

Prioritising service delivery in eThekweni

WHEN the new leadership was elected in August, I made a commitment that this Council will serve the 3.7 million residents of eThekweni with honour. Therefore, all efforts are being made to ensure that service delivery is not hampered.

I recently requested that a report be compiled, listing the financial implications for the City of Municipal employees who have been suspended with full pay. The report will contain the cost for the City as well as progress of each case.

I want to ensure that these unresolved cases do not affect service delivery. This report will paint a clear picture of what is happening in the City. I urge the relevant officials to resolve these issues because they can affect service delivery if they remain unresolved.

This Council will continue to improve people's lives through accelerating service delivery, economic growth, job creation, social and rural development.

Secondly, we must be clear about our strategy to drive real economic transformation in our City.

The best way we can achieve this goal is by ensuring economic beneficiation from our procurement processes. We must



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eThekweni Mayor

adopt a more deliberate approach on BBBEE procurement, as well as identify new and innovative ways of empowering Youth and

Women owned businesses.

Public funds are in good hands

It is good news indeed that eThekweni Municipality has R6 716 million invested at financial institutions, earning an average rate of return of 7.89 percent.

Fixed investments for the City stands at R6.5 million of which R1.5 million matured in October. This means that the Municipality is managing public funds diligently and in a manner that will benefit residents. The Municipality is at the end of the First Quarter and all clusters should submit a detailed performance report to assess the City's service delivery track record.

I implore Executive Committee Members to provide active oversight in their clusters. All Executive Committee Members will soon be signing their Performance Agreements, to ensure alignment with the legislative branch of Council, the administration and the Executive.

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