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ANNUAL BUDGET AND IN-YEAR MONITORING WORKSHOP: 25; 26 AND 27 SEPTEMBER 2018

1. PURPOSE

This circular is to invite municipal officials to attend training sessions on Annual Budgets and In-Year Monitoring as an endeavour to strengthen financial management capacity at municipalities within the Western Cape.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In terms of section 5(3) of the Municipal Finance Management Act (Act 56 of 2003), the Provincial Treasury is mandated to assist, guide, monitor and enforce compliance to the said Act. Furthermore, Provincial Treasury forms part of the Provincial Strategic Goal 5 initiative as part of the Provincial Strategic Plan (2014 to 2019) and specific focus of this initiative is to strengthen the capacity of municipalities.
- 2.2 In relation to the above, the Provincial Treasury: Directorate Local Government Public Finance is mandated to provide support and training to the municipalities in the Western Cape, as an endeavour to build financial management capacity at the municipalities within the Western Cape Province.
- 2.3 The training sessions will provide practical training to municipal officials as part of Provincial Treasury's goal to achieve "Credible budgets within municipalities and municipal entities". This would require the Municipal Managers and Municipal Chief Financial Officers to avail at least one or a maximum of two officials to attend the above-mentioned sessions. It should be noted that municipalities wishing to nominate two officials, should do so as early as possible due to limitation on the number of seats available.
- 2.4 In an attempt to foster the necessary skills, the goal of this project is to achieve the following objectives:
 - To train officials within municipalities of the Western Cape to properly comprehend, compute, interpret, offer opinions and manage municipal budgets.
 - To develop and implement training in comprehensive local government budget implementation, including in-year monitoring.
 - To share with the municipalities, the game changers as resolved by the Technical Finance committee and related reforms.
- 2.5 The target group for these training sessions has been identified as municipal officials in the Budget and Treasury Office, specifically those that perform the completion, review and submission of budget documents and in-year reports. Training will be rolled out over 3 days from **25 to 27 September 2018** in the Cape Winelands District.
- 2.6 It should be further noted that there will be two training sessions for the 2018/19 financial year and will be differentiated in terms of complexity as per the outcomes of the focus group conducted in July 2018. The upcoming training session from the 25 27 September 2018 will be technical of nature.
- 2.7 The second training session from **3 5 December 2018** will be more advanced and will focus on beyond compliance and more of a strategic nature and will go into more depth which include long term financial planning, policy analysis, alignment between planning and budgeting, balance sheet budgeting, reporting and interpreting financial and non-financial information and costing of services.

3. LOGISTICS

- 3.1 The details of the upcoming workshop are as follows:
 - Date : 25, 26 and 27 September 2018 (Tuesday Thursday) Venue : De Salze Lodge Kleine Zalze Estate, R44 (Strand Road) Techno Park Turn-off Stellenbosch 7600 Time : 08:00 - 16:00 (daily)
- 3.2 Each attendee is required to bring his/her own laptop to participate in the practical session.
- 3.3 The training costs are funded by the Provincial Treasury and do not include the travel and accommodation costs of delegates. Hence, each attendee is required to co-ordinate their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1 The School of Public Leadership of Stellenbosch University will be making use of online registrations.
- 4.2 Once the municipality has nominated officials to attend the training, further details and guidance will be provided to each nominee to register on line.

5. CONFIRMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

Confirmation of attendance should reach the Secretariat at the Provincial Treasury by no later than **18 September 2018**. Please direct your communication to:

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<u>Kindly note that</u> the transversal training support initiative by WC Provincial Treasury is designed to continue to capacitate, skill and empower public officials towards enhanced, effective, efficient and responsive Local Government and thus we encourage municipalities to take up this opportunity.

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

MR HC MALILA DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: FISCAL AND ECONOMIC SERVICES DATE: 10 September 2018