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TABLING OF TSWELOPELE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY DRAFT ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR

AGENDA : COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 28 MARCH 2019

1. PURPOSE

This item is submitted to Council for consideration and tabling of the annual budget for the 2018/2019 financial year and two outer years (i.e. 2019/20 and 2020/21) as required by the Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 [Act 56 of 2003].

2. BACKGROUND

In terms of the Municipal Finance Management Act, section 24(2) (a), the annual budget of the Municipality must be approved before the start of the new financial year, section 24 (2)(b), annual budget is approved by the adoption by the Council of a resolution referred to in section 17(3)(a)(i) and section 24 (2)(c) annual budget of the Municipality must be approved together with the adoption of resolutions as may be necessary.

It is crucial that the municipal council approves the annual budget before the start of the financial year.

In order to comply with the above requirements, the Mayor of the Municipality must table the annual budget at a council meeting at least 90 days before the start of the budget year, latest being 31 March 2019.

3. STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTED

None

4. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- Compliance to the Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 [Act 56 of 2003]
- Compliance to the Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations

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5. STAFF IMPLICATIONS

None

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Approval of the item as submitted will constitute the tabled budget for the 2019/20 financial year, this budget will undergo community consultation processes, the final budget will be approved by Council on the latest 30 June 2019.

The following are the proposed tariff increases for the 2019/2020 financial year:

-	Property Rates for all other properties	: 6.50%
-	Property Rates for agricultural properties	: 6.50%
-	Water	: 6.50%
-	Refuse	: 6.50%
-	Sanitation	: 6.50%
-	Electricity	: 8.50%

- All other tariff increase are per the Tariff List of the Municipality.
- The tariff for electricity will be further reviewed to ensure compliance with 'Paragraph 3.1: Eskom bulk tariff increases' of National Treasury's Municipal Budget Circular for the 2019 / 2020 MTREF dated 8 March 2019.

7. RISKS

- Failure to approve the "draft" budget by the Municipal Council may result in the
 deadline for the approval of the final budget not to be met, and the results
 thereof will lead to all expenditure items having to be approved by the Member
 of the Executive Council (MEC) responsible for local government in the province
 prior to being incurred.
- The municipality maybe unable to render services to the community due to none availability of financial resources if the budget is not approved.
- Section 139 of the Constitution may be imposed on the Council of the Municipality.

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8. ANNEXURE

- Draft budget document
- Tariffs list

9. RECOMMENDATION

- That the draft annual budget of the Municipality for the financial year 2019 / 2020 be adopted and public participation be undertaken on the budget.
- 2. That public comments be invited on the budget related policies.
- 3. That all stakeholders be consulted on the tabled draft annual budget.

[FOR RESOLUTION]

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- 1. Council herby resolved that the draft annual budget of the Municipality for the financial year 2019 / 2020 be adopted and public participation be undertaken on the budget.
- 2. Council herby resolved that public comments be invited on the budget related policies before the final approval in June 2019.
- 3. Council herby resolved that all stakeholders be consulted on the tabled draft annual budget.

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