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MUNICIPAL BUDGET CIRCULAR FOR THE 2022/23 MTREF AND ASSOCIATED 2022 STRATEGIC INTEGRATED MUNICIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

1. INTRODUCTION

This Circular is a follow-up to the Provincial Treasury (PT) Circular 01/2022 issued on 24 January 2022 and should be read in conjunction with National Treasury (NT) MFMA Circulars No. 112 and No. 115 issued on 06 December 2021 and 04 March 2022 respectively.

The purpose of this circular is to:

- provide guidance to municipalities with the finalisation of the 2022/23 Medium Term Revenue and Expenditure Framework (MTREF) Budgets and accompanied budget documentation, and
- brief municipalities on the 2022 Strategic Integrated Municipal Engagements (SIME) process and related matters.

2. LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

The Western Cape Provincial Government (WCG) has institutionalised the Strategic Integrated Municipal Engagements (SIME; previously referred to as LGMTEC) process in fulfilment of its obligations under:

- Sections 5, 22 and 23 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA), Act No. 56 of 2003;
- Chapter 5 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act (Act No. 32 of 2000) [MSA];
- Chapter 3 of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA); and
- Chapter 4 of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act (Act No. 16 of 2013) (SPLUMA).

The 2022 SIME process will give effect to the "Integrated Work Plan" adopted in 2017. It builds on the 2021 integrated municipal and provincial processes to strengthen alignment between municipal and provincial planning and budgeting and drives the theme of "Integrated service delivery", specifically as municipalities are preparing for the new Integrated Development Planning Cycle.

3. FISCAL AND ECONOMIC CONTEXT

3.1 2022 National Budget

The key highlights of the 2022 National Budget are summarised below.

- The world economy is expected to grow by 4.4 per cent in 2022 which is slightly lower than the 4.9 per cent that was anticipated when tabling the Medium-term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS). The Omicron variant of the coronavirus caused many countries to impose restrictions to manage its spread. In addition, continued imbalances in global supply chains, global geopolitical risk (particularly the Russian invasion of Ukraine) and reduced fiscal and monetary policy support have limited the pace of the world's economic recovery.
- The South African economy has not been shielded from these global developments; hence real GDP growth is estimated at 4.9 per cent in 2021, bouncing back from a 6.4 per cent contraction in 2020 and is projected to be followed by growth averaging 1.9 per cent over the next two years. The Western Cape GDP is expected to follow the national trajectory, expanding by 4.3 per cent in 2021, by 2.0 per cent in 2022 and by 1.9 per cent in 2023. This outlook partly reflects a slowing recovery. A more rapid implementation of economic reforms, complemented by fiscal consolidation, will ease investor concerns and support faster recovery and higher levels of economic growth over the long term. Significant risks to the economic outlook include new COVID-19 variants leading to new waves of infections, continued interruptions in power supply, rising inflation resultant from supply chain disruptions and increasing energy prices, fiscal risks as well as global economic uncertainty.
- Headline inflation is expected to remain between the 3 - 6 per cent target range over the 2022/23 MTEF as seen in the CPI inflation projections below. Although prime lending rates are increasing ,borrowing conditions remain favourable. Lending rates are however expected to increase in the short-term.

Table 1: CPI Performance and Projections, 2020-2025¹

Fiscal year	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
	Actual	Estimate	Forecast		
CPI Inflation	2.9%	4.5%	4.8%	4.4%	4.5%

Source: National Treasury, 2022

- A consolidated budget deficit of 6 per cent of GDP is projected for 2022/23, narrowing to 4.2 per cent of GDP in 2024/25. Gross debt is projected to stabilise at 75.1 per cent of GDP in 2024/25. Gross tax revenue for 2021/22 is expected to be R181.9 billion higher than projections in the 2021 budget. Government will continue to focus on broadening the tax base, improving administration and lowering taxes.
- Government's medium-term spending plans include an allocation of R3.3 trillion for the social wage, and R18.4 billion to support youth employment and the creation of short-term jobs in 2022/23 and 2023/24. Additional allocations since the 2021 MTBPS support policy priorities in higher education, teacher retention in basic education, health budgets for new hires and the continued response to COVID-19. Debt-service costs account for 15.1 per cent of total spending and grow faster than all functions, including learning and culture and health.

¹ Updated from the 2021 National Medium Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS). The Provincial Government inflation assumptions are based on the 2021 MTBPS projections.

- Over the 2022 MTEF period, after budgeting for debt-service costs, the contingency reserve and provisional allocations, 48.8 per cent of nationally raised funds are allocated to national government, 41.4 per cent to provinces and 9.8 per cent to local government.

The 2022 National Budget documentation is available at: <http://www.treasury.gov.za/documents/National%20Budget/2022/>

3.2 2022 Western Cape Provincial Budget

On Monday, 14 March 2022, the Western Cape Minister for Finance and Economic Opportunities, Mr. David Maynier, tabled the 2022 Western Cape Budget in the provincial legislature. The 2022 Budget focuses on implementing the Western Cape Recovery Plan priorities namely, Jobs, Safety, and Wellbeing, while maintaining a response to COVID-19. The budget policy priorities will support economic growth and job creation; strengthen law enforcement and social protection; and ensure human dignity by protecting human rights and supporting mental wellbeing.

The 2022 Budget is informed by the WCG's Fiscal Strategy which is based on four key fiscal decision-making principles, namely, *Protect basic services outcomes; Unlock allocative efficiency; Enhance productive efficiency; and Enable long-run fiscal sustainability.*

The 2022 Budget, named, "**A Budget to Push Forward**" will over the medium term spend R19.6 billion on "Jobs"; R4.4 billion on "Safety"; R111.3 billion on "Wellbeing"; and R30.3 billion over the medium term on infrastructure in the Western Cape.

The 2022 MTEF budget will over the medium term also allocate an additional R6.2 billion to education; R2.4 billion to healthcare; R136 million to social development; and R2.6 billion on infrastructure in the Western Cape.

These budgetary allocations support the WCGs fiscal principles and ensures that the WCG continues to –

- sustain the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, including the successful rollout of the vaccination programme;
- support the recovery plan priorities of Jobs, Safety and Wellbeing;
- protect frontline services, including education, health and social development;
- rebalance the composition of expenditure by increasing spending on infrastructure;
- supports effective local governance;
- significantly improves the efficiency of expenditure by driving value for money in procurement;
- mitigate risks including drought, fire and flooding; and
- ensure long-term fiscal sustainability replenishing provincial reserves.

The 2022/23 Budget will spend R76.8 billion across the five districts and the metro in the Western Cape as follows: R8.7 billion in the Cape Winelands District; R3.8 billion in the West Coast District; R6.4 billion in the Garden Route District; R2.8 billion in the Overberg District; R989 million in the Central Karoo District; and R54.2 billion in the City of Cape Town.

To further support municipalities to drive economic growth, a new Municipal Ease of Doing Business Fund will be launched, which will allocate R10 million to projects which reduces red tape in municipalities in the Western Cape.

The budget also allocates an additional R30 million over the medium term to strengthen forensic investigation capability, and legal services capability, in the municipal space in order to support clean governance.

These priority objectives are as relevant to the local government space as it is to the Western Cape as a whole and has informed the formulation of the 2022 SIME theme i.e., Enabling Sustainability and Growth. Municipalities are urged to familiarise themselves with the fiscal strategy underlining the 2022 WCG MTEF Budget and to take cognisance of the Provincial expenditure allocations (including infrastructure investments) within the respective municipal areas. The allocations to be made per school and per hospital in the province, as well as those by Casidra and CapeNature, will be finalised and published in April 2022. The 2022 Main Budget documentation can be found here:

<https://www.westerncape.gov.za/provincial-treasury/news/western-cape-budget-202223>

4. NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL BUDGET GUIDELINES

Municipalities are advised to consult MFMA Circulars No. 112 (2021) and No. 115 (2022) as well as the Provincial Treasury Circular No. 1/2022 (24 January 2022) for guidance in respect of planning and budgeting towards the 2022 MTREF.

Municipalities MUST include the National and Provincial Treasury 2022 Budget Circulars as part of the source documents consulted in the preparation of the 2022 MTREF Budget documents and table it as part of the budget documentation in the municipal council.

The NT and PT circulars provide guidance to municipalities on revenue, expenditure and accounting related matters for consideration when compiling their 2022/23 MTREF budgets. Although municipalities must thoroughly scrutinise these circulars in their own time, PT wishes to highlight the following key consideration:

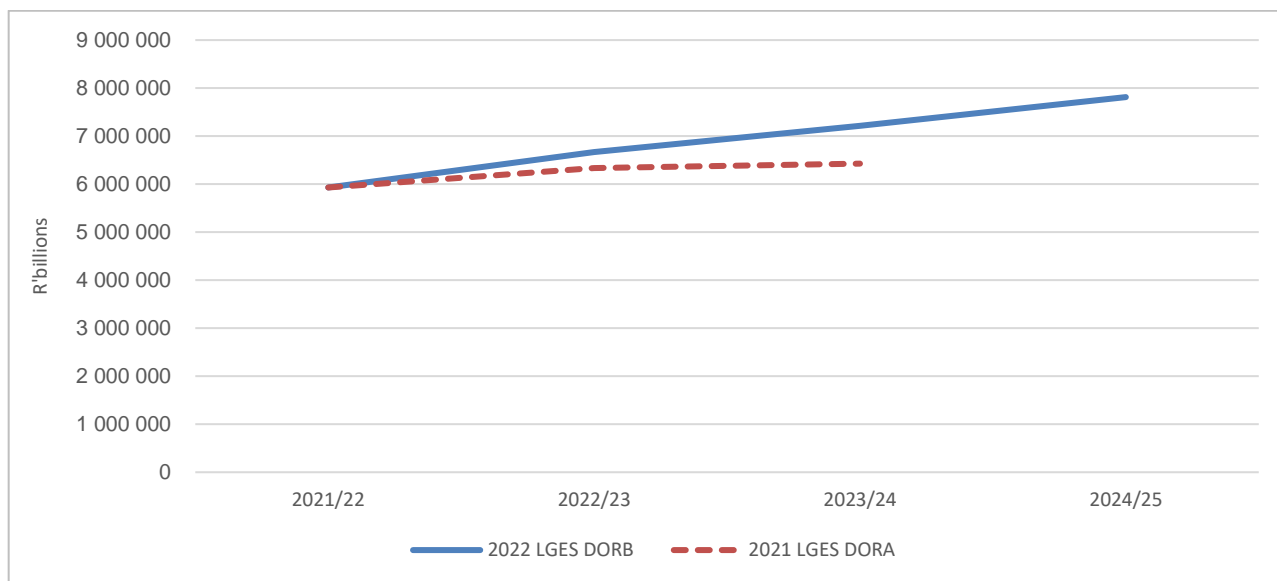
4.1 Direct Transfers to Local Government

The Division of Revenue Bill (DORB) was published on 23 February 2022, following the tabling of the 2022 National Budget in Parliament. The Bill specifies all local government transfers and municipalities must reconcile their budgets to the numbers published therein. Note that in terms of the outer year allocations (2023/24 and 2024/25) it is proposed that municipalities conservatively limit funding allocations to the indicative numbers as presented in the 2022 Division of Revenue Bill. All the budget documentation can be accessed from the National Treasury website at the following link:

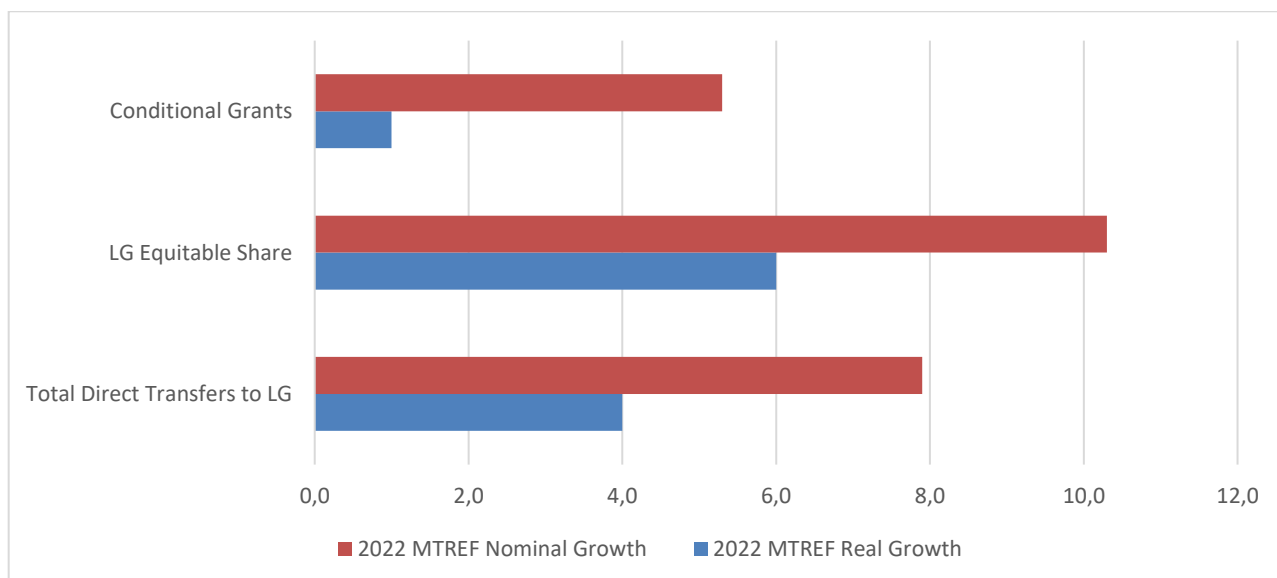
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According to the DORB, direct transfers to municipalities will grow at an annual average rate of 7.9 per cent over the 2022 MTREF; direct conditional grants at 5.3 per cent, while the local government equitable share (LGES) will grow at 10.3 per cent on average per annum over this period. These growth rates are all above the inflationary estimates provided above.

Graph 1: Equitable Share Estimates, 2021 DORA vs 2022 DORB



Graph 2: Nominal vs Real LGES Growth across the 2022 MTEF



Source: Financial and Fiscal Commission; National Treasury, 2022

The two graphs above illustrate the impact of the significant additions to the equitable share over the MTEF. Graph 1 compares projected allocations in the 2021 DoRA with the new allocations in the 2022 DoRA. Graph 2 provides a comparison of average annual LGES growth rates in real and nominal terms for the 2022 MTREF allocations. When adjusted for inflation, the overall allocations to local government (equitable share, direct grants as well as fuel levels) show strong positive growth. This will help municipalities to offset the ever-increasing cost of basic services. The higher than inflation growth of allocations in the local government equitable share ensures that it fully compensates for the annual data updates made to account for projected household growth, inflation and estimated increases in bulk water and electricity costs over the 2022 MTREF. Growth in conditional grant allocations has been more modest.

An amount of R28.9 billion has been added to the LGES allocation over the MTREF to increase coverage for the provision of free basic services. Municipal budgets should demonstrate how the additional funds they have been allocated are being used to sustain and/or expand the provision of basic services to poor households. Municipalities are advised to prioritise ensuring that the full cost of providing free basic services to existing indigent households are fully covered before providing for expanded services.

Municipalities must be mindful that the Equitable Share is primarily meant to fund basic municipal services to indigents. Municipalities must ensure that monies are used for the purpose they were allocated for.

4.2 Salary and Wage Considerations

In line with the 2021 Multi-year Salary and Wage Collective Agreement for the 2022/23 financial year, and as instructed by the South African Local Government Bargaining Council Circular 1 of 2022 (9 March 2022), salary and wage increases shall, as of 1 July 2022, be as follows:

- In terms of Clauses 6.4 and 6.5, the salary and wage increase shall be 4.9 per cent.
- In terms of clause 7.2, the minimum wage shall increase to R9 043.21.
- In terms of clause 9.1.2, the flat rate homeowners' allowance shall increase to R1 011.77.
- In terms of clause 10.1.2, the medical aid maximum employer contribution shall increase to R5 007.00.
- In terms of clause 11.1, all benefits linked to salary shall increase by 4.9 per cent.

Municipalities that cannot afford to implement the above, may in terms of Clause 15 of the Agreement, apply for exemption. Municipalities that want to apply for exemption are requested to inform SALGA of such a decision as soon as possible, but not later than 31 May 2022.

4.3 Eskom Bulk Tariff Increases

The National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) is responsible for price determination of the bulk costs for electricity. Bulk electricity costs are consistently much higher than inflation, having gone as high as 17.8 per cent in the 2021/22 municipal financial year. Eskom's need for increased funding means that over the period ahead they have in their Multi-Year Price Determination (MYPD 5) applied for much higher tariff increases of 20.5 per cent in 2022/23, 15 per cent in 2023/24 and 10 per cent in 2024/25. NERSA has, after deliberation, approved a 9.61 per cent tariff increase for Eskom starting from April 2022 and includes the 2022/23 tariff approval of 3.49 per cent.

NERSA's "Municipal Tariff Guidelines Increases, Benchmarks and Proposed Timelines for Municipal Tariff Approval Process for the 2021/22 financial year" publication should be consulted before the tabling of the budgets. This guideline will include the maximum increase for tariffs for municipal consumers. Municipalities that table their budgets before the NERSA Guideline is published are advised to base their electricity tariff increases in their tabled budgets on the 9.6 per cent increase published for Eskom customers for the 2022/23 national financial year. Municipalities can then update with the corrected tariff for the 2022/23 municipal financial year as published in the NERSA Guideline when they finalise their budgets for adoption.

4.4 Unauthorised, Irregular, Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure

Municipalities are reminded to develop council approved Unauthorised, Irregular, Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure (UIF&W) reduction plans as advocated for by MFMA Circular No.111 of November 2021. These reduction plans must align to the targets outlined in the 2019 – 2024 Medium Term Strategic Framework (MTSF). Progress reporting against these plans must be institutionalised as part of the monthly section 71 process to enable effective monitoring and oversight by National and Provincial Treasury, in addition to the reporting to the MEC for Local Government that is already required.

4.5 Unspent conditional grant funds for 2021/22

Municipalities must familiarise themselves with the provisions of Section 21 of the Division of Revenue Act, 2021 (Act No.9 of 2021) (DoRA), read in conjunction with the Division of Revenue Amendment Act, 2021 (Act No. 17 of 2021) (DoRAA), which outlines the process to be followed in dealing with unspent conditional grant funding for 2021/22.

Noteworthy action steps and deadlines are briefly as follows:

- Roll-over applications must be submitted to NT by no later than 31 August 2022.
- Outcomes of the roll-over application process will be communicated to municipalities by 21 October 2022.
- Specific unspent grant amounts will be communicated by 8 November 2022 whereafter municipalities will have until 18 November 2022 to return the funds in question to the National Revenue Fund (NRF).
- Any unspent conditional grant funds that should have, but are not repaid to the NRF by 18 November 2021, and for which a municipality has not requested a repayment arrangement, will be offset against the municipality's equitable share allocation transfer on 07 December 2022.

When requesting a rollover in terms of section 21(2) of the 2021 DoRA, municipalities must include the information as outlined in section 8.1 of the MFMA Budget Circular 115 with their submission to NT.

Provincial Treasury will shortly issue a circular to guide municipalities in terms of unspent provincial grant allocations for 2021/22 and the roll-over process that should be followed.

4.6 Provincial Conditional Grant Allocations

Total departmental transfers to local government in the Western Cape will in 2022/23 amount to R2.591 billion which equates to a 20.7 per cent decrease from R3.266 billion in 2021/22 (revised estimates). Looking forward, transfers will decrease towards 2023/24 (-0.04 per cent) and 2024/25 (-6.3 per cent). The decline is because of significant amounts being retained by the Department of Human Settlements across the MTREF.

The structure of provincial grants to municipalities remains largely the same as it has been in previous years. Municipalities were briefed on proposed changes to grants in a CFO Forum Technical Engagement workshop on 21 February 2022.

Two of the grants previously transferred by Provincial Treasury have been merged into a consolidated new Western Cape Financial Management Capability Grant. Details of this and all other conditional grants were published in Provincial Gazette 8566 (14 March 2022) and can be accessed at:

<https://www.westerncape.gov.za/provincial-treasury/news/western-cape-budget-202223>).

Municipalities must ensure that the provincial transfer receipts detailed in their budgets, align to the Provincial Gazette.

4.7 Municipal Standard Chart of Accounts

The 2022 MTREF budgets must be compiled making use of Version 6.6.1 of the mSCOA Chart, which will come into effect on 01 July 2022.

Municipalities must take note of the technical changes to the new version of the chart and follow the guiding recommendations made by NT (within MFMA Circular 115) insofar the successful completion of the budget is concerned.

Municipalities are reminded to complete the D-Forms required by NERSA. National Treasury is currently looking into how the mSCOA data strings can be used to populate the NERSA reports and will provide guidance in this regard during 2022.

To ensure that credible data strings are submitted to the GoMuni Upload portal, additional validation rules are being introduced in the 2022/23 MTREF. The credibility and accuracy of the data strings must be verified by municipalities before submission on the GoMuni Upload. The additional rules are outlined in NT MFMA Circular 115.

A web-based eLearning course on mSCOA will be available on the National School of Government (NSG) website from April 2022. This is a self-paced course aimed at all government and municipal officials, especially new employees and interns to on-board them on mSCOA. The course covers fundamentals of mSCOA, system and reporting requirements and budgeting and transacting on the mSCOA chart. Municipalities are reminded to budget for the course in their 2022/23 MTREF budgets.

5. OTHER MATTERS

5.1 Performance Reporting Obligations: Implementation of MFMA Circular 88 (2017) for the 2022/23 municipal financial year

Municipalities are once again reminded to familiarise themselves with MFMA Circular No. 88 of 2017, its accompanying annexures and subsequent addendums which provide guidance to municipalities on the adoption and internalisation of a common set of performance indicators. Experience since the 2018/19 implementation of the original circular has shown that the on-going planning, budgeting and reporting reforms process is complex and requires sufficient time and change management for incremental roll-out, growth and institutionalisation.

Addendum 2 (released in December 2020) introduced a significant shift in the reforms in four respects: 1) it more closely integrates and guides planning, budgeting and reporting reforms; 2) it significantly expands and revises the set of MFMA Circular No. 88 indicators applicable to metropolitan municipalities; 3) it expands the application of the reforms and the indicators to differential categories of municipalities and levels of readiness, for application in 2021/22 MTREF cycle going forward; and 4) it introduces evaluations in the context of these reforms.

For immediate implementation purposes, municipalities should be able to identify the indicators in Appendix A to Addendum 2 that are listed as Tier 1 or Tier 2 for their category of municipality and start establishing baselines for those measurements (if they are not already being tracked). Understanding the standard definitions will require engaging with the technical indicator descriptions (TID) in Appendix B to Addendum 2. Municipalities should be able to navigate Appendix A without any further guidance to understand what is going to apply to them for the 2022/23

financial year and be able to refer to Appendix B to get the detail on the standard formulation of each indicator.

Importantly, please note that intermediate cities, districts and local municipalities will still not yet for 2022/23 be required to incorporate these indicators in their IDPs and SDBIPs. Instead, the relevant indicators should be included as an annexure to the IDP and SDBIP. Although the indicators do not formally have to be included in the IDP/SDBIP, municipalities will be required to report on performance against said indicators on a quarterly and annual basis. Municipalities are therefore advised to put in place the necessary standard operating procedures and portfolios of evidence to ensure timeous reporting throughout 2022/23 to ultimately strengthen the link between planning, budgeting and reporting. Please do note that the roll-out process currently remains a pilot project. Reporting against these indicators will as such not be audited for 2022/23.

6. 2022/23 STRATEGIC INTEGRATED MUNICIPAL ENGAGEMENTS (SIME) PROCESS

6.1 Municipal Budget Day

According to sections 16(2) and 17(3)(d) of the MFMA, the Mayor of a municipality must table the annual budget at a council meeting at least 90 days (i.e. by 31 March 2022) before the start of the budget year.

It is important to note that there is no explicit requirement for council to endorse or approve the tabled budget or draft IDP tabled by the mayor for public participation. The municipal council only has the legal authority to consider a tabled budget and draft IDP after the completion of one or more public participation processes undertaken pursuant to Section 22, read with section 23 of the MFMA. Council will only consider for approval "*the product of an inclusive budget preparation and consultative process*" when the proposed annual budget (as amended, if applicable) is tabled before council in terms of section 24(1) of the MFMA.

Given that the preparation, consultation, adoption and implementation of a municipality's annual budget is inextricably linked to, and must be substantially aligned to and informed by the contents of that municipality's IDP, it would be procedurally flawed for the mayor to proceed with the tabling of the proposed annual budget (and commence with public participation process required in terms of section 22 of the MFMA) at a time when the municipality's draft IDP has not been completed.

6.2 Consequence Management

If a municipality has failed to complete the relevant processes applicable for the review and revision of the annual budget and the compilation of an IDP in time for the deadline applicable to the tabling of the proposed annual budget (i.e. 31 March), the mayor must submit an application for an extension of the said deadline. As per section 27 of the MFMA, the mayor of a municipality must, upon becoming aware of any impending non-compliance by the municipality of any provisions of the Act or any other legislation pertaining to the tabling or approval of the annual budget or compulsory consultation processes, inform the MEC for Finance in the province in writing of any impending non-compliance.

If the impending non-compliance pertains to a time provision, except section 16(1) of the MFMA, the mayor may apply to the MEC for Finance for an extension, which must be in accordance with Schedule G of the Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations (MBRR). In addition to the requirement to inform the MEC of impending non-compliance with the MFMA, mayors and accounting officers are requested to inform PT should they have reasons to believe that their municipality's budget might not be tabled/approved timeously due to dynamics in council. This will

enable PT to engage with municipal officials to prepare for any possible action (including in terms of 139(4) of the Constitution) that may be required if a budget is not adopted.

In the event of actual non-compliance by a municipality with time provisions concerning the annual budget, the mayor must inform council, the MEC for Finance and NT, in writing, of such non-compliance and any remedial action or corrective measures the municipality intends to implement. Such a notification must be done in accordance with section 63 and Schedule G of the MBRR.

Municipalities are cautioned that any delay to table the budget in terms of section 16(2) of the MFMA could compromise the ability to approve the budget before the start of the financial year as required by section 16(1) of the MFMA. Failure to approve the budget before the start of the financial year will automatically invoke the provisions of sections 25(1) and 55 of the MFMA. Should a municipality not approve the budget by the start of the new financial year, the provincial executive MUST intervene in terms of section 139(4) of the Constitution by taking any appropriate steps to ensure that the budget or revenue-raising measures are approved. These steps include, but are not limited to, dissolving council and appointing an administrator and approving a temporary budget or revenue raising measures to provide for the continued functioning of the municipality.

Municipalities are kindly requested to communicate any changes to the confirmed tabling dates (as it appears in **Appendix A**) to PT via Tania.Bosser@westerncape.gov.za by **23 March 2022**.

6.3 Submitting budget documentation and schedules for 2022/23 MTREF

Section 22 (b)(i) of the MFMA requires that, immediately after an annual budget is tabled in municipal council, it must be submitted to NT and the relevant provincial treasury. If the annual budget is tabled in council on 31 March 2022, the **final date of submission of the electronic budget documents and corresponding mSCOA data strings is Friday, 01 April 2022**.

Section 24(3) of the MFMA, read together with regulation 20(1) of the MBRR, requires that the approved annual budget must be submitted to both National Treasury and the relevant provincial treasury within ten working days after the council has approved the annual budget. However, given that municipalities are generating the annual budgets directly from the financial system as required by the mSCOA Regulations and that the budgets must be verified before it is locked on the financial system and transacted against, municipalities must submit the approved budget to NT and the relevant provincial treasury in electronic formats **immediately** after approval by the municipal council. Therefore, if the annual budget is tabled to council **on 31 May 2022**, the final date of submission of the electronic budget documents and corresponding mSCOA data strings is **Wednesday, 01 June 2022**.

The accompanying document submission checklist (**see Appendix B**) provides a list of the documentation required by Provincial Government. Electronic budget related documents must be provided in PDF format. The designated municipal official needs to complete and sign the accompanying checklist (**Appendix B**) as confirmation that the set of budget, IDP and related documents have been submitted.

Municipalities should note that NT will no longer accept submissions by email, NT will now only accept uploads via the GoMuni portal. The development work on the GoMuni Upload portal has been concluded and municipalities must submit all documents required for the 2022/23 MTREF in terms of legislation, as per the guidance provided in MFMA Circular No 112 (2021), via the **GoMuni Upload Portal**. The upload portal can be accessed on <https://lguploadportal.treasury.gov.za> from 01 April 2022. All municipal officials that currently have access to the LG Upload portal will be granted access to the GoMuni Upload portal. New users will have to complete and submit a *Request for Access* to

lgdataqueries@treasury.gov.za. The request form will be available on the GoMuni login page under *New Registrations*.

Municipalities must also submit electronic documents to **Provincial Treasury** to: MFMA.MFMA@westerncape.gov.za or if too large (exceeds 3 MB), must be submitted via One Drive. Instructions for uploading the budget and related documents via **One Drive** are provided in **Appendix C**. Provincial Treasury will engage further with NT and municipalities to establish whether in future it is feasible for documentation to only be uploaded to the GoMuni portal. At present, municipalities are still required to separately submit all documentation to PT (as required in the MFMA).

If municipalities require advice with the compilation of their respective budgets, they should direct their enquiries to the following WC Provincial Treasury officials:

Directorate	Official	Tel. No.	Email
MFMA Co-Ordination	Steven Kenyon	021 483 0811	Steven.kenyon@westerncape.gov.za
Public Finance	Isaac Tsie	021 483 6241	Isaac.Tsie@westerncap.gov.za
	Thobelani Ntshingila	021 483 6100	Thobelani.Ntshingila@westerncape.gov.za
Budget Office	Malcolm Booysen	021 483 3386	Malcolm.Booyesen@westerncape.gov.za
	Dian Cronje	021 483 0390	Dian.Cronje@westerncape.gov.za
Fiscal Policy	Shafeeqa Davids	021 483 9192	Shafeeqa.Davids@westerncape.gov.za
Accounting	Faez Salie	021 483 4252	Faez.Salie@westerncape.gov.za

Municipalities may also contact the following officials at NT for assistance.

Responsible Area	Official	Tel. No.	Email
Western Cape	Willem Voigt	012 315 5830	WillemCordes.Voigt@treasury.gov.za
Cape Town	Kgomotso Baloyi	012 315 5866	Kgomotso.Baloyi@treasury.gov.za
George	Mandla Gilimani	012 315 5807	Mandla.Gilimani@treasury.gov.za
Technical issues with Excel formats	Sephiri Tlhomeli	012 406 9064	lgdataqueries@treasury.gov.za

6.4 Publication of budgets on municipal website

In terms of section 75 of the MFMA, all municipalities are required to publish their tabled budgets, adopted budgets, annual reports (containing audited annual financial statements) and other relevant information on the Municipality's website. This will aid in promoting public accountability and good governance.

6.5 Strategic Integrated Municipal Engagement (SIME) Process

Integrated planning and budgeting focusses on strengthening the alignment of planning and budgeting in the Province, and places particular emphasis on enhancing the provincial and local government interface. The SIME engagements, which takes place in May 2022, precedes the approval and implementation of municipal budgets. The engagements afford the WCG the opportunity to provide feedback on its assessment of the municipal planning and budgeting efforts for the upcoming financial year and for the 2022 MTREF.

The assessments are based on compliance and performance information obtained from the Western Cape Monitoring and Evaluation System (WCMES) as well as an assessment on conformance, responsiveness, credibility, and sustainability of the municipality's draft budget, IDP, SDF and supporting plans. It is therefore important that all Municipalities timeously submit all the required information. The assessment of the tabled IDPs will be undertaken by the Department of Local Government, in close contact with all relevant sector departments in the Province impacting on municipalities, to ensure alignment between the IDPs and all the Provincial strategic priorities and plans.

The SIME engagements will primarily focus on strategic issues emanating from municipalities' draft IDPs and tabled annual budgets to gear municipalities for sustainable growth and development.

The overall objectives of the 2022/23 SIME process and the key messages therefore emphasises:

- Aligning strategic intent as encapsulated within the Integrated Development Plans (IDP) and municipal budgets to create public value based on the community needs/priorities identified through the public participation processes;
- Safeguarding of municipal sustainability by ensuring that municipalities table funded budgets and the strengthening of municipal financial management;
- Ensure optimal and targeted service delivery through strategic spatial planning and alignment;
- Deepening of an integrated approach to service delivery with the intention of creating synergies through the consolidation/concentration of resources across all spheres of government;
- Identification of areas that require support as well as opportunities for collaboration and partnerships.

The 2022 SIME engagements are planned to be in person, with a hybrid approach where officials can also join in via Microsoft Teams where such facilities can be accommodated by the municipality. Confirmation of the arrangements will be confirmed individually with each municipality.

- The SIME engagements are provisionally scheduled to take place from 3 May 2022 to 18 May 2022, subject to confirmation from the municipalities. PT will communicate with each Municipality on an individual basis to confirm the date and time of the engagement.

7. CONCLUSION

Municipalities should consider and apply the contents of this budget circular in the 2022/23 planning and budgeting process.

Please direct any queries regarding this circular to Dian Cronje at:

Dian.Cronje@westerncape.gov.za.

DR R HAVEMANN

DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: FISCAL AND ECONOMIC SERVICES

DATE: 18 March 2022

CONFIRMED 2022 BUDGET TABLING DATES

Municipality	Confirmed date
City of Cape Town	Thursday, 31 March 2022
Matzikama	Tuesday, 29 March 2022
Cederberg	Thursday, 31 March 2022
Bergrivier	Tuesday, 29 March 2022
Saldanha Bay	Thursday, 31 March 2022
Swartland	Thursday, 31 March 2022
West Coast District Municipality	Friday, 25 March 2022
Witzenberg	Wednesday, 30 March 2022
Drakenstein	Wednesday, 30 March 2022
Stellenbosch	Wednesday, 30 March 2022
Breede Valley	Tuesday, 29 March 2022
Langeberg	Thursday, 31 March 2022
Cape Winelands District Municipality	Thursday, 24 March 2022
Theewaterskloof	Wednesday, 30 March 2022
Overstrand	Wednesday, 30 March 2022
Cape Agulhas	Tuesday, 29 March 2022
Swellendam	Thursday, 31 March 2022
Overberg District Municipality	Monday, 28 March 2022
Kannaland	Thursday, 31 March 2022
Hessequa	Friday, 18 March 2022
Mossel Bay	Thursday, 31 March 2022
George	Friday, 25 March 2022
Oudtshoorn	Thursday, 31 March 2022
Bitou	Thursday, 31 March 2022
Knysna	Wednesday, 30 March 2022
Garden Route District Municipality	Tuesday, 29 March 2022
Laingsburg	Wednesday, 30 March 2022
Prince Albert	Tuesday, 29 March 2022
Beaufort West	Thursday, 31 March 2022
Central Karoo District Municipality	Monday, 28 March 2022

DOCUMENT SUBMISSION CHECKLIST FOR THE 2022/23 TABLED INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN, BUDGET, AND RELATED DOCUMENTATION

MUNICIPALITY: _____

In completing and signing the Budget and IDP documentation checklist below, the municipality confirms that Schedule A1 **complies with the Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations (MBRR)** and that the main tables and the relevant supporting tables (as listed below) are in **version 6.6.1** of Schedule A1 and **drawn directly from the municipal financial system**.

The Integrated Development Plan as set out in Section 26, 32 and 34 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, No 32 of 2000 and Regulations (MSA) and Section 21 of the Local Government Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003 (MFMA).

The Spatial Development Framework, Disaster Management Framework and additional documents must be submitted as required in terms of budget circulars.

Budget Documentation	Yes	No	N/A
Council Resolution in terms of the Tabled Budget			
The Budget Documentation as set out in the MBRR. The Budget Document must include the main A1 Schedule Tables (A1-A10)			
The non-financial supporting tables A10, SA9, SA11, SA12, SA13, SA22, SA23, SA24 and any information not contained in the financial data string in <u>the A1 in the prescribed mSCOA data string in the format published with Version 6.6.1 of the A1 schedule</u>			
Draft Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan			
Procurement Plan			
Draft Service Level Standards			
Signed Quality Certificate as prescribed in the MBRR			
D Schedules specific for the entities (where applicable)			
Budget Related Policies			
Information on any amendments to budget related policies			
Suite of budget related policies			
IDP and Related Documentation			
Council Resolution in terms of the IDP			
Draft Integrated Development Plan			
If the predecessors IDP with amendments, the draft memorandum referred to in Regulation 3(2) of the Local Government: Municipal Planning and Performance Management Regulations of 2001			
If a District Municipality, the IDP District Framework according to Section 27 of the MSA			
Process Plan according to Section 28 of the MSA			
Spatial Development Framework			
<i>Council Resolution in terms of the adoption of the Spatial Development Framework</i>			
Applicable Disaster Management Plan			
<i>Council Resolution in terms of the adoption of the Disaster Management Plan</i>			

Budget Documentation	Yes	No	N/A
Integrated Waste Management Plan			
<i>Council Resolution in terms of the adoption of the Integrated Waste Management Plan</i>			
Air Quality Management Plan			
<i>Council Resolution in terms of the adoption of the Air Quality Management Plan</i>			
Coastal Management Plan <i>(Coastal Municipalities only)</i>			
<i>Council Resolution in terms of the adoption of the Coastal Management Plan</i>			
Biodiversity Management Plan <i>(if relevant)</i>			
Invasive Species Monitoring, Control and Eradication Plan			
Climate Change Strategy			
Human Settlement Plan			
Local Economic Development Strategy			
Water Services Development Plan			
Storm Water Master Plan			
Integrated Transport Plan			
Electricity Master Plan			
Infrastructure Growth Plan			
Workplace Skills Plan			

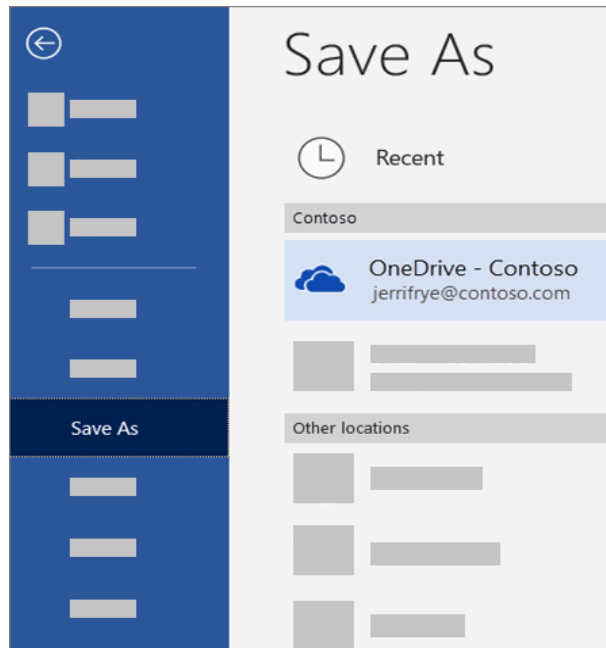
MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVE:**Designation:** _____**Name:** _____**Signature:** _____**Date:** _____

The following instructions provide a guide for the upload of budget documentation onto OneDrive.

● **How to upload documents to One drive:**

You can use this option if you have OneDrive linked to your Microsoft Office or Office 365

1. In any Office document, select File > Save As, choose your OneDrive, and then pick the folder where you want to save the file. Create a new folder (e.g. DC1 2022 Budget Documents) and place all the budget related documents within it.



2. To share the link to that folder, Go into OneDrive
3. Select the file that you want to share and right click on it
4. Choose "share"
5. Ensure that sharing is defaulted to "Anyone with the link can edit"
6. Enter the MFMA email address: MFMA.MFMA@westerncape.gov.za and email addresses of anyone else that you want to share the link with.
7. Click the Share Button

File names in following sequence for budget related documents to be submitted to MFMA:

- Demarcation code
- "ccyy" century and year (eg.2022)
- Name of document submitted (e.g. Draft Budget, Draft IDP, Draft SDBIP etc.)

E.g.: DC1 2022 Draft IDP

E.g.: DC1 2022 MTREF Main Budget

E.g.: DC1 2022 Draft SDBIP