

SECTION 1

**INTRODUCTION AND
BACKGROUND**

1.1 Introduction

This document contains the Lesedi Local Municipality Integrated Development Plan [IDP], which is reviewed annually in terms of the Municipal Systems Act, 2000 [Act No. 32 of 2000], hereafter referred to as the MSA.

The Municipal Systems Act of 2000 requires all municipalities to draw up an IDP as a single, inclusive and strategic development plan, linking and integrating other plans. It is in the IDP that one finds the policy framework on which annual budgets are based. However, this document contains much more than that.

This IDP contains development initiatives, projects, plans and programmes for the municipality. It also describes the spatial development framework (SDF), which deals with the shape of the area, its roads, its settlement patterns, its need for commercial nodes, providing a blueprint for a municipality that is sustainable, accessible and efficient.

The document describes the challenges the municipality faces – e.g. infrastructure backlog, skills shortage, the need for more housing, Early Childhood Development (ECD) and recreation facilities for the youth. It also reveals what the municipality is doing to address those challenges.

The municipality does not actually devise the IDP on its own. Consultation is mandated by the Act, and it is widespread. The right of communities to be heard, to be involved and to receive information is embedded in developmental local government. So when the IDP was in the planning stages, there was consultation at all relevant levels: inside government, among councilors and council officials, and outside, at public meetings in Shalimar Ridge (Heidelberg). The transport was arranged for all people from Devon/Impumelelo, Endicott/Kwazenzele

and Jameson Park. Public meetings were held in the evenings to accommodate members of the community who are working.

1.2 Sedibeng Growth and Development Strategy (SGDS 2)

Lesedi's IDP incorporates the Sedibeng Growth and Development Strategy (SGDS 2). The SGDS 2 makes provision for bigger overarching decisions about what should be prioritized to:

- **REINVENT** the economy from old to new,
- **RENEW** our communities from low to high quality of life,
- **REVIVE** The environment from waste dumps to a green region,
- **REINTEGRATE** with Gauteng and our neighbours to move from an edge of a frontier region,
- **RELEASE** human potential from low to high skills.

1.3 Organizational Arrangement and Responsibilities

Prior to the commencement of the IDP Review, LLM prepared and adopted a Process Plan that served as a guide to the overall review process.

1.3.1 LLM Process Plan

The LLM Process Plan formulated and adopted detailed outlines aimed at helping Lesedi to embark on its own focused IDP Review Process. The process commenced July 2011 and will be completed in May 2012. The Process Plan outlines the time frames of scheduled events, structures involved and their respective roles and responsibilities.

1.3.2 LLM Review Structures

The following are structures set-up to guide the IDP Review Process:

Actor	Roles/Responsibility
Council/Speaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw a code of conduct for representative Forum and Steering committee • Approve Process Plan • Adjust IDP to MEC's requirements and adopt • Answerable to the community
Mayoral committee/Executive Mayor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decides on the process of the IDPs • Overall management • Political co-ordination and monitoring • Approval of nominated persons to run the IDP process • Recommend to the council
Municipal Manager/ Executive Manager: DP/ IDP Co-ordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage and co-ordinate the process • Implement the IDP • Answerable to council and officials • represents the council at district level in the IDP co-ordination committee • ensure that all HODs and officials are capacitated and involved in the IDP process • chairperson of the Steering Committee • responsible to establish Project Task Team
IDP Steering Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consists of HODs and officials • chaired by Municipal Manager • fully involved in the planning and implementation process of the IDP • provides technical inputs
Projects Task Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consists of relevant HODs, officials, Ward Councilor, project liaison officers and consultants/contractors • provides project-oriented inputs • assist in project management
Representative forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensures that priority issues of their constituents are considered. • Ensures that annual business plans are based on the reviewed IDP. • Participates and be part of the decision-making within the Representative forums. • Is involved in the designing of reviewed projects proposals. • Discusses and comments on the reviewed IDP. • consists of all organised formations including service providers • nominates representatives to the Projects Task Team
Ward Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify specific needs • addresses them at the Representative Forum • nominates their representatives to the representative Forum

Actor	Roles/Responsibility
District Council/Sedibeng	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • participates in the IDP process at all levels • assist with capacity building • fund the IDP process • ensure alignment • provide the district framework
National, Provincial Government Departments and Service Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensure alignment • participate in the stakeholder forum
IDP Task Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • facilitate the IDP process • formulate the IDP document • provide analysis, strategies, identify projects and integrate the plans or programmes • continuously liaise with the Steering Committee

1.6 Alignment

Vertical and Horizontal Alignment has been achieved as follows:

1.6.1 Liaison with Sedibeng District

The Lesedi Local Municipality is represented in the Sedibeng Intergovernmental Relations Forum. Meetings are held with the Sedibeng District Municipality. Interim documentation has been forwarded to Sedibeng on a regular basis, while the relevant officials and Councilors of Lesedi attended Sedibeng Steering Committee meetings as and when required. One-on-one meetings were also held when the need arose, while the Executive Managers regularly attended their relevant cluster meetings at the District. An intersectoral forum consisting of various provincial sector departments has been set up for purposes of IDP engagements.

1.6.2 Provincial and State Departments

Local development strategies and programmes are informed by National and Provincial development policy, strategies and initiatives. Specific attention has been given to comments from Provincial Departments on Lesedi 2011/12 IDP - these comments have been addressed as comprehensively as possible within the budget and time constraints. Provincial Departments were invited to attend the Representative Forum meetings.

1.6.3 Adjacent Municipalities

Adjacent municipalities were invited to attend the Representative Forum meetings and were consulted on any cross-border issues or projects, which may arise. The Lesedi Local Municipality has regular meetings with the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality on cross border issues e.g. the project of the Transnet-Pipeline that takes place at the area that is covering both the Municipalities.

1.6.4 Sectoral Alignment within the Municipality

Alignment between the different sectoral plans, programmes and projects has been achieved during the Steering Committee Meetings, as well as inter-departmental liaison throughout the process.

1.7 Public Participation

The main structure for public participation was the IDP Representative Forum and Community Based.

The database of stakeholders in the IDP Representative Forum was updated in 2011 and these stakeholders were invited in writing to the meetings. Notices of Forum meetings were put up, inviting stakeholders' organizations to nominate members to attend such meetings through the media.

The Lesedi Local Municipality funded the facilities needed for the public participation process. Financial support for traveling costs was

considered on merit basis. Meetings were held in Heidelberg at Shalimar Ridge and Vischkuil/Endicott to cater for people around rural areas. Scheduling of meetings took place to meet the requirements of the majority of participants and was scheduled in the evenings. IDP material is in English, translation will be provided as, and when the need arises.

1.7.1 Process Overview: Steps And Events

The steps and events in Lesedi Local Municipality 2012 – 2016 IDP review process are summarized in the table hereunder:

Steps and Events	Major Activities	Time Frames
Formulation of Process Plan	This was undertaken in conjunction with the Municipal Manager and Executive Managers at the outset of the project and was submitted to Council and Sedibeng District	July - August 2011
Internal Review	<p>A technical review of the existing 2010/11 IDP was undertaken, including the following aspects:</p> <p>Review of comments from the Provincial Departments - adjustments to documentation where necessary.</p> <p>Review of strategies, programmes and projects pertaining to each priority issue, including: Project progress reports; Assessment and adjustment of development programme [project time-frames, budgets, addition/deletion of projects].</p> <p>Review of PMS and integration with IDP's. The format of project progress reports was developed in consultation with the IDP Core Team, the Executive Managers and other relevant officials.</p> <p>Aspects, which were addressed in these reports, include the status of funding, actual [measurable] progress to date, problems and concerns if applicable, and revised budgets and time frames if applicable. The results of the progress reports were incorporated into revised formats for the Project Information Sheets, the Summary List of Identified Projects and the Operational 3 Year Action</p>	September – October 2011
IDP Steering Committee Meeting	The presentation of the status quo (current situation) and projects to HOD's	17 January 2011
IDP Political Forum	The presentation of the status quo (current situation) and projects to politicians	09 February 2012
IDP Stakeholders Representative Forum	Presentation of the status quo and projects to the public	16 February 2012
IDP Steering Committee Meeting	Respond on issues raised on the Stakeholders Forum	06 March 2012
IDP Political Forum	Considering projects and report back on Projects	13 March 2012

Steps and Events	Major Activities	Time Frames
IDP Stakeholders Representative Forum	Give the public feedback on issues and comments raised during the first stakeholder forum	15 March 2012
Council Draft Approval	Submission of the Draft IDP to Council for approval	27 March 2012
IDP Stakeholders Representative Forum	Report on issues and comments from various provincial sector departments	26 April 2012
Approval of the Final IDP	Submission of the Final IDP to Council for approval	29 May 2012

1.8 RESPONSE TO THE MEC COMMENTS ON THE 2011/12 IDP

The Department of Local Government and Housing (DLGH) congratulated the municipality for the timeous preparation, review and adoption of the final Integrated Development Plan (IDP) for the 11/12 financial year and its subsequent submission for commenting in line with Section 32 of the Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000. The department further expressed its appreciation to the municipality for its continuous cooperation and active participation in efforts, through the July-to-July roadmap, aimed at strengthening joint planning and budgeting among the three spheres of government in the pursuit of a

globally competitive Gauteng. In terms of Section 32 (2) of the MSA, the MEC have concluded that there are no issues requiring amendment in the LLM IDP.

The MEC comments are structured in two distinct but interlinked sections

- Key generic issues (Broad Observations)
- Municipal specific issues

SECTION 1: Broad generic trends which impact on future planning across the province.	
COMMENTS	RESPONSE
Poor usage of data that compromises the IDP's integrity: There is a general observation of the usage of old statistical data as a basis for planning which can lead to poor planning and inefficient budgeting within the municipalities.	The comment is acknowledged, however, it should be cited that access to credible municipal statistical data remains a challenge. The Stats SA is used as a primary data source and such stats dates back to 2001, hence supplemented by other sources such as Global Insight which are used as secondary data sources. The challenge faced by the municipality is that, there are no credible data sources, incl. Stats SA, that are producing data at ward level to enhance ward based planning and to promote initiatives such as Community Works Programs. Furthermore, the statistical information does not come very cheap and municipalities such as Lesedi are unable to procure services of Stats companies in this regard. The DLGH is also requested to refer the municipalities to relevant to credible service providers in order to access proper statistical information.

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<p>Listing of unfunded projects in the IDP: The municipalities are urged not to include the unfunded projects within the IDP and such projects should only be utilized as a basis for intergovernmental engagement with other spheres of government to solicit funding.</p>	<p>Projects are listed for the purposes of mobilizing funds for future planning</p>
<p>Free Basic Services: The MEC acknowledges the strides that have been made by municipalities towards ensuring that the poor have access to basic services through indigent support programmes. However, the municipalities are advised to explore mechanisms to support communities out of dependency on indigent support, by exploring initiatives such as community works programme which can be used as exit strategies.</p>	<p>Previously the municipality provided free basic services including 6 kl of water and 50kWh electricity to all proclaimed households. The municipality has recently resolved to provide these free basic services to the registered and approved indigent households only.</p> <p>Significant amounts of environmental programmes, such as alien vegetation eradication and wetland rehabilitation, are being initiated in line with the community works programme.</p>
<p>Need for a shift in service delivery models: The municipalities are advised to shift away from sporadic delivery of services in their area and to move towards a more focused approach which will yield greater impact. The tarring of roads by CoJ across Soweto is seen as a good model of focused approach in service delivery. Furthermore, the municipalities are urged to utilize the provincial norms and standards that have approved by EXCO in order to achieve the uniform level of service across the province.</p>	<p>Lesedi has a good practice benchmark regarding construction of roads. In Ratanda proper all the roads are tarred and the focus is currently on the new extensions.</p> <p>The strategy used in Lesedi involves tarring of all main/ connecting roads in order to improve accessibility to amenities followed by the tarring of internal roads.</p>
<p>Poor Investment in Infrastructure Maintenance: The municipalities are urged to ensure that their investment in maintenance equals 8% of the value of the property, plant and equipment (PPE) in line with Treasury guidelines. There is also a need for municipalities to reflect on how the bulk infrastructure contribution from private sector is utilized in expanding and maintaining the infrastructure network.</p>	<p>Upgrading and maintenance of infrastructure in Lesedi is regarded as the highest priority issue and constitutes the largest percentage of the overall budget.</p> <p>Furthermore 15% of the budget is allocated towards maintenance of infrastructure</p>

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<p>Land Audit: Due to a high migration trends into Gauteng versus the high demand land for human settlement, the municipalities are urged to conduct land audits with the view of developing an understanding of patterns of land ownership in order too facilitate the delivery of human settlements with efficacy.</p>	<p>Property valuation process is used to identify all properties and land parcels including use and ownership. Conducting other forms of land or property audit would be seen as duplication. Property valuation was last conducted in 2010.</p>
<p>Cash Coverage Ratios: Most of the municipalities are currently operating under low levels of cash coverage ratio thus cannot meet their financial obligations. Low CCR can be attributed to poor collection rates coupled with challenges that emanates from debt recovery strategies. The municipalities are urged to work towards ensuring that the cash coverage ratios move towards the 3 months benchmark in line with Treasury guidelines.</p>	<p>Our reserves are cash backed and this municipality operates as a going concern. Currently the CCR of the municipality is registered at 1,5 months.</p>
<p>Outcome 9: Building an effective and efficient local government One of the areas that needs attention when implementing Outcome 9 is in relation to the filling of all essential vacant posts beyond section 57 into other areas of service delivery and financial viability. When filling such positions the municipalities are urged to work towards the attainment of Employment Equity Targets. Furthermore, the municipalities are urged extend their Performance Management System beyond section 57 employees in order to enhance the culture of performance and accountability.</p>	<p>All vacant positions except Section 57s are filled within the specified period in terms of our recruitment policy. This is done in line with our Employment Equity Plan.</p> <p>This municipality has cascaded its performance management system to all levels including councilors as promulgated by the MSA</p>
<p>Intergovernmental alignment: Attempts have been made to ensure that IDP is not just a plan of the municipality but “a plan of Government” however; inter-municipal planning which is one of the critical ingredients towards building a Globally Competitive City Region remains a challenge.</p>	<p>The comment is acknowledged and Lesedi will strive to improve and intensify joint planning and collaboration with neighboring municipalities.</p>

SECTION 2: Issues specific to the Municipality	
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<p>Service Delivery: The municipality is commended for the use of MIG funding with regard to building of municipal roads, however, there is a need for the municipality to take an area-based approach in tarring roads so as to make a greater impact in the area. The model used by CoJ of tarring all roads in Soweto remains a good practice that could be adopted by Lesedi in this regard.</p>	<p>Lesedi has its own track record with regard to the construction of roads. In Ratanda proper all the roads are tarred and the focus is currently on the new extensions. The CoJ model may not be applicable to our municipality.</p>
<p>Financial Viability The 2011/12 IDP indicates that there was an attempt by LLM to recover an outstanding dept of about R80 mil by using a service provider with the aim of recovering about R1mil a month. The municipality is advised to explore other ways of addressing bad debt and speed up collection so as to intensify revenue generation. However the municipality is commended for reducing the distribution losses on water and electricity and LLM is urged to share some of the best practice mechanisms employed with Emfuleni Local Municipality, as it is currently experiencing significant losses in water (39%)</p>	<p>The comment is acknowledged and the municipality will explore other possible methods to reduce our debt burden as envisaged.</p> <p>The Council has taken a resolution to appoint the services of Aloecap as recommended by CoGTA and the implementation of this resolution is seen as a helpful alternative.</p>
<p>Governance: Efforts at inter-municipal planning in the IDP are noted and applauded, however, LLM is urged to intensify these efforts and expand such beyond just engaging with Ekurhuleni. The municipality does not have a functional IGR office and is not represented in the IGR practitioner's forum and coordination of intergovernmental relations remains a challenge.</p>	<p>Our IGR is coordinated at the district level and Lesedi is part of all coordinated structures within the region.</p> <p>The LLM also participates in all IGR forums, such as MEC-MMC and SALGA meetings as pronounced in the provincial IGR Framework.</p>

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<p>Institutional Development: It is noted with concern that some key posts which have a bearing on service delivery, such as the Municipal Manger, MSS Manager and Communication, remain vacant. The LLM is urged to expedite the filling of these positions. It is also important that the municipality should finalize and implement the draft HR Strategy so as to manage Human Capital in achieving the IDP objectives. It equally important for the municipality to link the HR strategy with other interconnected plans and strategies such as Employment Equity Plan and Work Skills Plan.</p>	<p>The comment is acknowledged and the LLM is in the process of finalizing the appointment of all outstanding key positions.</p> <p>The Council has approved the HR Strategy which is properly linked with other strategies, such as, Employment equity and Work Skills Plan.</p>
<p>Spatial Planning: The SDF has highlighted the principles that will be used to achieve the desired urban form. It also indicates the primary and secondary nodes, public transport linkages as urban structuring initiatives. However, there is no clear spatial presentation of the municipality's intent, how capital projects will be prioritize over time as well as the budget allocation thereto. The 2011/12 IDP does not make reference to the consolidated Land Use Management Scheme as well as the Capital Investment Framework. In general there is a lack of clear strategies on how the municipality will seek to achieve the set objectives as reflected in the IDP.</p>	<p>The municipality is currently reviewing its SDF in line with the IDP objectives, land use management and capital investment. The process is undertaken in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture and Land Reform.</p>
<p>Local Economic Development: One of the key priorities for Gauteng Medium Term Strategic Framework (MTSF) 2009 – 2014 is the urgent need for “creating decent work and building a growing, inclusive economy”. The municipality is expected to establish strategic partnerships to work towards creation of decent jobs and building an economy which is inclusive of the entire community. Moreover, the municipality id expected to implement its LED strategy.</p>	<p>Over the past and recently the municipality has established a number of initiatives for job creation; this includes EPWP projects such as Londindalo Alien Vegetation Eradication project, Wetland Rehabilitation and Eco-furniture manufacturing project. Furthermore, a number of investors have been drawn into the area, which includes Zone of Opportunity, Transnet Bulk Liquid Terminal, Vopak, Valpre plant, Logistic Hub and the Integrated Medical facility.</p>

1.9 Comments by Community/ Stakeholders During IDP Stakeholder Forums 2012

The Lesedi Local Municipality is committed to ensuring community participation in the interest of participative democracy at local government sphere. The commitment to participate is underpinned by adherence to the Municipal Systems Act, which requires municipalities to consult local communities through appropriate mechanisms, process and procedures as well as by the MFMA, which has further accentuated the role of informing the development of community participation. In addition to this legal framework, the municipality remains committed to bringing participatory democracy closer to citizens and communities and ensuring progressive improvements in the quality of participation and

the number of citizens who participate through organized formations. During the first phase, the municipality consulted with the stakeholders, seeking their inputs into the framing of the draft IDP. During this period of engagement a list of issues and comments representing stakeholders' views were drawn up.

The following template outlines a number of delivery issues that have been captured per priority issue and accordingly have been referred to the relevant departments for appropriate response and incorporation into future planning.

Item No.	COMMENTS	PRIORITY ISSUE	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	RESPONSE
1	Does the construction of roads in the new extensions include Devon?	2	SD	The municipality is in the process of constructing roads in all extensions and this includes Devon.
2	Use of outdated stats.	8	MSS	The use of statistical data remains a challenge throughout the country. The 2001 stats is the only acceptable and official stats that can be used by municipalities.
3	What are the effects of HIV and AIDS in the area?	3	CS	HIV and Aids have negative effects in the area; however, the municipality has developed multi-sectoral HIV/AIDS Strategy and annual programme of action aimed at addressing the impact of this pandemic. Emanating from the strategy, there is ward based programme implemented by HIV/AIDS Coordinators in their respective wards. Furthermore, the Local AIDS Council was established to provide leadership and to oversee the implementation of HIV/AIDS Strategy
4	Job creation: companies employing people from outside.	1	DP	Companies have their own recruitment policies and requirements; however, the municipality always insists that labour should be sourced locally.

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5	What is the area-based approach as used by the CoJ in tarring of roads?	2	SD	In this regard, the municipality identifies a focus - area and channels all the required resources for the development of that particular area. (e.g. tarring of all roads in Soweto)
6	What is the MEC saying about the empowerment of emerging contractors?	2	SD	The MEC Comments are silent on this issue; however, the municipality will continue to support the development of emerging contractors and other small business enterprise through initiatives such as PLATO mentorship and training programme.
7	The quality of roads in Lesedi is questionable.	2	SD	The municipality will intensify its monitoring and evaluation to eliminate any deviation and poor workmanship on all construction projects.
8	Appointment of personnel to work on debt recovery.	7	CFO	The LLM has appointed a service provider to assist in this regard.
9	Finalisation of the LED Strategy.	1	DP	The municipality is in the process of developing its LED Strategy. This is done in collaboration with the Department of Economic Development and is envisaged to be complete by November 2012.
10	Construction of speed humps at Thabo Mbeki Road.			The comment is acknowledged and the request will be acceded to before the end of financial year.
11	How long does it take to be approved as an indigent in Lesedi?	3	CS	Due to the nature of the processes involved in identifying indigents there is likelihood that the process might be slow, but it may not exceed a period of six months. This is to ensure that deserving beneficiaries are properly identified. The community is assured that all applicants are treated equally and fairly, although the delay may also be caused by the fact that other applicants are not reachable during the investigation period.
12	Are there any plans to develop Kaydale?	2	SD	<p>The Department of Local Government and Housing envisaged building 2290 houses at Kaydale, however the department lost interest to this project due the fact that the landowner decided to sell the stands to the public before the negotiations were concluded.</p> <p>The municipality will continue to engage the Department to reconsider their position in this matter as the project is deemed to provide solution regarding installation of services.</p> <p>Relevant studies were conducted such as the Environmental Impact Assessment and the Record of Decision was issued to the municipality.</p> <p>The affected parties are advised to make their own provision for the</p>

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				<p>installation of services since the municipality will not approve any building plans where there are no services provided.</p> <p>Furthermore, the clearance certificates will not be issued by the municipality in any township where services are not provided.</p>
13	Involvement of relevant stakeholders at Devon before construction of sports facility.	3	CS	Plans are at the advanced stage to implement the project; however, relevant stakeholders such as the Local Sports Council will be consulted.
14	Companies are not investing on social responsibility initiatives.	1	DP	<p>There are a number of social investment initiatives by various companies in the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coca cola allocated R1 000 000 for the upgrading of Ratanda Practice field. The company also made a commitment through its water-balanced initiatives to provide support towards any water related projects within Lesedi • BAT contributed a significant amount of money for the establishment of Sedibeng FET College (Heidelberg campus), and they continue to provide financial support to the college. The company committed funds towards the procurement of furniture for the AIDS Frail Care Centre at Jameson Park. They are also supporting vulnerable and destitute children in the area, this includes the recent donation of a houses to a child-headed family in Ratanda. • Corobrik made a commitment towards the contraction of an ECD Site at Kwazenzele •
15	There is no transparency in Lesedi e.g. Audit Report not made public.	8	MSS	<p>Municipalities have a legislative obligation to be transparent at all times.</p> <p>The audit report is part of the annual report which is made available to public for commenting and the public is advised to take advantage of participating in this regard</p>

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16	The principle of paying 10% of the total debt owed to municipality by consumers should be applied adequately.	7	CFO	The comment is acknowledged, however, the consumers are informed that this provision is only applicable when the current account is fully settled.
17	Are ward committees sitting on monthly bases as stipulated and are the minutes of such meetings available for public scrutiny?	8	MSS	The current Wards Committees have just being established and trained. It is envisaged that a schedule of meetings will be adopted and implemented accordingly. However, it should also be noted that the ward committees are only required to hold a minimum of four (4) meetings per year as prescribed by the Act.
18	Is the MPAC functional and who are the members of this committee?	8	MSS	The municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) was established and is still being capacitated to function effectively. The following councilors are members: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr SD Mkhwanazi 2. Cllr TE Ramothibe 3. Cllr J Phahlane 4. Cllr JJ Tshabalala 5. Cllr Adv. SJ Roos 6. Cllr RS Loubser
19	Is the anti-corruption hotline useful and how many cases have been brought to book thus far?	8	MSS	The system is useful, and a follow-up is made on all reported cases
20	Remove the answering machine. It is not user-friendly	8	MSS	The municipality has received a number of complaints and efforts will be made to improve the system.
21	What was the procedure used for the election of ward committees?	8	MSS	The elections were conducted according to the council policy and provincial guidelines in the presence of observers from IEC
22	What are the two employees doing at the Speaker's Office?	8	MSS	The manager's role is to control the budget of the office, develop policies and manage the staff in the office.

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				The operations officer is responsible for issuing notices and to attend ward meetings as a supporting staff, arrange logistics to make provision for the needs of councilors
23	Why did it take the municipality 3 months to fix the traffic lights at Ratanda?	2	SD	The manufacturer of the control board was closed during December and we were waiting for him to come and repair the control board of the traffic lights.
24	Access to information is denied at Lesedi as promulgated by the constitution; furthermore, people are not notified before action is taken against them.	7	CFO	As government institution Lesedi is obliged to be transparent and accessible. Depending on various cases, the municipality does issue out notices of any contravention of our policies by consumers prior to appropriate action being taken. However, it should be noted that the municipality has adopted zero tolerance on illegal activities.
25	Who is the PR Councilor at Devon, and why is he/she not attending the ward meetings?	8	MSS	There is no PR Councilor assigned to any specific ward. The accountability and responsibility of a ward remains with the ward councilor.
26	What is the municipality doing about the water-logged areas in Devon?	2	SD	Water logged areas in Devon were identified and possible relocation was investigated. However, the affected households still need to make their submission to council for consideration.
27	Lack of stormwater drainage at the entrance of ext. 23	2	SD	The responsibility to install the storm water drainage at this point resides with the Department Roads and Transport. The department has acknowledged its role on this matter and plans are underway to resolve this problem.
28	Is the municipality conducting environmental Impact Study at Jameson Park?	1	DP	All developments in the municipality are done in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Management Act.
29	Initiatives such as sports against crime played a major role in youth development	3	CS	The comment is acknowledged and the municipality will continue to support initiatives geared toward youth development.
30	Issues that concern people with disabilities are not covered in the IDP	3	CS	The municipality is working very close with the department of Social Development to deal with issues that affect people living with disability.

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				Furthermore, the municipality is developing a chapter that specifically deals with issues that affect designated groups, including people with disability, in order to be streamlined with the IDP priorities
31	Identification of land for industrial park at Devon.	6	DP	The land identified for industrial development in Devon is currently occupied illegally by homeless people and the municipality is in the process relocating them to a suitable place. The municipality has also set aside stands for SMME development in the area
32	No land identified for people who do not qualify for government housing subsidy	6	DP	The municipality has identified pockets of land for people who do not qualify for subsidies in the newly envisaged townships.
33	No taxi rank in Devon	2	SD	This matter resides with Sedibeng District Municipality in terms of powers and functions. However, the matter will be forwarded to the relevant department.
34	Exploitation of small contractors by bigger companies	2	SD	All the cases of exploitation must be reported to the municipality so that appropriate action could be taken.
35	Council should provide evidence to the consumers prior to disconnection	7	CFO	The credit control policy of the municipality indicates clearly that the consumers' current account statements are regarded as the final notification and the final due date for payment of municipal services is clearly indicated on statements.
36	What is causing the delay in the appointment of the Municipal Manager?	8	MSS	The delay is caused by the stringent processes that need to be followed in the appointment of the senior management positions.
37	Dilapidating houses at Gautrans are contributing to criminal activities in the area. Why are these houses not allocated to beneficiaries?	5	DP	The municipality is currently engaging with the Department of Local Government and Housing to revive the project and fix the vandalized houses.

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38	What is the municipality doing to assist people earning between R3000 and R5000?	7	CFO DP CS SD MSS	The municipality is currently engaging with investors to pursue Social Housing Development
39	Staff at the Credit Control Section is rude to customers.	7	CFO	The matter is noted with serious concern, and the consumers are urged to report such cases in writing for the municipality to institute appropriate action.
40	What is the meaning of municipal property rates?	7	CFO	Property rate is a levy that is charged by the municipality in accordance with the Property Rates Act. Properties are evaluated every four years to determine the value upon which the levy is based.
41	What is the meaning of water levy commission?	7	CFO	This is the levy charged by Rand Water to cover maintenance and upgrading of their infrastructure.
42	30% increase of electricity is too expensive and should not be taken lightly	7	CFO	The tariff increase is based on the proposed annual increase of 27.6% by Eskom as well as municipal proposal of 2.4% to cover the costs of maintenance and upgrading of infrastructure. The municipality is awaiting the final approval from NERSA in this regard.
43	Phasing out of Free Basic Services will be detrimental to the community given the slow pace in which the municipality is moving in identifying and approving the indigents.	7	CFO	The comment is acknowledged, however, the municipality can no longer afford to provide free basic services to all residents. The municipality will continue to provide such services to registered and approved indigents.
44	The venue where the IDP Stakeholder Forums are held is not suitable and accessible for everyone.	9	DP	The venue that is presently used is deemed to be more central in relation to the geographical spread of the area. IDP/Budget participation process will continue through structured ward meetings.
45	Why is the electricity function not taken to Eskom?	7	CFO	Transferring the function of electricity provision to Eskom is not a viable option and that has been proven by the recent failure of REDS to ring fence all electrical function to EDI.

Item No.	COMMENTS	PRIORITY ISSUE	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	RESPONSE
46	Is 100 kWh of free basic electricity not a constitutional right	7	CFO	The constitution makes provision for all citizens to access basic services, and the municipality use available resources to comply.
47	How much is Lesedi charging per kWh in comparison to Eskom?	7	CFO	The price of electricity varies according to inclining block tariff system with a minimum of 63c per kWh, whereas Eskom is charging a minimum of R0.6948c.