting, we considered preparations for our State of the District Address and agreed on various approaches to it. I am told that preparations in this regard are at an advanced stage and we will be receiving a detailed report in our Friday's Special Mayoral Committee meeting together with the buildup programmes.

My Office and the Office of the MEC for Agriculture & Rural Development will be finalizing preparations for tomorrow's Imbizo in Midvaal will communicate such to yourselves during the course of today. I hope to see you all there.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the support we received from all and sundry during the hosting of a very successful Premier's Coordinating Forum. It is with powers vested in me, I take this opportunity to present the Draft IDP for your consideration.

Find herewith other reports for your consideration:

- Draft Operating and Capital Budget: 2011/12 to 2013/2014 Financial Year
- Ring-fencing Sedibeng District Municipality's Funding and reserves

I thank You All.