

# **ANNEXURE J:**

**LETTER RECEIVED  
FROM THE MEC  
COGTA ON THE  
2020-2021 IDP**



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Dear Cllr Baloyi

### **RE: COMMENTS ON THE 2020/21 MIDVAAL LOCAL MUNICIPALITY (MLM) REVIEWED INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP)**

The Midvaal Local Municipality is commended for adhering to legislative requirements and process plan when developing, reviewing, and adopting the 2020/21 draft and final IDPs. Thus, the fore-said IDPs were credible and compliant as per the Municipal Systems Act of 2000. Despite persistent challenges related to intergovernmental alignment, the municipality is commended for taking initiatives to align its plans with that of others spheres of government. The above-said is a positive stride and in line with the ideal of joint planning as espoused by the District Development Model or One Plan.

In line with Section (32) (2) of the Municipal Systems Act (32) of 2000, kindly receive brief comments on the submitted 2020/21 final IDP. The first part of the letter raises issues that cuts across all the municipalities, whereas second part contains municipal specific issues. Special attention should be focused on all these issues when the municipality prepares the next IDP review.

### **ISSUES APPLICABLE TO ALL MUNICIPALITIES**

*Gender Based Violence* – this is a burning issue at the moment, and preliminary observations into the 2020/21 Integrated Development Plans revealed that the IDPs do not include an integrated and targeted response to Gender Based Violence. It is however noted that there are intentions to address gender based violence and ideally, an integrated approach in both the Provincial and Local Spheres to gender based violence would be impactful to communities.

In view of the above it is evident that there is need for an integrated approach to GBV and to this end the Provincial Government has adopted a five pillar GBV response plan which will ensure participation of Local Government as one of the key stakeholders.

*Occupational Health and Safety* – this is a critical area in the current COVID-19 pandemic context. Adequate coverage with clear strategies to mitigate its spread and accompanying supporting measures targeting vulnerable communities should be illustrated in the IDPs. GPG's recent Ward Based approach being implemented at municipal ward level, with its envisaged expectations, should be discussed in the IDPs as a public document.

*Compliance* – the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA), section 8 should be adhered to by the all municipalities. It is also important that relevant Provincial Departments support municipalities to ensure compliance to OHSA. Overall, the Department of Labour COVID-19 Regulations should be prioritised urgently, which is aligned with GGT 2030 priorities on Education, Skills and Healthcare and Building a Better Africa and Better World.

There is evident need to have Capital Expenditure Frameworks (CEF) by municipalities in order to direct their investment – and this is to be coupled with Infrastructure Asset Management Planning. The CEFs will ensure that service delivery and implementation of key projects is guided by a strategic, spatial, financial and socio-economic logic. At the moment.

CAPEX's lack of performance and its overall impact on infrastructure delivery – challenges in this area relate to under-expenditure, which includes planning and programme implementation deficiencies in municipalities, supply chain delays, projects appearing in the IDP or budget without technical studies being concluded, among others.

Anti-fraud and corruption strategies – in line with the GGT 2030 priority, Building a Capable, Ethical and Developmental State, and the fight against corruption in the public service, all municipalities must report on the efficacy of their Anti-Fraud or Corruption and Ethics Strategies in the IDP. Municipalities are further urged to illustrate how many cases of corruption were dealt with, turn-around times, and how many people are on suspension with or without pay due to unethical conduct.

GEYODI mainstreaming – Gender, Youth and people living with Disability (GEYODI) issues should not only be confined to the Social Development branches of the municipality but be mainstreamed across all the departments.

## **MUNICIPAL SPECIFIC ISSUES**

### **SPATIAL PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT**

The Municipality complied with legislation by attaching the full 2020/2021 Spatial Development Framework (SDF). The municipal SDF aligns with national and provincial spatial policy context by acknowledging and articulating the various national and provincial policies.

MLM is urged to prioritise the development of a Capital Investment Framework (CIF). MLM SDF is silent on expanding and integrating public transport, there is no indication of linkages with BRT routes in neighbouring metropolitan municipalities.

SPLUMA 21(f) requires MSDF to identify estimate of demand for housing and clearly outline planned linkages to public networks and economic activities. Housing demand is presented in section 5.6.2 and planned locations are provided. However, the municipality is requested to give a spatial representation of land identified for future residential development on a map within Section 5.6.2. The SDF mentions a Midvaal EMF, however it should be noted that the GPEMF is the leading environmental management policy for Gauteng. Therefore, MLM to ensure full alignment with final GPEMF.

## **SERVICE DELIVERY AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

It is noted that MLM has progressed quite steadily with regard to providing access to water and sanitation as well as providing waste removal to all households in the community. MLM has achieved a successful reduction in the percentage of households not served to the minimum level of service quality. However, the key challenge for the municipality is inefficiencies in delivering services. In particular, the Municipality shows poor turnaround times in service delivery on account of resource and capacity constraints. This has the ability to significantly affect the quality of life of the Midvaal community. According to the 2016 Oct-Dec Customer Satisfaction survey, the highest number of complaints in the Municipality were all related to service delivery. These included: water leakages, and blocked sewers.

The IDP does not provide a spatial analysis on where school infrastructure should be prioritised within the municipal space. Furthermore, there is no indication of where residential development pressure is within the municipal space for both current and future pressures.

The IDP does not provide an integrated Gender Based Violence (GBV) approach tied to the Social Crime Prevention outcomes.

## **GOVERNANCE AND INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

The municipality is commended for complying with Section 129 of the MFMA by tabling its Oversight Report to Council, Oversight Report submission to CoGTA and the Legislature, and for publishing it.

## **LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

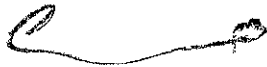
It should be noted that the Province is in the process of developing a bill and this bill will serve as and provide a legal and institutional framework for the development, promotion and regulation of township enterprises. The Province would appreciate the involvement and inputs from the municipality in this process.

The municipality is commended for acknowledging the importance of TER implementation in the IDP and for incorporating the registration of SMMEs in their SCM data base in order to access municipal opportunities. However, MLM could do more to incorporate the TER strategic focus areas in the IDP as well as implementation of these strategic focus areas.

## **CONCLUSION**

It is envisaged that both generic and municipal specific issues raised in the letter will be addressed by the municipality in the next IDP review. In line with the principle of co-operative planning and jointed planning (DDM/One Plan), the fore-said comments aim, amongst others, to actualise the IDP as a plan of all government. Most importantly, to foster improved socio-economic conditions within communities.

Yours faithfully



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