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**WESTERN CAPE FINANCIAL HEALTH AND BUDGET NORMS ASSESSMENT TOOL:
16, 17 & 18 SEPTEMBER 2013**

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this circular is to advise municipalities that Provincial Treasury will be hosting training workshops for all municipalities within their respective districts to assist them with the utilisation and understanding with the Western Cape Financial Health and Budget norms assessment tool.

2. BACKGROUND

The Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations, as well as the implementation of Generally Recognised Accounting Practise (GRAP), provides an ideal opportunity for the setting of financial benchmarks and standards which can be used by municipalities to assess themselves against such benchmarks and standards and to use the results in order to put strategic plans in place to ensure financial viability and stability over the short-, medium- and long-term.

To this end the Auditor-General, as well as National Treasury determined indicators for measuring financial viability. These indicators, however, do not provide for the unique circumstances of each municipality. This leads to some comparisons being made on an unequal basis which can be extremely misleading to the users of such information.

The Western Cape Provincial Treasury realised the importance of benchmarks based on a uniformed approach and therefore embarked on a process to determine such benchmarks. This was achieved by combining and averaging the financial results for the 2012 financial year of the different municipalities in the Western Cape and comparing that with known best practises, adjusted for public sector activities and material inconsistencies. With this in mind the Western Cape Provincial came up or developed the Western Cape Financial Health and budget norms assessment tool.

The aim of the tool is to develop a set of performance standards that could be used by all municipalities to ensure a sound basis for performance measurement and fair comparison between municipalities is used. The workshops would also be used to determine uniform methods and information to be used when calculating standards.

To accomplish this it would require the dedication and joint efforts of all Chief Financial Officers to avail at least 2 officials to attend the workshops of which one will be held in Mossel Bay for municipalities in the Eden and Central Karoo districts, Saldanha for municipalities in the West Coast districts and Stellenbosch for municipalities in the Cape Winelands, Overberg districts as well as the City of Cape Town.

3. LOGISTICS OF WORKSHOPS

The target audience will include municipal financial officials employed in the Budget and Treasury Office (BTO).

The details of the workshop for municipalities in the **Eden and Central Karoo districts** are as follows:

Date : 16 September 2013
Venue : Mossel Bay Municipality Council Chambers
Time : 09:00 – 15:00

The details of the workshop for municipalities in the **West Coast districts** are as follows:

Date : 17 September 2013
Venue : Saldanha Bay Municipality Council Chambers - Vredenburg
Time : 09:00 – 15:00

The details of the workshop for municipalities in the **Cape Winelands and Overberg districts as well as the City of Cape Town** are as follows:

Date : 18 September 2013
Venue : Stellenbosch Municipality Council Chambers
Time : 09:00 – 15:00

4. CORRESPONDENCE/CONFIRMATION

Kindly ensure that you respond/confirm attendance and attendees via e-mail to the address listed below before 9 September 2013.

E-mail: MFMA.MFMA@westerncape.gov.za

For any further enquiries regarding the above, please contact the relevant officials:

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Your co-operation in this regard will be highly appreciated.



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ACTING CHIEF DIRECTOR: LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

DATE: 30/08/2013