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Dear Sir/Madam

Municipal Response on Comments Received Draft Budget 2026-2027

Thank you for your engagement at the recent community meeting and for taking the time to submit your concerns in writing. The matters you have raised are important and we acknowledge the impact they have on residents, businesses and the broader community in Villiersdorp.

With regard to roads and infrastructure, the Municipality recognises the frustration around the current condition of road surfaces and the need for more durable, long-term maintenance solutions. As reflected in the Draft Budget 2026/2027, the capital programme has been reduced in order to ensure affordability and financial sustainability.

This has required a prioritisation of available resources across competing service delivery needs. Your request for improved maintenance standards and targeted attention to key economic areas such as industrial zones is noted and will form part of ongoing planning and prioritisation discussions.

In terms of water pipe maintenance, ageing infrastructure and recurring pipe bursts remain a challenge across the municipality. Within the current financial constraints, provision has been made for ongoing maintenance and repairs, while longer-term upgrades are considered in a phased manner as funding allows. Your concern regarding water losses and the need for systematic upgrades is fully acknowledged and will be taken into account in future planning.

Regarding support for pensioners, the Municipality is aware of the increasing financial pressure on vulnerable residents. Existing relief measures, including rebates for qualifying indigent and pensioner households, remain in place in line with municipal

policy. We encourage residents to engage directly with the relevant municipal offices to ensure they are registered and receiving any applicable support.

With respect to the Destiny Project, your request for clarity on its potential impact on Villiersdorp is noted. While this matter extends beyond the scope of the draft budget itself, your concerns regarding spatial impact, property values and future investment are understood. These inputs will be shared with the relevant departments for consideration as part of broader planning and stakeholder engagement processes.

The Municipality recently concluded a round of public participation engagements during April 2026. Further opportunities will be provided and we encourage your continued participation so that these matters can remain part of the formal process.

All public inputs were considered and discussed at a Council Workshop that took place on 14 May 2026. The matters raised were further deliberated at the Budget Steering Committee meeting on 18 May 2026.

The final budget, together with consideration of all comments received, was tabled at the Council meeting on 28 May 2026 for final approval.

This response serves as the municipality's formal reply on the matter. We appreciate your constructive input and your continued interest in the development of Villiersdorp.

Yours in Service Delivery

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