

**External Communications Unit
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For the attention of all media houses

The Sedibeng District Municipality Executive Mayor reports on the Sedibeng District Council meeting of the 23rd November 2011.

In continuing our commitment of ensuring that we will regularly communicate with you to bring you up to date with the developments which affect you in the District, I take this opportunity to present to you the report on the work of the Sedibeng District Council as per the Council meeting of the date mentioned above.

Let me first thank the learners from the Sedibeng East Junior Council who graced our Council Sitting on the day. They were led by their Junior Executive Mayor: Cllr. Bandile Hadebe; Deputy Executive Mayor: Cllr. Millicent Katsane, Junior Council Speaker: Aneli Mans and Council Secretary: Tru-hande' Kotze.

Let me further convey my sincere gratitude to the CHAT South Africa, a non-governmental organisation which organized their visit working together with the Sedibeng East District.

In wishing the Grade 12s good luck in their exams and our communities a very good and joyous festive season, the Council noted that the Municipality will be engaged in the following high profile events just before the end of year 2011:

The Growth & Development Summit which will be held on the 30th November & 1st December 2011 at the Emerald Conference Center from 07:00;

The AIDS Day Celebrations which will be held on the 1st December 2011 at the Rusterval Community Hall at 07:30;

The hosting of the South African Literary Awards by the Writer's Associates on the 8th December 2011 at the Vereeniging City Hall;

The 16 Days of Activism Against Women & Children Programme to be held on the 9th December 2011 at the Apostolic Faith Mission Church in Evaton West;

The 15th Anniversary of the Signing of the Constitution of the Republic by the then President Nelson Mandela on the 10th December 2011 at the renovated Sharpeville Hall;

The partnership hosting of the 80s Music Festival Extravaganza on the 24th December 2011 at the Vaal Show Grounds, Vereeniging.

Council received and noted a report on the closing of the municipal offices during the festive season. Members of the community and all other stakeholders are hereby informed that the



Sedibeng District municipal offices will be closed for festive season from the 27th December 2011 to the 30th December 2011.

This Council decision will not affect provision of service delivery in the District. The decision does not apply to the Emergency Services, Information Management and Directorates which deal with agency services (such as licensing) which will be required to retain sufficient staff to ensure continued provision of service.

Council received and approved a report on the preparation and compilation of a donor funding framework and policy for the Sedibeng District Municipality for approval. This in the main is to ensure that the socio economic developmental projects meant to better the lives of the people of Sedibeng are not disadvantaged by lack of funds.

This framework and policy will be used to regulate and govern the practices and agreements entered into by the panel of service providers appointed by Sedibeng District Municipality and all other third parties and stakeholders that may be involved/ share an interest in the sourcing and securing of funding from private and international donors.

As part of working together with our various stakeholders on the reduction and awareness programmes on HIV & AIDS, Council received and approved a report on the International AIDS Programmes which will be hosted by the Sedibeng District Municipality.

This year's District World AIDS Day Commemoration will be at the Rusterval Community Hall on the 1st December 2011 starting from 07:30 with a fun run / walk. The theme for this year's World AIDS Day is "Getting to ZERO".

This is one the many intervention programmes in playing a role in the fight against HIV/Aids. Members of the Sedibeng communities in and around Rusterval are invited to participate in this important course.

Council received and noted a report on the provincialisation of Emergency Medical Services in the Sedibeng District and the subsequent implementation meeting. The process is expected to be finalized on or by March 2012

As part of the Sedibeng District Municipality's commitment in promoting women's rights and their programmes, Council received and adopted a report providing an account of the work and activities done during the 2011 Women's Month Programme. The report presented a summary of key highlights, focusing on sustainable programmes and ways and means of continuously improving it in future.

In ensuring value add with regard to the use of the municipal vehicles, Council received and adopted a report on proposals and an overview of the challenges encountered by the Sedibeng Fleet Management Unit, a division of Facilities Management in implementing the provision of the Fleet Management policy with regard to the handling of traffic fines incurred by the Sedibeng District Municipality.



To ensure regular and consistent monitoring of work done by the municipality with regard to the provision of various services to our communities, Council received and approved a report on the progress made on the implementation of projects and programmes towards the achievement of the set IDP deliverables as translated into the Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP).

This report reflects all activities implemented against set targets in the SDBIP during the last quarter of the Financial Year 2010/11.

Council received and adopted a report on the Enterprise Risk Management Policy and the Enterprise Risk Management Framework. This report is informed by the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA), Act No.56 of 2003 which obliges Municipalities to comply with certain requirements as stipulated in the Act.

The report rescinded the Risk Management Policy adopted by Council on 27 August 2008.

In an attempt to ensure that all our heritage sites are safe and secure, Council received and adopted a report on an update for the rendering of security services at the Phelindaba cemetery which is a protected provincial heritage site in terms of Section 29 of the National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999.

Council received and noted a Risk and Insurance Progress Report with plans, for the month of August 2011. The report indicated that weekly meetings with the Insurance Brokers were conducted to ensure that all insurance and risk related issues for the Municipality were attended to.

Council received and noted the Municipal Monthly Financial Management report for August 2011 which reflected the financial position of the Municipality for the same month.

The objectives of this report are to assist Council to exercise its oversight function to:

- Make informed decisions about the allocation of resources;
- Assess the current provision of services, as well as the sustainability of future service delivery;
- Assess how municipal officials have discharged their responsibilities in this regard;
- Ensure transparency in respect of the municipality's financial position and operating results;
- Assess the performance of the municipality measured against pre-set targets and objectives;
- Inform Council on how cash and other liquid resources were obtained and utilized;
- Assess whether financial resources were administered in accordance with legislative and regulatory requirements; and
- Promote comparative information for prior periods and actual results against budgeted or planned results;

Council received and adopted a report from the Supply Chain Management Unit on bids considered and approved by delegated officials and the Bid Adjudication Committee for the month ended August 2011 for noting.



In the main, the report highlighted the work done by the municipality in furtherance of commitments as set out in the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (Act No: 5 of 2000), Preferential Regulations published in terms of Government Gazette No. 22549, Construction Industry Development Board Act (Act No: 38 of 2000) and also the criteria set out in terms of Municipal Finance Management Act (Act 56 of 2003), Circular No. 53.

In our quest of ensuring commitment to good governance, Council received and noted a report on the salary expenditure for the month of September 2011 for noting.

With this report, the Council monitors as to whether the Accounting Officer / Municipal Manager implements and maintains an effective system of expenditure control, including procedures for the approval, authorization, withdrawal and payment of funds as required.

Various collective agreements reached between the employer, represented by SALGA and the trade unions, will have a direct bearing on the payments of salaries, wages and allowances at municipal level.

In addition, the report indicated an impact brought about by these pieces of legislations with regard to employee salaries: Remuneration of Public Office Bearers Act, 1998 (Act 20 of 1998); Income Tax Act, 1962 (Act 58 of 1962); Unemployment Insurance Contributions Act, 2002 (Act 41 of 2002); Skills Development Act, 1999 (Act 9 of 1999); and Basic Conditions of Employment Act, 1997 (Act 75 of 1997).

Council received and adopted a report on the appointment of the Municipal Manager, Mr. Yunus Chamda who has been with the Municipality in previous term of office.

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