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The Sedibeng District Municipality engages communities on service delivery plans IDP Stakeholder Engagement.

It is that time of the year when the Sedibeng Executive Mayor Cllr Busisiwe Modisakeng presents the 1st IDP 2018/2019 Stakeholder engagement, held on the 23 May 2018 at Vereeniging Banquet hall.

The Executive Mayor gave an overview of Sedibeng District Municipality on the development plans and challenges, with an emphasis of the current restricted resources and the limited anticipated revenue streams forecast for 2018/19, which cannot be achieved in a single financial year. She further allowed stakeholders an opportunity to express service delivery challenges in their respective areas.

Some of the critical issues that were presented during the session are:

The development of an integrated waste management plan in addressing waste management services including sewerage spill.

The importance of agro-processing sector cannot be over-emphasized, 'the processing of agricultural products can offer a new base for economic growth during the fall of steel industry; it can also promote inclusive industrialization' as the Executive Director of Strategic Planning and Economic Development Mr. Banzi Majola said.

Sedibeng Municipality will formulate a land policy which will empower municipality to fast-track service delivery projects and Incentive investment programme in the region. In partnership with the provincial sector SDM will continue to support youth development including availing enabling technology (smart City –Wifi connection)

It is critical to encourage the culture of reading particularly the youth, therefore upgrading of libraries and promotion of mobile libraries is emphasized. Financial assistance is given to the needy students including disabilities who meet a specified criteria as outline in the SDM policy e.g. parents earning below R3 500, and the academic performance of student shall be considered.

Members of the community should note that ARV and TB treatment is accessible at all public medical facilities. TB treatment is also provided through mobile clinics, both rural and informal settlement communities.

During the IDP District wide strategic Lekgotla held on the 03-04 May 2018 and agreement was reached to re-adjust the powers and functions in order to improve the level of bulk services intended to improve level of services to local municipalities. Municipal Managers



were therefore tasked to identify best possible scenarios that will be of best interest for everyone.

Stakeholders in various sectors expressed their views and concerns and deliberated on issues raised. Sedibeng Municipality acknowledged the concerns raised.

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