

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE FINAL BUDGET 2023/2024 AND INDICATIVE FOR THE PROJECTED TWO OUTER YEARS 2024/2025 AND 2025/2026

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report serves to submit to Council for consideration the MTREF for 2023/2024, proposed tariffs, and amendments to budget related policies, the IDP, Supply Chain Management Procurement Plan, Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan as well as the Service Standards.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with section 16 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, No 56 of 2003 the Municipal Council must at least 30 days before the start of the budget year consider approval of the annual budget.

LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 16 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, 56 of 2003 and the Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As contained in the detail report.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council resolves that Final Annual Operating Budget of the municipality for the financial year 2024/2025 and indicative for the two projected Outer Years 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 be approved as set out on Tables A1, A2, A3 and A4.
2. That Council resolves that the Final Annual Capital Budget of the municipality for the financial year 2024/2025 and indicative for the two projected Outer Years 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 be approved as set out on Tables A1, A5 and SA36.
3. That Council resolves that the Monthly Cash Flow Forecasts with appropriate amendments be approved as the Cash Flow Budget of the Council for the 2024/2025 financial year as set out on Tables A1 and A7.
4. That Council resolves to adopt the "Spatial Development Framework" as part of the Integrated Development Plan, as regulated by the Municipal Systems Act (Act 32 of 2000), as directed in terms of Section 22 of the Bill on the Land Use Planning Act.
5. That Council resolves that the Final Tariff Charges are approved for the Financial Year 2024/2025. (Annexure A).
6. That the Final Monthly Indigent Subsidy in respect of 6kl Water, 70Kwh Electricity, Refuse, Sewer and Informal Settlement Plot Rental (where applicable) are approved

and that the applicable free basic services subsidies be calculated on the approved tariffs for the applicable services and measurable units.

7. That it be noted that "Unfunded Functions" and "Underfunded Functions" are fully budgeted for at present service levels and in respect of Housing.
8. That note is taken that Internal Division of Costs(Departmental Charges) are calculated based on expected budgeted time spent, measurable units/quantities, cost, and that tariffs are determined accordingly.
9. The unfunded position will be responded to, through a Budget Funded Plan (BFP) that is being compiled in collaboration with Provincial Treasury and will be table in June 2024 to Council.
10. That Council resolves to adopt the following Amendments to the Policies as per Annexure B
Annexure B
 - 1) Tariff Policy
 - 2) Supply Chain Management Policy
 - 3) Credit Control Debt Collection
11. That Council resolves that the Final Procurement Plan are approved for the Financial Year 2024/2025. (Annexure C).
12. That Council resolves that the Final Long Term Financial Plan are approved for the Financial Year 2023/2024. (Annexure D).
13. That council take cognisance of the tariff model methodology. (Annexure E)
14. That council take cognisance of the Service Standards. (Annexure F).