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BLOUBERG LEADERSHIP READY TO HIT THE GROUND RUNNING AS COUNCIL APPROVES THE 2019/2020 BUDGET

The Blouberg Local Municipality sitting at Ben Seraki Sport Complex, Kwarung village has approved the 2019/2020 budget and the Integrated Development Plan(IDP) together with the Services Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan(SDBIP) along with the budget related policies that will to be implemented as at July 1st 2019. The Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003 section 16(2) requires that the Mayor of the Municipality must table the annual budget at a council meeting 30 days before the start of the budget year.

The Mayor, His Worship Cllr Maseka Pheedi indicated that after the adoption of the draft IDP/Budget followed by the community and stakeholder consultation programme people have raised issues that have sharpened the municipality ideas and plans. Issues that featured include; water challenges, Roads, Sanitation, house, jobs and network coverage in certain areas among others. "On the basis of our engagements with our communities and stakeholders, we had to rework the IDP/budget in order to respond to issues raised by communities, all sector issues raised during consultation will be referred to the relevant sector departments and IGR fora. All water and sanitation issues will be dealt with by the Capricorn District Municipality.

The municipality budget will cater all areas of the municipality in terms of delivery of basic services and infrastructure development to the Blouberg citizenry ranging from tarring of internal streets, waste and environment, electrification, growing Blouberg economy and creation jobs among others.

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The municipality has set aside funds for Senwabarwana sub-station, Energy efficiency programme, conversion of meter at Alldays, and the electrification of Thorpe, Milbank, Arrie, Silvermyn, Kgekonyane, Innes, Nailana, Mosehleng , Diepsloop, Motadi, Gideon, Siaz and Witten extensions. The municipality will continue with the upgrading of Senwabarwana, Avon and Kroomhoek internal streets from gravel to tar.

In terms of environment and waste management the municipality has injected funds in these projects; Extended Public Works Programme (EPWP) the Senwabarwana and Alldays Landfill sites, parks fencing and beautification, tree planting, Alldays cemetery and buying of a tractor and chassis among others.

Other budgets have also been channelled to community safety and traffic services, institutional transformation and development programme sport arts and cultural programmes, special focus programmes and free basic services.

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