160th Council Sitting, Executive Mayor's Statement,

03 June 2025

Cllr Lerato Maloka, Executive Mayor

Madam Speaker, Cllr Modikeng
Chief Whip of Council, Cllr Mamohale Moloi
Honourable Members of the Mayoral Committee Honourable Councillors
Municipal Manager and his Executive Team People of Sedibeng

Honourable Members,
Madam Speaker, I stand before you with a greatful heart after my myself and protector's hijack ordeal on the 30th of May, I am full of gratitude for life, for unwavering support and for the overwhelming solidarity shown by my fellow comrades, staff and the ANC Regional Secretary, Cde Jason Mkhwane, ANCWL. Kudus for the law enforcement agencies in activating their search and rescue mission.
Above all, ke leboga Modimo Le Badimo boo Maloka Le Baga Mkhize.

My pledge to you all, is that this unfortunate incident will not detter me nor distract from the work we have started. Instead it has only deepened my strength, empathy and resolve to cleaning up and working harder, let us ,move forward, together not in dear but with purpose.

Madam Speaker,
Today, we have witnessed and welcomed the re-tabling of 2025/26 Budget of the Gauteng Provincial Government to the Legislature by the MEC for Finance and Economic Development Lebogang Maile following the re-introduction of the National Budget to Parliament by Minister of Finance Enoch Godongwana. The Budget, outlined how the provincial government will use available resources to fund key priorities in this financial year, which include growing the economy, creating job opportunities and improving the delivery of public services to citizens.

Honourable Councillors

On the 30th May 2025, I had convened the District AIDS Council to monitor the implementation of the HIV/AIDS awareness programme and Closing the Gap Campaign in our region. I call upon each and everyone of us to encourage and welcome back HIV positively tested youth, women, men, at risk groups to HIV support and care. We are to remind each other and everyone to be aware of thier HIV Status (when positively tested) to get HIV treatment and remain on HIV treatment. The risk of stopping antiretroviral treatment when living with HIV can result in increased HIV transmission, illness, hospitalisation and death.

Honourable Speaker, Chairperson of MPAC and the Committee

Let me take this opportunity to welcome the tabling and approval of the Oversight Report on the Annual Report. I encourage the MPAC to follow through on its recommendations as it will help towards rectifying issues that were raised on the Annual Report and pull our municipality towards a Clean Audit outcomes, better performance on service delivery and attract investment to reignite our economy.

Honourable Members, People of Sedibeng

May we applaud the stellar work from Rand Water on the much needed maintenance for water consumption, water is life and cleaning it saves lives tremendously and they have done it with minimal water interruption. And let us continue to use water sparingly and report leaks.

On the same vein, I welcome the Provincial Government in support to Emfuleni Local Municipality's Phakama Vaal Operation. The operation is a service delivery intervention taking place from 2 to 8 June 2025. It follows the recent Provincial Integrated Service Delivery Programme visit held at Saul Tsotetsi Sport Complex to address service delivery issues including crime,infrastructure maintenance and waste management among others.

Honourable Councillors, People of Emfuleni

This week-long operation will focus on Sebokeng, Vanderbijlpark, Evaton and Vereeniging, tackling illegal dumping, promoting recycling, and restoring neglected public spaces. It will improve public health, instil civic pride, create employment opportunities, and foster a culture of environmental responsibility.

Madam Speaker, Cllr Modikeng

Today, I hereby present the budget summary for the 2025-2026 financial year of which the IDP was approved in the previous Council Sitting.

Madam Speaker, Honourable Cllrs, People of Sedibeng Budget summary

2025/2026 financial year is as follows:

The Medium-Term Revenue and Expenditure Framework has been drawn up for the 2025/2026 financial year with the 2 outer years taken the following into consideration:

1. The municipality has been declared a financial distressed municipality and need to become a more stable ininstitution
2. Based on this statement we worked from the pre-amble that we will not allow general expenditure to increase and strict cost containment will apply
3. We further will only budget for existing staff in the staff establishment in order to generate saving where employees will exit the organization. Council did however budget for a 5.01 % increase on salary cost as per the bargaining council multi-year agreement. This impact on an increased amount to R13,079million

Madam Speaker,

The operating budget will yield an estimated surplus of R973,540 with the anticipated revenue amounts to R 446,081 million while expenses will be estimated at an amount of R445,108 million.

Percentage allocation of revenue towards expenses

Description	Percentage
Employee related costs	76.03%
Remuneration of Councillors	3.60%
Depreciation and Asset Impairment	1 .07%
Inventory consumed	0.84%
Contracted services	9.36%
Transfers and subsidies	1 .02%
Other expenditure	7.86%

Capital expenses are limited to an amount of R8,145,738 whereby R5,120 million to be funded from the Energy Efficiency and FMG grant while the remaining amount of R2,025,738 need to be funded internally

Council still has to consider the funding plan as per annexure D whereby we highlight the regulation 33 process currently underway which will assist the municipality to become a sustainable institution.CoGTA has further express their commitment in order to assist the municipality in resolving the unfunded and underfunded mandates as alluded to in the report.

The issue of the funding of the Licensing function rendered on behalf of the Department of Transport will also be resolved soon whereby the municipality will yield sufficient revenue to capacitate the function while being mindful of not utilizing our own revenue to subsidize the Provincial Department.

The budget related policies are also attached to the budget as annexure C whereby I must highlight that we have amended the supply chain policy by enhancing 3 points.

Madam Speaker

This emanating from the 2023/24 regulatory external audit conducted by the Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA), a routine review of the current procurement policy and processes was undertaken by the Chief Financial Officer and the following inclusions / amendments are proposed, specifically addressing Part 2.33. "*Deviation From, and Ratificationof Minor Breachesof the Bid Proce**s**es*".

Policy Paragraph	Current Policy Wording	Updates / Amendments
33.1 .1 .2	Any goods or services which are available from a single provider only	Inclusion of "*(These may include but are not limited to sole suppliers / distributors licenced to perform calibrationandmaintenanceofICTand eNatis equipment hardware and software)*" below the current wording.
33.1 .1 .3.	The acquisitio of special works of art or historical objects where specifications are difficult to compile	Inclusion of " *(These may include but are not limited to the performanceof artistsandhiringof venuesofhistorical / cultural significance for hosting events)*

33.1 .4.7.	The interruption of essential services, including transportation and communication facilities or support services critical to the effective functioning of the SDM as a whole	Inclusion of "*(thesemayincludebutare not limited to urgent repair works relating to generalbuilding, plumbing, electrical, repairsof motorvehicles, ICT network. The priorwritenapprovalof the AO must be obtained prior to commencementofany work/service/ deliveryofgoods)*"

I therefore officially table the 2025 - 2026 Budget report of the Mayoral Committee.