

**Address by the Sedibeng District Municipality Executive Mayor:  
Cllr Mahole Simon Mofokeng on the occasion of the IDP Steering  
Committee held in Sedibeng on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011.**

On the 18 May 2011 South Africans voted for the third time in the Local Government elections. This process culminated into the constitution of the Sedibeng District Municipality which is tasked with the delivery on the mandate of the people of Sedibeng.

Various political parties developed their own manifestos to canvass for votes within a multi-party democracy. The party that won elections must translate its manifesto into practical deliverables to interface with the aspirations of the millions who voted for it. This can be realised through the development of a plan that will clearly outline what the Municipality is going to do during its term of office.

In 2000 the Integrated Development Plan was introduced in Local Government as a planning tool that will ensure that government is functioning in a well-coordinated fashion.

The Integrated Development Planning process is the process through which municipalities prepare a strategic development plan which extends over five year period.

The Integrated Development Plan (IDP) is the product of the IDP process. The IDP is the principal strategic planning instrument which guides and informs all planning, budgeting, management and decision making processes in the municipality.

Through Integrated Development Planning, which necessitates the involvement of all relevant stakeholders, a municipality can:

- Identify its key development priorities
- Formulate a clear vision, mission and values;
- Formulate appropriate strategies;
- Develop the appropriate organisational structure and systems to realise the vision and mission; and
- Align resources with development priorities

In terms of the Municipal Systems Act, all municipalities have to undertake the IDP process to produce the IDP's. As the IDP is a legal requirement and it has a legal status and it is above all the other plans in that guide development at local government level.

Given the above mentioned background the Sedibeng District Municipality is embarking on the process of developing its own IDP. Sedibeng as a District Municipality consists of three Local Municipalities namely: Lesedi Local Municipality, Emfuleni Local Municipality and Midvaal Local Municipality.

In developing its IDP the district must ensure that there is proper alignment. To realise this goal the IDP framework is developed from beginning of the process and is approved by Council. Over and above

that there are forums that have been established i.e. Joint Mayoral, Committees IDP Task Team, and IGR Forums etc.

The IDP of the District will be guided or informed by number of important strategies and policies. One of the strategies that informed the Sedibeng IDP is the Growth and Development Strategy (GDS). The GDS is currently under review and it will continue informing our IDP.

The Manifesto of the ruling party is one of the documents that will inform our IDP as we are obliged by the Constitution to deliver on the mandated given to us by the electorates. We are also expected to respond to National and Provincial outcomes when we develop our IDP's.

The District is also in the process of creating a Single Regional Authority (SRA) that will culminate into a Vaal Metropolitan River City. For this process to succeed it will require maximum cooperation from all of us (District and the Locals) working as one.

I hope that we will all pull our efforts together as we move to make Sedibeng a better place to be for all our children and generations to come.

I Thank You.