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ANNUAL BUDGET AND IN-YEAR MONITORING WORKSHOP: 3, 4 AND 5 DECEMBER 2018

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 senior 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 It should be noted that the upcoming training session is not the same as the first one in September 2018 which were more technically focused and will have a more strategic thrust that will include content relating to long term financial planning, critical policy analysis, mSCOA balance sheet budgeting and costing of services.
- 2.5 In an attempt to foster the necessary skills, the goal of this project is to achieve the following objectives:
 - To train and have robust discussions with senior finance officials of the municipalities in the Western Cape in order to deliberate and educate on budget related topics and offer best practices that can assist municipalities with the formulation and the management of municipal budgets.
 - To develop and implement training on long-term financial planning, tariff modelling, critical policy review and the effects thereof.
 - To share with the municipalities, the game changers as resolved by the Technical Finance Committee and related reforms, in particular the effects of mSCOA.
 - Interpreting and applying budget ratio analysis.

3. TARGET AUDIENCE

The target audience for this training session has been identified as senior municipal officials in the Budget and Treasury office as the training session intends to address strategic Budget and more complex reporting matters. Training will be rolled out over 3 days from **3 to 5 December 2018** in the Garden Route District.

4. LOGISTICS

4.1 The details of the upcoming workshop are as follows:

Date: 3, 4 and 5 December 2018 (Monday - Wednesday)

Venue: Pine Lodge Resort

Corner of Knysna Road and Madiba Drive

George East

6530

Time: 08:00 – 16:00 (daily)

- 4.2 Each attendee is required to bring his/her own laptop to participate in the practical session.
- 4.3 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.

5. REGISTRATION

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

6. CONFIRMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

Confirmation of attendance should reach the Secretariat at the Provincial Treasury by no later than **Friday, 23 November 2018**. Please direct your communication to:

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Kindly note that 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 H MALILA

DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: FISCAL AND ECONOMIC SERVICES

DATE: 2 November 2018