



Mayor`s foreword at the tabling of the draft 2018/19 Annual budget

We are here before Council to table the draft 2018/19 annual budget for the consideration of the House. We are compelled by legislation to embark on this exercise to enable the Council to adopt the 2018/19 IDP and Budget at the end of May 2018. This also paves the way for Council to subject the draft annual budget to public scrutiny to make comments and inputs.

The draft budget emanates from the submissions made by internal departments and we would like to thank them for the job well done. We would also like to mention that the base of this draft budget emanates from the Strategic planning session that was held in February 2018. The Strategic planning session assisted us a lot in making self-introspection and the direction which the Municipality must take to achieve its 2030 vision. What remains central to us is the acceleration of the pace to provide basic services to our communities.

As stated the draft annual budget will be subjected to public participation in the following month to solicit inputs and comments by the communities to inform the final IDP and Budget to be considered at the end of the financial year. As a practise the engagements with the communities will be intense, robust and at times emotional as most wishes of various villages will not be covered due to budgetary constraints. We would like to appeal to our Councillors to remain level headed to accommodate the needs from the communities. Our wish is to see every Councillor being part of the activities for the collective ownership of the project.

Our draft annual budget is based on the following four factors;

- Equitable share
- Municipal Infrastructure grant
- Own funding
- INEG

Our allocation and spending in the following financial year will be based on the above mentioned activities. We would like to increase our tariffs to be in line with the CPIX and the inflation rate. This will enable the Council to generate its own revenue in order to meet the demands of the communities.

We are still experiencing huge debt from government departments, business and rate payers. We are confident that our intervention strategy of reduction the debts by 50% to both business and domestic will yield positive results. Also our debt collectors will assist in recouping money from those owing the institution.

Nb. BTO to insert the recommendations from EXCO

