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BLM CONCLUDES STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING ON DRAFT IDP/BUDGET 2021/22 - 2025/26

The Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor , His Worship, Cllr Maseka Pheedi said the municipality will be more outward-looking in the upcoming budget. Mayor Pheedi was delivering closing remarks at the municipality's strategic planning session earlier today.

" Our prioritization must be very clear, we prioritize according to the demand, particularly outside the institution. We urge our colleagues , that , let us make sure that we don't speak of our departments , let us speak of Blouberg, all of us including the chairpersons of portfolios.

The two-day strategic planning meeting (18th-19th March) of the Blouberg Local Municipality was aimed at discussing and preparing the draft Intergrated Development Plan IDP/Budget for the financial years ; 2021/22 - 2025/26.

The 5-year Intergrated Development Plan will provide guidance on budgeting and decision-making processes of the municipality that are to improve the lives of the locals.

Mayor Pheedi further urged council and administration components to work more effectively and efficiently towards attaining the goal of improving the lives of Blouberg citizenry for the better.

" Whatever, was deliberated , the intention was to build a team that will give services to our needy communities "

The 5-year Intergrated Development Plan/Budget will provide guidance on budgeting and decision-making processes of the municipality that are to improve the livelihoods of the locals.

The Mayor will present the draft IDP/budget to the Executive Committee (EXCO) on Wednesday, 24 March 2021 and subsequently to Council on Monday, the 29th March 2021 for approval.

The draft IDP/Budget will be taken to the public for engagement after Council approval. The public participation programme will soon be made available.

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