

9. OVERVIEW OF THE BUDGET-RELATED POLICIES

The following budget tabled policies are tabled with the budget documentation for comments and inputs:

Financial Plan
Credit control and Tariff Bylaws
Fixed Asset Management Policy
Banking and Investment Policy
Risk Management Policy
IT Policy
Supply Chain Management Policy
Insurance policy

CREDIT CONTROL AND TARIFF BYLAWS

The Municipal System Act requires Council to adopt a Tariff Policy. The general financial management functions covered in section 62 of the MFMA includes the implementation of a tariff policy. Specific legislation applicable to each service has been taken into consideration when determining this policy. This Policy has been formulated in terms of section 96 (b) and 98 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 and the Credit Control and Debt Collection By-Law.

BANKING AND INVESTMENT POLICY

The underlying cash is managed and invested in accordance with the Municipality's approved Cash Management and Investment Policy, which is aligned with National Treasury's municipal investment regulations dated 01 April 2005.

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT POLICY

Section 111 of the MFMA requires each Municipality and municipal entity to adopt and implement a supply chain management policy, which gives effect to the requirements of the Act. The Municipality's Supply Chain Management Policy was approved by Council. The recommended adjustments to the policy is to align the policy with the new Preferential Procurement Regulations, and to streamline the policy to include best practices as advised by staff of the Provincial Government following their review of the policy.

ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY

The aim of the policy is to ensure that the assets of the municipality are properly managed and accounted for.

IT Policy

The installation of the municipality's information technology (IT) network represents a significant capital outlay, and the objective of this policy is therefore to ensure that this investment in modern technology is properly managed.

Risk Management Policy

The objective is to review the effectiveness of the municipality's financial risk management strategies, with specific reference to the effectiveness with which the municipality's financial and other policies are being implemented.

Review the effectiveness of the municipality's other operational risk management strategies, including environmental risks, risks relating to the safety and well-being of the municipality's employees and risks relating to inadequate training and functional capacitation of the municipality's employees.

Identify and assess the significance of any risks not covered by existing risk management strategies, and formulate means of addressing such risks.

Insurance policy

This insurance policy is aimed at ensuring that all assets, Councillors, employees and third parties are insured economically and adequately at all times.

Financial Plan

The purpose of the financial plan is to set out details of the financial issues that need to be addressed in a financial year. It is meant to be a tool to highlight any financial shortcomings