

MATTERS ADDRESSED IN REPOSNE TO THE MEC LETTER TO THE ZULULAND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, DATED 23 SEPTEMBER 2013

1. MUNICIPAL TRANSFORMATION AND INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- a. Reference to the Employment Equity Plan has been made.
- b. Reference to the Workplace Skills Plan has been made
- c. HR policies have been listed in the Situational Analysis and the table 'Status of Sector Plans'
- d. Although the SWOT analysis has been revised, mainstreaming with the Municipal Strategic Plan will be redone with the review of the 2015/2016 IDP

2. LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- a. The Municipal Strategic Plan has been revised with additional Tourism objectives and strategies. However, with the review of the LED Plan (including tourism) to be concluded around August, it is anticipated that strategic trajectory of Tourism may improve further yet.
- b. Although the SWOT analysis has been revised, mainstreaming with the Municipal Strategic Plan will be redone with the review of the 2015/2016 IDP
- c. The development of the District Growth and Development Plan has commenced. Mainstreaming with the review of the LED Plan is being co-ordinated and it is anticipated that this plan will give direction and job creation targets as per the Provincial priorities

3. BASIC SERVICE DELIVERY AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

- a. Although this has not been alluded to in detail, co-ordination, strategic and operational support from Sector Departments exists highly especially in Water and Sanitation(DWA, COGTA, Rural Dev.), Governance(IGR, MISA, LGTAS), Integrated Development Planning(ESKOM, Transport, Social Dev, Human Settlements, DEDT)
- b. Public and Stakeholder forums have been indicated. But this will be improved further with a more targeted selection of departments in the 2015/2016 IDP Review
- c. Although the SWOT analysis has been revised, mainstreaming with the Municipal Strategic Plan will be redone with the review of the 2015/2016 IDP

4. FINANCIAL VIABILITY AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- a. Revenue Enhancement Strategy has been budgeted for in the 2014/15 financial year(see table on 'Status of Sector Plans')
- b. Opinion of the Auditor General (2012/13) has been included in the IDP
- c. Although the SWOT analysis has been revised, mainstreaming with the Municipal Strategic Plan will be redone with the review of the 2015/2016 IDP

5. SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

- a. Upon securing a budget the SDF will be reviewed to include amongst other things
 - i. Scheme guidelines
 - ii. Strategic Environmental Assessment
 - iii. Capital Investment Framework
 - iv. Delineation of urban/development edges
 - v. Urban and rural food security (a brief on food security initiatives has been included after the Municipal Strategic Plan. This will be incorporated properly into the SDF in the 2015/16 review
- a. The Comprehensive Infrastructure Plan which includes Capital Investment Framework is being revised (see Status of Sector Plans table). The findings will be incorporated into the 2015/16 IDP Review

Several areas of improvement are and continue to be constantly identified. The IDP is a work in progress with the ultimate objectives being to develop a user-friendly document that not only complies with legislation but that:

- the community can identify with
- engages with investors
- demonstrates deliberate integration with municipal, provincial, national and external partner development projects