

## MAYOR'S ADDRESS AT THE 2012/13 SECOND QUARTER EXCO LEKGOTLA, SWADINI FOREVER RESORTS, 16 JANUARY 2013

**Programme Director**

**Madame Speaker**

**Chief Whip**

**EXCO Members**

**Municipal Manager**

**Directors and Managers**

**Support staff**

**Ladies and gentlemen**

Programme Director, allow me this opportunity to welcome you to the second quarter EXCO Lekgotla. I must also welcome you to 2013 and i hope that everyone enjoyed the holidays and now full of energy to complete the last two quarters of the financial year. We take this opportunity to congratulate those who passed their matric in 2012 and call upon those who have failed to go back and work very hard to pass. As we did last year, i hope that the Administration has done all the necessary preparations to assist those who passed well with bursaries so that they can continue with their studies.

We take this opportunity to congratulate the African National Congress for successfully holding the 53rd National Congress that was held in December 2012 at Mangaung and for electing the leadership that will take the country forward beyond the 2014 general elections. Last week Saturday on the 12th of January, President Jacob Zuma delivered the annual January 8 statement that set a tone on how government is going to operate this year.

I would like to quote what President Zuma said which relates directly to what we are doing. He said" we remind all ANC deployees that where infrastructure and resources exist to deliver services, there can be no excuse for these services not to be delivered. We now know where the gaps exist and it is time to deliver services that will improve the lives of our people". This is basically why we are here today.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Administration for organising two important events that took place towards the end of the second quarter namely the Strategic Planning session and the

MPAC workshop. The events were important for various reasons amongst other, the strategic vision that the Municipality must take and to understand how MPAC should perform its functions.

The main objective of this gathering is to review the performance of the Municipality during the second quarter of the 2012/13 financial year. At the last EXCO Lekgotla, the overall performance of all departments was 65% and we hope this time the performance will be more than 70%. We assume that at this period, every department knows what is expected of them.

As indicated our review should be based on the strategic goals that we have set for ourselves and to improve where we are doing very well. We have resolved that all our performance reports should be subjected to scrutiny by MPAC and it should be our responsibility that MPAC is given all the resources to perform its work. We owe it to the public to inform them how the Municipality is functioning and it is in the best interest for MPAC to take such reports to the communities.

I would like to officially open the EXCO Lekgotla and call upon members to interrogate the reports and do justice to them. It is time to change on how we do things and we prioritise our communities on everything we do.

Let me conclude by quoting what President Zuma said about the rights of the communities, he said” We call on our people to exercise their rights to protest against unsatisfactorily service delivery in a peaceful and orderly manner”. We cannot afford as Greater Tubatse to have our communities protesting against service delivery, it is our duty to deliver services and it must remain so. I wish the Lekgotla well.

**I THANK YOU.**