

## R 854 MILLION BUDGET FOR NGAKA MODIRI MOLEMA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

Lehlohonolo March



The Executive Mayor of Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality, Cllr Tshepo Justice Makolomakwa tabled the IDP/Budget 2016/17 for Council approval on Tuesday, the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2016 in the NMMDM Council Chamber.

In his presentation of the IDP/Budget 2016/17, the Executive Mayor said : “the year 2016 is the Local Government Election year and end of 2011-2016 term of Office for this Council as well as the final cycle of the five year IDP 2012/2016”

The Mayor committed that the Municipality will critically analyse and assess impact made over the past five years to guide the implementation of the fifth administration in the Province led by Premier Supra Obakeng Ramoetsi Mahumapelo model for future through the five concrete planning focusing on **Agriculture, Culture & Tourism (ACT); Village, Township, Small Dorpie (VTSD); Reconciliation, Healing and Renewal (RHR); Setsokotsane; and Saamtrek-Saamwerk philosophy** through which active participation of community members continuously takes place in articulating their needs and aspirations.

The District Municipality will continue to form an integral part of the service delivery activities and will continue to boldly bring change and improvement in the lives of the residents of Ngaka Molema District.



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“Jaaka Mmasepala wa Sedika – re tshotse tshwetso ya go latelela le go agelela maitlamo a rona mo motheong wa pusobogare e eteletsweng kwa pele ke mokgatlho o mogolo wa African National Congress”

“ In our strive to ensure effective and efficient delivery of services to local communities in the Ratlou, Ramotshere Moiloa, Ditsobotla, Mahikeng and Tswaing areas – the Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality has been allocated a total revenue budget for the year 2016/17 is R 854,454, 000.00 (eight hundred and fifty four million, four hundred and fifty four thousand rand)”



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The development of the budget which is an exercise of allocating resources is a difficult exercise under this difficult circumstances, due to competing demands for limited resources and due to the dire financial situation the Municipality finds itself in.

“By the end of the current financial year (2015/16), the municipality will be having estimated financial obligations of R 370,132 million, which translates to an increase of 32.9% or R 111,132 million as compared to R 259 million in the 2014/15 financial year” as he emphasised on financial challenges facing the Municipality.

These financial obligations consist of R 10,119 million of outstanding creditors for 2014/15 financial year; R 144,505 million of outstanding debt of Sedibeng Water; additional unspent conditional grants of R 123 million for 2014/15 financial year which was offset by National Treasury and later released to the municipality as a form of a loan, therefore for the 2015/16 financial year, unpaid creditors equate to R92,352 million, which brings to total outstanding financial obligation of R 370,132 million for 2015/16 financial year.

We ensured that the budget process is a collective effort, where a thorough consultation was based on principles that reflect the financial situation of the municipality

He said that “Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality has amongst its milestones achieved since the new council elected in November 2014 took over managed to;

- **resuscitate projects such as the Mahikeng Water Treatment Plant to increase water supply in Mahikeng and its surrounding areas as well as the Groot Marico Waste Water Treatment Plant to extend an effective sewer system that connect Reboile Township also noting that despite drought encountered in the District, Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality continued to supply water to communities through tinkering which is an interim measure;**
- **ensured stability since the dissolution of the previous council in 2014;**
- **developed the Financial Recovery Plan;**
- **adopted the Integrated Development Plan linked to the VTSD planning amongst others”**

The Mayor did not shy away from the fact that Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality acknowledges financial management challenges faced by this municipality, despite these reported progress, “we are further committed in turning around the Management of Municipal Finances as for the past four (4) financial years, the Auditor General Report has reflected negative outcomes, and this phenomenon needs to be turned around as we aim for an improved audit outcome”

“As the Executive Mayor of Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality, may I take this opportunity to encourage the communities to vote during the upcoming Local Government Elections on the 03rd of August 2016”

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