



WESTONARIA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

4th REVIEW (2011/2012)

PREFACE

The Integrated Development Plan (IDP) reflects on a 5-year period and is reviewed annually to align it with major changes which occurred or might influence the execution of the strategic plan of Council.

The 4th Review Process (2011/12 Financial Year)

The focus of the 4th Review of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) for the 2011/2012 financial year will be to assist the newly elected Council to relate to the strategic issues identified by their predecessors and to further address and build on it.

Whilst preparing the Integrated Development Plan and Budget for 2011/2012 financial year major events and documents had to be considered namely:

Local Government Elections

Local Government elections are to be held between 2 March and 2 June 2011. The exact date has not been announced yet. Due to timeframes linked to announcing the results of the election, the election of the Executive Mayor and identifying representatives to serve in the West Rand District Municipal Council, the Process Plan to review the IDP had to be adjusted to accommodate all these activities.

The Draft IDP and Budget are to be approved by the end of February 2011 with the community consultation processes on the annual budget and IDP scheduled for March and early April 2011. The final IDP and Budget are to be approved by the end of April 2011 enabling the new Council to implement the Budget and IDP from 1 July 2011.

Delimitation of Ward Boundaries for the 2011 Local Elections

The aim of the delimitation process by the Municipal Demarcation Board (MDB) was to bring voting stations closer to the people and ensure that there are, on average, an equal number of registered voters in each of the wards and in the case of Westonaria, the number of voters per ward have to be between 2702 and 3655.

Council at an Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 20 August 2009 vide C/Res 371/09(08) resolved to support the process and take it further as prescribed by the MDB.

The consultation process with local stakeholders took place on 20 – 26 November 2009. The outcome of the ward based public meetings was as follows:

The MDB was informed of the outcome of the public participation process and hearings were conducted by them in the Banquet Hall on 4 March 2010, trying to find common ground in the wards where the boundaries were contested.

As the parties could not reach agreement, formal submissions were made to the MDB by 2 April 2010, which they considered. The MDB however, in the absence of convincing

arguments and motivations decided not to accept any of the alternative proposals, but to revert back to its own original proposal, which included the addition of a new ward, Ward 16, which includes the area of Cooke 3, Nufcor, West Rand Agricultural Holdings and Zuurbekom and Syferfontein farm portions.

Alternative proposals were again forwarded to the MDB on certain ward delimitations, but these proposals again were rejected and the MDB approved the ward delimitations in line with their proposal in terms of Circular 3 of 2009.

Once Ward 16 is established the existing Council of 29 Councillors will be extended to 31 Councillors including the Ward Councillor for Ward 16 and the Proportional Representative Councillor.

Outcome 9 for Local Government

During the 2009/10 financial year performance management was put in the spotlight. The Cabinet in January 2010 adopted the 12 outcomes outlining service delivery, priorities and targets to be met by Ministers of Cabinet. These 12 outcomes had to be considered when preparing the Budget and IDP for 2011/12, however bigger emphasis was placed on Outcome 9 focussing on the local government environment.

Outcome 9 will be addressed in more detail in the Section C.

Vision 2016

The West Rand District Municipality convened a follow-up three day workshop during September 2010 on the workshop held in February 2010 to develop a Strategic Framework to become a Metro by 2016.

The essence of a Metro is a single governance structure for a particular geographical area with integrated governance systems, powers and functions.

The benefits to becoming a Metro by 2016 will assist the region to reach the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), support the Gauteng Global City Region concept; will improve resource management and service delivery.

During the workshop strategic action plans were put in place and committees were re-alignment to ensure delivery takes place.

Floods

During December 2010 and January 2011 severe floods were reported in seven (7) of the nine (9) provinces of South Africa. 33 Municipalities were declared disaster areas. These floods did not only negatively impact on people staying in informal areas, but damaged infrastructure which will again influence food security and result in price escalations.

The community of Westonaria were also affected. The Westonaria Response Team consisting of the HOD Community Services, a number of Councillors, staff members from the Public Safety Section, staff members from the Waste, Parks and Cemeteries Section as well as the Disaster Management Officer from West Rand District Municipality (WRDM) offered assistance.

Due to the nature of the flood affecting the district as a whole, the WRDM was inundated with requests for assistance for relief material such as tents and blankets.

A private Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) volunteered to provide the affected community members with accommodation but the community members all refused to leave their belongings behind for fear of losing it.

Learning from the experience it is evident that the District and its constituent municipalities will have to establish a properly trained response team to in future better respond to similar situations.

January 8, 2011, Statement by President J Zuma

President J Zuma in his statement held on January 8, 2011 in Polokwane at the 99th Anniversary of the African National Congress (ANC) emphasised the shift towards meaningful economic transformation with plans and programmes to eradicate poverty. Focus areas are:

- ✚ Creating decent work
- ✚ 10 Point Health Plan
- ✚ Education
- ✚ Peace and Stability
- ✚ Rural Development and Land Reform
- ✚ Social Transformation
- ✚ Local Government
- ✚ Building a Better Africa and a Better World.

Changes within Council

Cllr W Matshaya was elected as Speaker on 23 September 2009 and resigned on 2 July 2010. Cllr V Hesi (Ms), PR Councillor of the ANC resigned on 28 June 2010. Her position was filled by Cllr S Monoane who was elected as Speaker on 2 July 2010.

Four (4) Councillors are appointed to represent Council at the West Rand District Municipality in terms of the provisions of Section 23(1)(b) and Section 12 Notice published under Provincial Gazette Notice No 4861 dated 6 December 2005. They are:

- ✚ Cllr D Nondzaba (Ms)
- ✚ Cllr V Lwabi (Ms)
- ✚ Cllr M Mosimane (Ms)
- ✚ Cllr C Turner

Mr L Thibini, Head of Corporate Services and Acting Municipal Manager left Council's service on 30 June 2010. Special arrangements had to be made to fill the critical vacancies.

Two officials from Mogale City were seconded to assist Westonaria Local Municipality. They were Mr T C Ndlovu, Chief Operations Officer (COO) of Mogale City seconded as Acting Municipal Manager with a contract starting 1 August 2010 to 31 May 2011 and Mr S Rapolai seconded to assist as Acting Head of Department: Corporate Services.

The Executive Mayor of Mogale City Local Municipality during November 2010 recalled the secondment requesting the services of Mr Rapolai at Mogale City, thus once again leaving a vacancy at the Head of Department: Corporate Services at Westonaria Local Municipality.

The Acting Head of Department: Strategic Support Services: Mr J Coetzee resigned from Council's service 30 June 2010. To date, the post is still vacant.

Financial situation

Westonaria Local Municipality received an unqualified Audit Report from the Auditor-General on the financial statements for 2009/10 financial year. The Report indicates that the financial management and controls of Council are in good standing.

Council is experiencing difficult financial times. The current payment level for services by various communities of greater Westonaria was at 71%. The budget, however, is based on a payment rate of 80% per month. Falling short, implied that Council did not have the funds to implement projects as planned for the financial year.

The Project Management Unit executed all the projects it set itself out to do. Council funded projects are behind schedule due to the financial situation.

New format for the IDP

Integrated Development Plan will be presented in a different format better aligning it with the District Municipality.

The Sections are:

Preface

Executive Summary

Section A Mandate

Section B Situation Analysis

Section C Vision, Mission and Strategic Objectives

Section D Development Strategies, Programmes and Projects

Section E Spatial Development Framework

Section F Financial Plans and Budget

Section G Disaster Management

Section H Performance Management Framework

Section I Private Initiatives and Sector Departments

Section J Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plans (SDBIPs)

Readers are invited to comment, either verbally or in writing to the following address:

Municipal Manager Westonaria Local Municipality PO Box 19 WESTONARIA 1780	Tel: (011) 278-3000 Fax: (011) 753-4176 Email: ebotha@westonaria.gov.za
--	---
