

**Part One: Executive Mayor's Foreword (Cllr. Lerato Maloka)**



Sedibeng District Municipality in accordance with the provisions of the laws that govern the businesses of the municipality has embarked upon a process of consultation with the stakeholders with a view to present the IDP and Budget for the **2021/22** Financial year in line with “*Chapter 4 of the Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 and section 24 of Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003*”.

We will also make sure that in partnership with our communities, a consultation processes is part of municipal affairs, programs and activities in line with the abovementioned legislative imperatives. Therefore, this IDP& Budget 2021/22 must be informed by the culmination of a lengthy process of consultation with the key stakeholders across the district.

Consequently, our programmes in this IDP& Budget 2021/22 carries the aspirations of our people and our primary task at hand despite the increasing level of unemployment on the international front, our country and the district and its local municipalities we have a challenge of a financial distress which affected us through the scourge of Covid-19 pandemic whom death toll of our communities in the country has rapidly increased and threaten business operations and solvency as it is limiting our resources and daily livelihoods within our communities.

We need to be optimistic and join hands as government, civil society and private sector in fighting this pandemic and remain positive about

turnaround strategy initiative by National Government to put systems in place that will curb this pandemic from impacting negatively on our economy and create conducive environment for potential investment.

Government initiatives that will reduce level of unemployment and poverty through intensification of our Programmes such Central Government Economic Recovery Plan and District Development Plan (One Plan) and other means of economic opportunities in the district.

One of the National/Provincial programs to expedite services to our people is through District Development Model (DDM) initiatives as outlined in our Chapters of IDP 2021/22, this process will also ensure that we align all our catalytic projects when planning with National, Provincial and Local Municipalities sector departments and commit to mandate of providing services to our communities

The model will also be consistent with a process of joint and collaborative planning undertaken at level of the district together with all spheres of government resulting in a single strategically focussed Joined-Up plan (One Plan) for our district (Sedibeng District Municipality and Local municipalities which are (Lesedi, Midvaal and Emfuleni).

Our actual role as a district municipality has been to co-ordinate all efforts of locals in the district as well as to carry out certain designated services and this has been one of the challenges in recent years including reduced funding available to district municipality after the abolishment of Regional Service Council Levies and duplication of services in both district and local municipalities.



This model initiative will ultimately assist us in achieving our ideal dream of single authority in which service delivery backlog will be thing of the past.

Therefore, this IDP must be seen as a beacon of hope that will continue to guide us over the next financial year in our collective endeavours of building a better life for all our communities.

As Sedibeng District Municipality our IDP 2021/22 is informed by our Sedibeng Growth Development Strategy (GDS 03) that presents a multi stakeholder framework to propel us forward to a 2030 wherein today, can only dream with some clear aspirations to;

- Be a region of sustainable development, economic vitality, and lifelong learning;
- Be a region whose public services and facilities work to satisfy the needs of our citizens;
- Be a region of broad appeal for people of all ages and cultural backgrounds;
- Be a region of physical beauty with great appeal;
- Be a region of strong neighborhoods and communities;
- Be a region where it is easy to move around;
- Be a region with a high quality living environment; and
- Be a river city where locals and tourist love to meet

Our vision is bold, but reachable; ambitious, but grounded in reality, truthful and optimistic and we still remain committed to the alignment of our plans in realization of the National Development Plan vision 2030, Gauteng TMR approach and Sedibeng Growth Development Strategy (GDS 3):

As Sedibeng District Municipality we have approved and adopted Nine (9) development strategies enlisted in the GDS 03 as they are formulated to attain the SDM's vision and are as follows;

- Institutional capacity development (good governance, accountability, effectiveness, sustainable, leadership, partnership, participation)
- Facilitation of spatial structural change, nodal and corridor development (incl housing and land)
- Regional infrastructural development
- Sectoral support and development: Manufacturing and re-industrialization
- Sectoral support and development: Agriculture and rural development (Agritropolis concept focus in Gauteng)
- Sectoral support and development: Tourism development and environmental management
- Township social and economic development (infra, industrial hubs, indigenous knowledge, access to markets revitalization and community development (incl youth development) (Gauteng township revitalization strategy.
- Maximize the impact of tertiary higher education (including youth development).
- Facilitation of business support and development (incl skills, entrepreneurship, finance and youth development)

I am very confident that despite the challenges that the municipality is confronted with, the region remains safe with potential for investment, economic opportunities and that could ultimately address high unemployment rate that the region is faced with.

I Thank You,

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**CLLR. LERATO MALOKA**

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