

PREAMBLE

Since its inception, the Integrated Development Plan [IDP] has been a dynamic document that redressed and addressed our diversity and socio-economic imparities and inequalities. This document acts as a tool to mobilize our communities to actively engage in planning what the local government needs to do for a specific year, emphasize their needs according to a priority list and to ensure that the budget of that financial year is geared to achieving their goals.

This entails that the IDP should be reviewed every year to give effect to the ever changing challenges that faces our people. The IDP, being the principle planning document of our municipality, ensures that officials are committed to act on behalf of the communities they serve and uphold service delivery levels.

The Mayor of our town, in his portfolio of being the primary citizen and political champion, will embrace the vision and mission of the IDP in favor of advancing the people of that town. He will subject the accountable officials to adhere and upheld the levels of service and the quality of life of residents. The Mayor will strengthen the hands of the Premier of the Western Cape in “Making the Western Cape a Home for All” as well as the MEC for Local Government and Housing in building communities.

Our IDP is aligned to the overall vision of the Overberg District Municipality and collaborates with National and Provincial programmes. In this respect, our IDP is aligned to the Integrated Government Relations Bill [IGR], the National Spatial Development Programme [NSDP], the Provincial Spatial Development Framework [PSDF] and the Hermanus Declaration that was the resolve of a two day Provincial IDP Conference held in March 2005.

The IDP document is a benchmark to evaluate the performances of councilors in their wards, monitoring performance of officials responsible for certain duties and functions and the accountability of the municipal manager in executing and coordinating the mandate of the council.

Theewaterskloof Municipality strive to make the areas within its boundaries “ A Home for All” by bridging the poverty gaps, provide in housing demands, building the capacity of its people through training and public participation and advancing service delivery levels by improving our infrastructure to support socio economic and economic development projects.

In the run towards the forthcoming elections, we will speed up delivery and focus on prioritized, needs based goals to re-affirm the council’s commitment in delivering services and creating an enabling environment towards prosperity and a better quality of life for all the residents of Theewaterskloof.

Cllr. F. Booysen

EXECUTIVE MAYOR

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 34 of the Municipal Systems Act of 2000 (Act 32 of 2000) requires a municipality to review this IDP annually. The fact that the IDP is the superceding policy document for planning within the municipality, it is essential that the IDP is based on the real needs of the community which Theewaterskloof Municipality serves. That is why the IDP have to keep track of the changing priorities of the community and an extensive public participation process which involved all the major roleplayers that had been embarked on to determine those priority needs which is truly reflected within this document. The priority needs of the community had also been used as a basis to inform the Municipal Budget for the 2005/2006 Financial year.

The revision process had been based on the principle of people centred development of which this document aims to highlight the current reality of our area in terms of basic facts and figures, service backlogs, sevice gaps, strategic priorities and challenges facing the municipality as a whole. It also aims to develop a clear vision and mission as well as strategic action plans on how to overcome those challenges if all the major roleplayers work together as equal partners.

The establishmet of statutory Ward Committeess in each of the ten wards within our jurisdiction paved the way for much more effective and structured public participation through out the review process.

Eben Phillips

MANAGER: SUPPORT SERVICES