

## **Annexure “C”**

### **IDP AND BUDGET PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REPORT (2023 -2024)**

#### **1. BACKGROUND**

The IDP Strategy aims to ensure that the people of Nelson Mandela Bay are at the centre of planning and development in the City. The IDP and Budget review processes of this cycle started during 17 October – 12 December 2022 and 11 April – 03 May 2023 respectively. Out of these sessions, the residents were able to participate and raise their priorities the city needs to consider including in its plans for the 2023/2024 financial year. We have consolidated all inputs received from various platforms created for this programme and came up with a list of 10 top frequently raised issues by the communities.

The following legislation compels municipalities to engage communities in the formulation of its strategic plans, including the IDP:

- Chapter Seven (7) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act 108 of 1996
- Chapter Four (4) and Five (5) of Local Government Municipal Systems Act, 32 of 2000
- Chapter Four (4) of the Municipal Finance Management Act Number 56 of 2003 and the Government Gazette Regulations, Act Number 205 of 1993.

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After every 5 years, a municipality must prepare a new IDP and review it annually. The reason for a 5-year IDP is that it is to coincide with the term of Office of Council's elected office bearers after an election.

Nelson Mandela Bay has also been impacted by the drought and water shortages challenges, which will have an enormous impact on the priorities of the City and the Budget.

## **2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A cornerstone of the IDP is public participation. The public participation processes by the Municipality revealed the priorities of communities and the important aspects that the Municipality needs to address in planning, budgeting and implementation. It is public participation that will guide Council about the priorities and choices to make in the IDP and Budget.





The Municipality's Communications or Mobilization Strategy now included the following approaches amongst others:

## 2.1 2023/24 IDP AND BUDGET PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMUNICATION / MOBILIZATION PLAN

NR	ITEMS	BY WHOM	BY WHEN	STATUS QUO
1.	Advertise the programme on print media	Communications Directorate	October 2022 March 2023	Submitted to various media houses on the October 2022 and March 2023
2.	Market the availability of an IDP App and other available alternative	Communications Directorate	October 2022 April 2023	October 2022 / April 2023

	methods of participating in the programme			
<b>3.</b>	Activation of the IDP and Budget programme (Build up radio slots)	Communications Directorate	October 2022 April 2023	Mayoral Councillors communicated the programme as per the arranged radio slots prepared
<b>4.</b>	The use of live interactive radio broadcasting (KQ FM, PE FM, Kingfisher FM, and Bay FM) for politicians to engage communities regarding the IDP and Budget development and review processes.	Communications Directorate	October – December 2022 April / May 2023	Implemented for the entire duration of the programme (17 October– 12 December 2022) and 11 April – 03 May 2023
<b>5.</b>	Live on Municipal Facebook	Communications Directorate	October - December 2022 April / May 2023	Selected meetings targeting those addressed by the Executive Mayor were streamed live
<b>6.</b>	Use of various social media platforms	Communications Directorate	17 October - December 2022 April / May 2023	Launched on the October 2022 and on an ongoing basis
<b>7.</b>	Press releases	Communications Directorate	October 2022 April 2023	The Municipal spokesperson attended to this as and when required
<b>8.</b>	Advertise the programme on Municipal Website	Communications Directorate	13 October 2022 April / May 2023	Posted on 13 October 2022

<b>9.</b>	Advertise the IDP Input form on municipal website	Communications Sub-directorate	13 October 2022 April 2023	The public utilizes this App as another form of submitting their priorities
<b>10.</b>	Live on YouTube.	Communications Directorate	17 October 2022 - December 2022 April / May 2023	Selected meetings targeting some of the meetings
<b>11.</b>	The use of social media platforms as well as a WhatsApp number (084 800 4335) to receive contributions and comments and for responses from the Municipality.	Communications Directorate	17 October 2022 - December 2022 April / May 2023	People actively participated using the live interactive radio slots
<b>12.</b>	Daily updates on Outlook for internal stakeholders	Communications Directorate	October-December 2022 April / May 2023	Daily updates on GroupWise for internal staff members

## **2.2 Platforms used during the 2023/2024 IDP and Budget review public participation**

The Municipality's approach now includes the following additional mechanisms for participation:

- The use of an IDP APP for contributions and comments from the public and organisations.
- The use of live interactive radio broadcasting (KQ FM, PE FM, Kingfisher FM, and Bay FM) for politicians to engage communities regarding the IDP and Budget development and review processes.

- 30 Seconds live reads in these community Radio Stations
- Use of several Print Media
- Live on Municipal Facebook Page.
- Live on YouTube.
- The use of social media platforms as well as a WhatsApp number (084 800 4335) to receive contributions and comments and for responses from the Municipality.
- Daily Twitter uploads promoting the IDP meetings using social media infographics
- Daily updates on Outlook for internal stakeholders
- The use of the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) account holder database for communication on the IDP via SMS and email.
- Press releases.
- Explanatory video clips on IDP processes posted on social media platforms.
- Municipal Website.

### **3. STAKEHOLDERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROGRAMME**

- Afri Forum
- Communities of Nelson Mandela Bay
- Joint IDP / IGR Representative Forum
- Economic Sector Leaders
- Organised stakeholder groupings, e.g. NMB Business Chamber, NAFCOC, NGOs, civic grouping and ratepayers' associations
- Tertiary institutions including Nelson Mandela University and the East Cape Midlands TVET Collage
- Government sector departments (Provincial and National)
- State-owned enterprises
- Special sectors (youth, women, elderly people, traditional leaders, children and people with disabilities)
- Sports Sector
- South African Property Owners Association (SAPOA) Gqeberha Region
- Siyakholwa Development Foundation
- South African National Civic Organization (SANCO)
- International Budget Partnership South Africa (IBPSA)

- Creative Arts and Heritage Organisations
- Municipal Councillors
- Municipal Executive Directors and Directors
- Municipal Unions
- Ward Committees
- Community Development Workers (CDWs)

**The 10 Top frequently raised priorities, which came up during the respective public participation processes:**

1. Provision of houses and attending to backyard dwellers.
2. Provision and maintenance of streetlights and high mast lights.
3. Tarring of roads, construction of speed humps and potholes.
4. Provision of security and visibility of SAPS and Metro Police to deal with crime
5. Attend to water leaks and deal with drought.
6. Upgrade and maintenance of sewerage and drain water systems
7. Construction and upgrade of Sport fields, Parks and Playgrounds.
8. Provision of sidewalks
9. Electrification of informal settlements and
10. Creation of job opportunities for the youth
11. Vandalism

#### **4. ACTIVITIES LEADING TO BUDGETING PROCESSES**

During the month of April 2023, a series of meetings were held with directorates to work on the ward-based budget document in preparation for cluster-based meetings with ward councillors to finalize the ward-based budget. These cluster meetings with Councillors took place from the 25 – 26 April 2023. It is hoped that the ward-based budget will be approved by Council when budget is tabled on the 31 May 2023.

## **5. CONCLUSION**

Public participation is taken seriously by the municipality. To that end, efforts to align ward priorities and budget are considered. One of the interventions implemented to ensure alignment between ward priorities and budget allocation, are a series of cluster-based consultation sessions held with ward Councillors during the week of 25 – 26 April 2023. Once Council approves the report on the 31 May 2023, it will become available to communities.