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Background to the SDBIP

In terms of Section 69 (3) (a) of the Municipal Finance Management Act, the Municipal Manager must submit the SDBIP to the Mayor within 14 after the approval of the Budget. The Mayor must subsequently approve the SDBIP within 28 days after the approval of the Budget in terms of Section 53 (1) (c) (ii) of the Municipal Finance Management Act. The Draft Annual Budget for the 2011/12 financial year was tabled and approved by the Municipal Council on 31 March 2011.

Purpose of the SDBIP

The purpose of the SDBIP can be summarized as follows:

- 1. It is a vital link between the Mayor and the administration of the municipality;
- 2. It facilitates the process for holding management accountable for its performance;
- 3. It is a tool for implementation, management and monitoring; and
- 4. It further serves as the basis for the performance measurement in service delivery against the year-end targets and the implementation of the budget.

Importance of the SDBIP

A properly formulated SDBIP will ensure that appropriate information is circulated internally and externally for purposes of monitoring the execution of the budget, and it:

- Enables the Mayor to monitor the performance of the Municipal Manager,
- Municipal Manager to monitor the performance of the senior managers; and
- The community to monitor the performance of the municipality.

It is the excellent mechanism that produces quarterly targets that are reported to ensure implementation of the IDP. The SDBIP will also empower all councilors specifically facilitating engagement at ward level and allow them to undertake the appropriate oversight and monitoring of programs. The SDBIP will also measure in-year progress in the implementation of the budget; under spending of budget will be dealt with at early stages because it is reviewed quarterly.

The Role of Council with regards to the SDBIP

It is vitally important for Council to note that the components of the SDBIP are primary indicators of the municipality's performance on the annual Budget. In this regard, Councilors are encouraged to scrutinize the various components of the SDBIP and to pose questions where it is deemed necessary. This form of in-year reporting should uncover major problems and is aimed at ensuring that the Mayor and the Municipal Manager take the corrective steps when any unanticipated problems arise.

Role of the Accounting Officer in respect of the SDBIP

The Accounting Officer must:

- 1. Implement the Budget;
- 2. Ensure that spending is in accordance with the Budget and ensure that the expenditure is reduced when revenue is anticipated to be less than projected in the Budget or the SDBIP
- 3. Ensure that revenue and expenditure is properly monitored;
- 4. Prepare an adjustments Budget when necessary; and
- 5. Submit the draft SDBIP and draft annual performance agreements for the Municipal Manager and all senior managers.

The key components of the 2010/11SDBIP

In terms of Circular No. 13 of the MFMA No. 56 of 2003, the SDBIP must contain:

- Monthly projections of revenue to be collected for each source;
- Monthly projections of expenditure by source (not required in terms of this Act);
- Monthly projections of expenditure (operating and capital) and revenue for each vote:
- Quarterly projections of service delivery targets and performance indicators of each vote:
- Detailed capital works plan broken down by ward over three years (Capital Plan – MIG)

These components of the SDBIP are discussed below.

MONTHLY PROJECTIONS OF REVENUE PER SOURCE

In terms of Section 15 of the MFMA, a municipality may, except where otherwise provided in this Act,

- incur expenditure only in terms of the approved Budget; and
- within the limits of the amounts appropriated for the different votes in the approved Budget.

One of the most important and basic priorities of a municipality is to collect all it's revenue as budgeted for, failure to collect the revenue will undermine the municipality's ability to deliver services. The SDBIP contains the monthly projections of revenue to be collected per source for the 2011/12 financial year. The reason for the inclusion of this component of the SDBIP is to ensure that the municipality monitors revenue collected during the quarter as all expenditure to be incurred in terms of the approved Budget must be financed from realistically anticipated revenues to be collected.

The Accounting Officer must monitor the actual revenues received against those projected in the SDBIP and submit explanations of any remedial action to be taken to ensure that projected revenue and expenditure remain within the municipality's approved Budget. This type of information requires the municipality to take urgent remedial steps to ensure it improves on its revenue-collection capacity if it wants to maintain its levels of service delivery and expenditure.

The revenue for the 2010/11 is indicated below as follows:

Monthly projections of total Revenue per Source

The municipality must ensure that it has instituted measures to achieve monthly revenue targets for each revenue source. In order to ensure realistic revenue projections and ultimately balanced budgets, the Zululand District Municipality has to have comprehensive, coherent revenue policies that take into account appropriate service delivery levels, standards, ability to pay and collection efforts.

MONTHLY PROJECTIONS OF EXPENDITURE PER SOURCE

The monthly projections of expenditure per source is not included in terms of circular No 13 of the MFMA, but we as Zululand District Municipality have decided to add this component in order to see the movement of expenditure per source on monthly basis to be able to respond promptly and to initiate any remedial steps when necessary.

MONTHLY PROJECTIONS OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURE PER VOTE

It is important to view expenditure in relation the revenue used to finance it. In this context, it is easy to see when expenditure exceeds Revenue and the necessary remedial steps can then be taken to correct this situation. Failure to monitor expenditure in relation to Revenue will seriously hamper the municipality's ability to achieve its strategic goals for the year.

Monthly Projections of Expenditure and Revenue per Vote

Compares the planned revenue and expenditure for the 2010/11 financial year. It is clear that Zululand District Municipality will spend a lot in the provision of water to the community that it serves.

QUARTERLY PROJECTIONS OF SERVICE DELIVERY TARGETS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS OF EACH VOTE

In terms of the SDBIP, Zululand District Municipality is required to provide non-financial measurable performance objectives in the form of service delivery targets and other performance indicators. Service delivery targets relate to the level and standards of service being provided to the community, and include targets for the reductions in backlogs of basic services.

The goals and objectives set by Council as quantifiable outcomes that should be implemented by the administration over the next financial year are indicated on the sheet below.

APPROVAL OF THE ZULULAND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY'S SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2011/12.

The Zululand District Municipality's SDBIP for the year 2011/12 has been approved by the Honorable Mayor: Cllr. M.B.Gwala, as said in S69 (3) (a) of the Municipal Finance Management Act.

Date received:	
Date Approved:	
Signature:	