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CASH FLOW AND BALANCE SHEET BUDGETING TRAINING: 13 TO 14 MAY 2021 (MS TEAMS)

PURPOSE

1. This circular is to invite municipal officials to attend a MS Teams virtual training covering the Cash Flow and Balance Sheet Budgeting as per the mSCOA requirements. The training is aimed at improving the credibility of mSCOA reporting in municipalities within the Western Cape and also serves as a capacity building initiative for Municipalities.

BACKGROUND

- The National Treasury has incrementally introduced many pieces of legislation since the 2003, starting with the Municipal Financial Management Act. No 56 of 2003 (MFMA) which gives Provincial Treasury (PT) to monitor and support municipalities to comply with the MFMA thereby promoting sound and sustainable financial management.
- 3. To date a number of reforms, initiatives and various support were undertaken in ensuring that Municipalities have a sound and sustainable financial management practices in place as well as establishing norms and standards for credible uniform reporting.
- 4. Given the above, the Minister of Finance promulgated Government Gazette No. 37577, Municipal Regulations on Standard Chart of Accounts (mSCOA), on 22 April 2014, that seek to regulate the reporting requirements at a transactional level for all municipalities and municipal entities effectively from 01 July 2017.
- 5. Western Cape Provincial Treasury noted numerous challenges on the compliance with cash flow and balance sheet budgeting from the majority of the Municipalities in different degrees.
- 6. It has therefore become a necessity for WCPT to provide training for cash flow and balance sheet budgeting to municipal officials who are in the Budget and Treasury Office and directly involved with the completion, review and submission of budget documents and in-year reports.
- 7. Training will be rolled out over 2 days on **13-14 May 2021 via Ms Teams**. The training is free of charge and each Municipality is allowed to send one (1) to a maximum of two (2) delegates.
- 8. The training will be facilitated by an external expert in the field that were sourced by WCPT.

KEY DELIVERABLES/OUTCOMES

- 9. The following are a summary of the training outcomes:
 - To ensure Municipalities implement balance sheet budgeting and movement accounting to ensure that the cash flow for the 2021/2022 MTREF is populated correctly.
 - To ensure that Municipalities cash flow linkages to the regulated schedules, the Local Government Database and the municipal financial systems are aligned for the 2021/22 MTREF.
 - Ensure that the changes to mSCOA chart version 6.5 are utilised when preparing the 2021/22 MTREF.
 - To improve the implementation of the mSCOA regulations with special reference to mSCOA circular 10 and 11.
 - Ensure deeper unpacking of the regulatory and technical principles of cash flow and balance sheet budgeting in Municipalities.

- Key concepts in understanding the mSCOA latest version chart with the latest changes from the previous version.
- Using the system to undertake balance sheet and cash flow budget transactions
- Summative assessment written by all delegates

CONCLUSION

10. We advise that the content of this circular be brought to the attention of the officials within the Budget and Treasury Office of municipalities. It is envisaged that this initiative will assist municipalities towards the preparation and finalisation of the 2021/22 MTREF budget particularly the data strings challenges at a transactional level.

CONFIRMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

- 11. Confirmation of attendance or apologies should reach Provincial Treasury by no later than **Friday, 7 May 2021**.
- 12. Please direct your communication to:
 - Attention : Ms Bulelwa Zweni
 - Email : <u>Bulelwa.Zweni@westerncape.gov.za</u>

AND/OR

- Attention : Mr S Jantjies
- Email : <u>Stephan.Jantjies@westerncape.gov.za</u>

Your co-operation in this regard will be appreciated.

MR C MAPEYI DIRECTOR: LOCAL GOVERNMENT PUBLIC FINANCE (GROUP 1) DATE: 4 May 2021