NQUTHU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



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Compiled in terms of Section 28 and 29 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No. 32 of 2000).

The Integrated Development Plan (IDP) is a municipality's principal strategic plan that deals with the most critical development needs of the municipal area (external focus) as well as the most critical governance needs of the organization (internal focus).

The Integrated Development Plan –

- is adopted by the council within one year after a municipal election and remains in force for the council's elected term (a period of five years);
- is drafted and reviewed annually in consultation with the local community as well as interested organs of state and other role players;
- guides and informs all planning and development, and all decisions with regard to planning, management and development;
- forms the framework and basis for the municipality's medium term expenditure framework,
- annual budgets and performance management system; and
- seeks to promote integration by balancing the economic, ecological and social pillars of sustainability without compromising the institutional capacity required in the implementation, and by coordinating actions across sectors and spheres of government.

| Abbreviation | Description | |
|--------------|---|--|
| oss | Operation Sukuma Sakhe | |
| UDM | Umzinyathi District Municipality | |
| IDP | Integrated Development Planning | |
| IGR | Intergovernmental Relations | |
| MFMA | Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act No. 56 of 2003) | |
| MSA | Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No. 32 of 2000) | |
| MTREF | Medium Term Revenue Expenditure Framework | |
| SDBIP | Service Delivery Budget Implementation Plan | |
| SPLUMA | Spatial Planning Land and Use Management Act | |
| WSDP | Water Services Development Plan | |
| DDM | District Development Model | |
| APR | Annual Performance Report | |
| AR | Annual Report | |
| AG | Auditor-General South Africa | |
| SDF | Spatial Development Framework | |

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1. INTRODUCTION

Chapter 05 of the Municipal Systems Act (MSA) prescribes all the procedures that have to be followed when the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) is developed and/or reviewed by the municipality. Section 28 of MSA specifically prescribes how the actual process to guiding the development and/or review of the IDP should be structured and managed. This Process Plan outlines the processes, in a narrative and table formats, for the development of the IDP in relation to the following aspects:

- Public participation requirements as outlined in Chapter 04 of MSA;
- Compliance with all applicable legislative requirements;
- Roles and responsibilities of different structures and role-players;
- Terms of reference for the IDP Steering Committee and IDP Stakeholders Representative Forum;
- Alignment with the national and provincial government as well as the district municipality (alignment to the Umzinyathi DM Framework Plan), and
- The relationship and/or alignment between the IDP, budget and performance management system and also all spatial planning requirements in the form of SDF.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE IDP STEERING COMMITTEE AND IDP STAKEHOLDER REPRESENTATIVE FORUM

2.1. IDP AND BUDGET STEERING COMMITTEE

Section 30 of MSA provides that:

"The executive committee or executive mayor of a municipality or, if the municipality does not have the executive committee or executive mayor, a committee of councillors appointed by the municipal council, must, in accordance with Section 29-

- (a) Manage the drafting of the municipality's integrated development plan;
- (b) Assign responsibilities in this regard to the municipal manager, and
- (c) Submit the draft plan to the municipal council for adoption by council."

In respect of the above legislative requirements, there shall be an IDP and budget Steering Committee that shall be composed and function as follows:

Composition:

- The Mayor and Deputy Mayor of a municipality;
- The executive committee members who are chairpersons of portfolio committees;
- The municipal manager and manager in the office of the municipal manager;
- All Section 56 managers of a municipality (commonly referred to as Directors), and
- The IDP/PMS Manager of a municipality.

Functions:

- Ensure compliance with all applicable legislative requirements;
- Ensure adherence to and/or implementation of the process plan and the provincial IDP management plan;
- Receive, analyse and consolidate inputs from different internal departments and external stakeholders;
- Ensure the alignment of IDP and budget;
- Consider public comments and MEC letter;
- Approve the first and final IDP draft for submission to municipal council, and
- Ensure the overall credibility of the IDP.

Roles and responsibilities:

| Roles and responsibilities | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| Mayor Provide political direction to the IDP drafting process. | | | | |
| Deputy Mayor Work with and support the Mayor and assume all the duties of the Mayor in his absence. | | | | |
| Executive committee members | Work with section 56 managers to make inputs in all matters concerning their portfolios. | | | |
| Municipal Manager Chair steering committee and provide leadership and directional all administrative matters. | | | | |
| Manager in the office of the MunicipalRepresent all the units within the Office of the Municipal M including IDP/PMS, internal audit, communications, development and risk management. | | | | |
| Section 56 managers Provide technical details and make proposals on all matters conditions their departments. | | | | |
| IDP/PMS Manager | Make all necessary preparations for the meeting including agenda preparations and invitations and submit progress report and preparation. | | | |

2.2. IDP STAKEHOLDER REPRESENTATIVE FORUM

The municipality has, after careful consideration, decided to incorporate the IDP Stakeholder Representative Forum into the Operation Sukuma Sakhe programme through it Local Task Team (LTT) which is representative of all stakeholders and meet on a monthly basis. However, after experiencing challenges with the functionality of the LTT, the IDP Stakeholder Representative Forum as a structure has been resuscitated as the main stakeholder representative body.

Composition:

- All members of municipal council (councillors);
- The municipal manager, section 56 managers and middle management (attend on a quarterly basis);
- Representatives of all sector departments;
- Representatives of state owned companies;

- All secretaries of ward committees (attend on a quarterly basis);
- All community development workers;
- Representatives of all non-governmental organizations operating in the municipality;
- Representatives of all social sectors (Youth, Women, Disabled, Elderly);
- Representatives of Nguthu rate payers;
- Business (informal and informal and the taxi industry), and
- Any other stakeholders as determined by the municipality.

Functions:

- Provide a platform for the municipality to present its plans and programmes to all stakeholders;
- Provide a platform for all stakeholders to express their views and engage the municipality;
- Provide a platform for different stakeholders within the municipality to share information, and
- Provide a platform for different stakeholders to coordinate and integrate their programmes so that they work in a manner that avoid duplication and complement each other to maximize the impact of all programmes or projects.

NB: the Forum shall develop the terms of reference that will enable it to also act as the forum and adopt those terms of reference as part of the finalization of the IDP Process Plan.

Roles and responsibilities

| | Roles and responsibilities |
|---|--|
| Mayor | Chair the IDP Representatives Forum and provide political direction. |
| Deputy Mayor | Work with and support the Mayor and assume all the duties of the Mayor in his absence. |
| Traditional leaders | Provide wisdom and make inputs on behalf of the institution of traditional leadership and also provide direction and support on matters pertaining to land and culture. |
| Executive committee members | Work with section 56 managers to make inputs in all matters concerning their portfolios. |
| Municipal Manager Represent municipal administration and provide leadership and direction in all administrative matters. | |
| Manager in the office of the Municipal Manager | Represent all the units within the Office of the Municipal Manager including IDP/PMS, internal audit, communications, youth |
| Section 56 managers | Provide technical details and make proposals on all matters concerning their departments. |
| IDP/PMS Manager | Make all necessary preparations for the meetings including agenda preparations, logistical arrangements and invitations and also submit progress reports on IDP preparation. |
| Middle managers | Support their heads of departments with all required technical information and responses. |
| Ward Councillors | Represent their respective wards. |

| Roles and responsibilities | | | | |
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| Secretaries of Ward Committees Assist and work with the ward councillor in representing the ward committee and articulating the needs of the wards. | | | | |
| Representatives of sectorRepresent their respective departments and make pdepartmentsabout all their current and planned programmes and projective | | | | |
| Umzinyathi DM IDP Manager | Represent the district municipality and ensure that relevant District officials, especially in the field of water and sanitation, do attend and provide required information. | | | |
| Representatives of the business sector (formal and informal) | Represent local business people and make inputs of their behalf. | | | |
| Representatives of rate payers association | Represent rate payers and make inputs of their behalf. | | | |
| Representatives of NGOs/NPOs | Represent their NGOs and make presentations about all their programmes and projects. | | | |
| Community Development Workers | Provide all the required information about their work and plans and make necessary inputs. | | | |
| Representatives of social sectors (Youth, Women, Elderly, Disabled, etc) | Represent their sectors and make inputs on their behalf. | | | |

3. MECHANISMS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In its IDP and SDF review, Nquthu LM will embark on an extensive public participation exercise to ensure that the residents of Nquthu have a say on the development path that the municipality takes. Chapter Four (4) of MSA outlines an obligation of a municipality to ensure that proper and clear mechanisms for public consultation are in place and are utilised effectively. Public consultation shall be conducted in the following manner:

- Operation Sukuma Sakhe (LTT): this forum consists of all stakeholders that have a role to play in the development of Nquthu in one way or the other, including but not limited to; sector departments, NPOs, business, traditional leadership, ward committees, etc. This forum shall be convened at least on a quarterly basis to provide a platform for engagement and sharing of development information and also devise ways of working together and/or identify areas of cooperation.
- O IDP and SDF specific consultation processes: the comprehensive SDF review will be undertaken by a competent service provider with adequate capacity for a period of 18 months so that a fully compliant and credible SDF is produced. However, every aspect of the SDF that has been reviewed shall incorporated into the existing document so that it is tabled to Council for approval together with the IDP. After a comprehensive review has been done, annual reviews shall be undertaken internally afterwards.
- o **Ward Committees (WBPs review):** the municipality will use Ward Committees as an instrument of IDP formulation process through the annual review of WBPs which will be led by councillors. The public be informed in advance so that they participate in

- WBPs annual review which will actually determine the IDP priorities as far as wards are concerned.
- o **IDP Roadshows:** in addition to invitation of public comments, the municipality also conduct a roadshow wherein all wards shall be represented and shall be done in conjunction with Umzinyathi DM in order to save costs.

4. VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT

The development mandate of the municipality cannot be successfully realized without properly aligning its plans and programmes with those of sector departments, the district municipality and all other development stakeholders. The municipality will also align itself to neighbouring municipalities. In light of the above, the municipality will align itself as outlined in the table below:

| Vertical | Utilize the LTT as the main platform of horizontal alignment since sector | | |
|--------------|--|--|--|
| alignment | departments are part of this forum; | | |
| diigiiiieite | Consider and analyse all the legislative and/or compliance matters championed by different sector departments to ensure that the municipality and also engage sector departments about their programmes and plans especially within Nquthu so that areas of cooperation are identified, and Ensure that the municipality fully participate and take advantage of all government programmes and/or campaigns aimed at job creation championed nationally or provincially, e.g. Operation Vula. | | |
| Horizontal | ■ The municipality will utilise Umzinyathi DM platforms as the foremost | | |
| alignment | instruments for horizontal alignment, namely- the IDP-LED Technical | | |
| | Committee and the Joint Project Steering Committee; | | |
| | The Umzinyathi DM shall also be invited at the municipality's IDP | | |
| | Stakeholder Representative Forum, and | | |
| | The Umzinyathi DM has undertaken to organise alignment meetings with | | |
| | neighbouring municipalities for purposes of creating a platform for cross- | | |
| | border alignment, therefore; in addition to studying the planning documents | | |
| | of neighbouring municipalities, Nquthu LM will also utilise that platform to | | |
| | ensure that it properly aligns with neighbouring municipalities. | | |

5. PROVISIONS FOR IDP REVIEW AND AMENDMENT

MSA Section 34(a) requires the municipality to review its IDP annually and the timelines for this review is stipulated by this process plan in line with MSA Section 29 provisions. In terms of MSA Section 34(b), as amended; the municipality may also amend its integrated development plan in line with the prescribed process. The process is hereby prescribed as follows to clearly differentiate this process from the review process:

Step one:

The Mayor must, in line with the Standing Rules or Order of Council, table an item proposing an amendment to the municipality's integrated development plan. Such item must be accompanied by the memorandum setting out the reasons for proposed amendments and also containing the contents of the amendments that will be made.

Step two:

If Council approves the amendment proposal tabled by the Mayor, such proposal accompanied by a Council resolution must be put on the municipal website and a public notice must be issued to invite comments for a period of 21 days from the date of the notice. Further to that, the proposed amendment must be sent to the district municipality to solicit its comments.

Step three:

After the end of the 21-day period opened for public comments, the Mayor must in terms of the Standing Rules of Order table to Council an item for the approval of the amended integrated development plan. Such item must include a summarize the comments received from the district municipality and the public. A full version of the amended integrated development plan, not a summary, must be tabled to Council.

Step four:

If Council approves the amended integrated development plan, the amended integrated development plan must be put on the municipal website and a public notice must be issued to inform about the availability of the amended integrated development plan.

All the steps described above must be finalized on time so that the integrated development plan is approved before or with an adjustment budget. The timelines for the amendment of the integrated development plan shall not be included on the process plan time schedule because an amendment is optional, not prescribed. The municipality must also do everything in its power to prevent mid-year amendment of the integrated development plan and invoke Section 34(b) of the Municipal Systems Act only when it necessary to do so.

6. COST IMPLICATIONS FOR IDP REVIEW

The municipality's IDP review is conducted internally and a budget of R 881 861 have been put in place to drive all IDP review programmes, including catering for IDP Stakeholder Representative Forum, strategic planning session and also funding all public consultation processes. Public notices and printing are budgeted for in other budget votes.

7. ADDRESSING MEC COMMENTS

When the MEC issues IDP assessment letters to municipalities, the purpose for that is twofold; (1) to identify weaknesses and areas of improvement as far as the overall governance, management and institutional development of the municipality is concerned and (2) to identify weaknesses and areas of improvement with regard to how the IDP itself is structured and compile in order to improve its credibility. Therefore; As outlined in the time-schedule table, all the issues raised in the MEC letter shall be attended to be convening a workshop of all municipal departments so that action plans to address issues raised by the MEC can be made so that all of those issues are addressed at an institutional level and also reflected on the 2022/23 IDP review.

8. PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS ON THE PROCESS PLAN

Notices inviting public comments were issued through the following mediums:

- An advert was put on the Ilanga newspaper;
- Notices were put on all municipal libraries, municipal offices and Traditional Courts, accompanied by copies the draft process plan, and
- The draft process plan was put on the municipal website.

After Council approves the final process plan, it will be put on the municipal website for public information and also forward an electronic copy to COGTA as required.

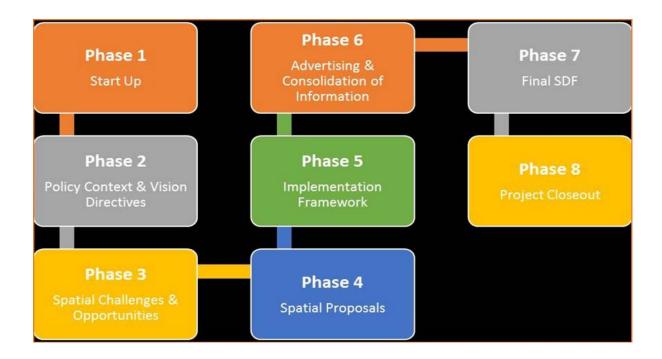
9. SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK REVIEW

The overall aim of the project is to ensure that the SDF provides for a vision and strategies which are implementable in order to change space for the greater good of all in the municipality. As a minimum the SDF should comply with the SPLUMA requirements. The SPLUMA requirements are inclusive of Section 21 but not limited to section 21, as listed hereunder:

| SECTION | SPLUMA REQUIREMENTS |
|---------|---|
| 21(a) | Give effect to the development principles and applicable norms and standards as set in chapter 2 of SPLUMA |
| 21(b) | Include a written and spatial representation of a five year spatial development plan for the spatial form of the municipality |
| 21(c) | Long Term Vision for 10-20 years for spatial growth |
| 21(d) | Identify current and future significant structuring and restructuring elements of the spatial form of the municipality, including development corridors, activity spines and economic nodes where public policy and private investment will be prioritized. |
| 21(e) | Include population growth estimates for the next five years. |
| 21(f) | Include estimates of the demand for housing units across different socio economic categories and the planned location and density of future housing developments. |
| 21(g) | Include estimates of economic activity and employment trends and locations in the municipal area for the next five years. |
| 21(h) | Identify, quantify and provide location requirements of engineering infrastructure and services provision for existing and future development needs for the next five years. |

| SECTION | SPLUMA REQUIREMENTS |
|---------|--|
| 21(i) | Identify the designated areas where national or provincial inclusionary housing policy may be applicable |
| 21(j) | Include a strategic assessment of the environmental pressures and opportunities within the municipal area including the spatial location of environmental sensitivities, high potential agricultural land and (coastal access strips where applicable). |
| 21(k) | Identify the designation of areas in the municipality where the incremental upgrading approaches to the development and regulation will be applicable. |
| 21(1) | Identify the designation of areas in which more detailed local plans must be developed, and shortened land use development procedures may be applicable and land use schemes may be so amended |
| 21(m) | Provide the spatial expression of the coordination, alignment and integration of sectoral policies of all municipal departments. |
| 21(n) | Determination of Capital Expenditure Framework for municipality's development programmes depicted spatially |
| 21(0) | Determine the purpose, desired impact and structure of the land use management scheme to apply in that municipal area |
| 21(p) | Include an implementation plan comprising sectoral requirements including budgets and resources required for implementation; necessary amendments to a land use scheme; specification of institutional arrangements necessary for implementation; specification of implementation targets including dates and monitoring indicators; specification where necessary of any arrangements for partnerships in the implementation process. |

The municipality's SDF is undergoing a review by the service provider and the inception report that outlines all the phases and timelines was presented to the municipality. Figure 1 below illustrate these phases as set out in the inception report.



10. IDP, BUDGET AND SDF TIMELINES (ANNEXURE A)

The timelines for the IDP, budget and SDF processes are attached as Annexures and provide specific activities that are going to be undertaken. These tables must not be read in isolation but they must be read within the context of the complementary functions that links them.

11. DETAILED 2023/2024 TO 2026/2026 MTREF BUDGET PROCESS (ANNEXURE B)

A comprehensive budget processes has also been incorporated as an annexure, despite the fact that critical dates are also included in the process plan time schedule.

12. UMZINYATHI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY FRAMEWORK PLAN (ANNEXURE C)

The Umzinyathi District Municipality has developed a Framework Plan for 2022/23 financial year which informs the Process Plans for all local municipalities under the district. In order to provide sufficient details, the framework plan has also been included as an annexure.

13. CONCLUSION

The IDP Process Plan shall inform and guide all municipal integrated development planning, budgeting and spatial planning processes. After approval by Council, this document shall be made public by putting it on the municipal website as well as placing hard copies in municipal offices and libraries.

| PERIOD | ACTIVITY | RESPONSIBILITY | TIMEFRAME/ TARGET |
|--------------------------------|---|---|----------------------|
| | DDM Political Hub meeting | The Mayor | TBD |
| | DDM Technical Hub meeting | Director Technical Services | TBD |
| | DDM GSID Cluster meeting | Director Corporate Services | TBD |
| | Submit to KZN COGTA 2022/23 Draft IDP and Budget Process Plan | IDP/PMS Manager | 29 July 2023 |
| | Submit signed performance agreements to KZN COGTA | Manager Office of the MM | 29 July 2023 |
| | DDM Technical Hub meeting | Director Technical Services | TBD |
| | DDM Political Hub meeting | The Mayor | TBD |
| | Advertise 2023/24 Draft IDP And Budget Process Plan for public comments | Manager Office of the MM | TBD |
| _! | DDM GSID Cluster meeting | Director Corporate Services | TBD |
| . (JULY 3ER) | Table 2021/22 Annual Performance Report to Council for approval | The Municipal Manager | 27 August 2022 |
| QUARTER 01 (JULY SEPTEMBER) | Submit 2021/22 Annual Performance Report and 2021/22 Annual Financial Statements to the Auditor-General | The Municipal Manager | 31 August 2022 |
| JU, | IDP Stakeholders Representative Forum meeting | Mayor and IDP/PMS Manager | 30 September 2022 |
| | Conduct performance assessment for senior and middle management | Director Corporate ServicesManager Office of the MM | 30 Sep 2022 |
| | DDM Technical Hub meeting | Director Technical Services | TBD |
| | DDM Political Hub meeting | The Mayor | TBD |
| | KwaZulu-Natal Integrated Development Planning | KZN IDP Coordinating Unit: | 15 September 2022 |
| | Indaba hosted by KZN COGTA | Discussions on IDP MEC assessment outcomes, alignment and implementation. | |
| | | Municipal officials: | |
| | | Participate in proceedings. | |
| | | Sector Departments, COGTA BU, SOEs: | |
| | | Participate in proceedings | |

| PERIOD | ACTIVITY | RESPONSIBILITY | TIMEFRAME/ TARGET |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | DDM GSID Cluster meeting Approval of 2023/24 Final IDP and Budget Process Plan Submit 2023/24 Final IDP and Budget Process Plan to KZN COGTA 1st IDP and Budget Steering Committee meeting Put 2022/23 Final IDP and Budget Process Plan on the municipal Website DDM Technical Hub meeting DDM Political Hub meeting DDM GSID Cluster meeting Tabling of 2022/23 Quarter One performance report to Council | Director Corporate Services The Municipal Manager IDP/PMS Manager IDP/PMS Manager Budget Manager Manager Office of the MM Director Technical Services The Mayor Director Corporate Services IDP/PMS Manager | TBD 31 August 2022 10 September 2022 25 July 2022 10 September 2022 TBD TBD TBD TBD TBD 30 October 2022 |
| | Provide support to Municipalities to improve Integrated Development Plans | IDP Coordination Business Unit: Ensure establishment of IDP Steering Committee. Participate in Planners Forums and RFs. | October 2022 onwards |
| QUARTER02 (OCTOBER – DECEMBER) | | Support Sect 139 Municipalities. Provide hands-on support in line with gaps identified in MEC comments. Support DDM implementation through provision of project and budget information. Municipal officials: Establish and convene meetings of IDP Steering Committee and RF. Draft the IDP in line with MEC comments Action Plan and IDP assessment criteria. Indicate where/if specific support is still required from COGTA BUs, Sector Departments and SOEs. | |
| | DDM Technical Hub meeting | Director Technical Services | TBD |
| | DDM Political Hub meeting | The Mayor | TBD |
| | IDP Alignment and implementation sessions | IDP Coordination Business Unit:Invite stakeholders. | 11 November 2022 |

| PERIOD | ACTIVITY | RESPONSIBILITY | TIMEFRAME/ TARGET |
|------------------------------|---|--|----------------------|
| | | Make inputs on IDP / DGDP/ DDM alignment and on IDP implementation. Draft Minutes. Municipal officials: Arrange venue for sessions. Report on alignment and IDP implementation. Sector Departments, COGTA BUs, SOEs: Make inputs on alignment and IDP implementation. Provide project and budget information. | |
| | IDP Best Practice Conference and IDP Alignment session | IDP Coordination Business Unit: Discussions on IDP alignment and implementation. Municipal officials: Participate in proceedings. Sector Departments, COGTA BUs, SOEs: Participate in proceedings. Provide project and budget information. | 25 November 2022 |
| | IDP Stakeholder Representative Forum meeting | Mayor and IDP/PMS Manager | 15 December 2022 |
| | DDM Technical Hub meeting DDM Political Hub meeting | Director Technical Services The Mayor | TBD TBD |
| | 2 nd IDP and Budget Steering Committee meeting | IDP/PMS ManagerBudget manager | 09 December 2022 |
| 03 ARCH) | Tabling of Quarter 1 performance assessment report to Council | IDP/PMS Manager | 25 January 2023 |
| QUARTER 03 (JANUARY – MAR | Tabling of Mid-year performance assessment report to Council | The Mayor | 25 January 2023 |
| | Tabling 2021/22 First Draft Annual Report | The Mayor | 25 January 2023 |
| | 3 rd IDP and Budget Steering Committee meeting | IDP/PMS ManagerBudget Manager | 03 February 2023 |
| 5 | 4 th IDP and Budget Steering Committee meeting | IDP/PMS Manager | 15 March 2023 |

ANNEXURE A: IDP, BUDGET AND SDF TIMELINES

| PERIOD | ACTIVITY | RESPONSIBILITY | TIMEFRAME/ TARGET |
|--------|---|---|----------------------|
| | | Budget Manager | |
| | Local Government Elections: Compilation of Ward Based Plans for all wards. | IDP/PMS Manager | February/March 2023 |
| | IDP Stakeholders Engagement on 2023/24 Reviewed IDP assessment process | IDP Coordination Business Unit: Present, discuss and adopt reviewed Provincial IDP Management Plan. Present, discuss and adopt reviewed IDP assessment criteria and IDP Framework Guideline. Discussions on aligned projects and IDP implementation. Municipal officials: Participate in discussions and decision taking. Adopt Provincial IDP Management Plan, Reviewed IDP criteria and Reviewed IDP Framework Guideline. Sector Departments, COGTA BUs, SOEs: Participate in discussions and decision taking. Adopt Provincial IDP Management Plan and criteria. Provide project and budget information. | 03 February 2023 |
| | Approval of the 2023/24 Draft Integrated Development Plan | The Mayor | 31 March 2023 |
| | Table Final 2021/22 Annual Report to Council for approval | The Mayor | 31 March 2023 |
| | Table to Council the 2021/22 Oversight Report for consideration | MPAC Chairperson | 31 March 2023 |
| | Submission of Draft 2023/24 Reviewed IDPs and WBPs to COGTA for assessment | IDP Coordination Business Unit: Support Municipalities with completion of draft IDPs and SDFs in line with action plan. | 01-31 March 2023 |

| PERIOD | ACTIVITY | RESPONSIBILITY | TIMEFRAME/ TARGET |
|------------------------------|---|--|----------------------|
| | | Receive & register draft IDPs, SDFs, relevant Sector Plans and WBPs. Municipal officials: Finalize draft IDPs and SDFs to Process Plans and IDP Assessment Criteria. Finalize Ward Based Plans. Align Ward Based Plans to IDP. Submit Council Resolution, Draft IDPs, Draft SDBIPs, Draft Budgets, Draft SDFs, relevant Sector Plans and Draft WBPs. Sector Departments, COGTA BUs, SOEs: Support Municipalities with completion of draft IDPs, SDFs and Sector Plans in line with action plan. Participate in IDP RFs and provide project and budget information. | |
| | IDP Stakeholder Representative Forum meeting | Mayor and IDP/PMS Manager | 16 March 2023 |
| | Strategic Planning sesssion | IDP/PMS Manager | February 2023 |
| | Make Public the Draft IDP and Budget invite public comments and also send it to COGTA for assessment. | Manager Office of the MM | 07 April 2023 |
| | Advertise the 2020/21 Annual Report and put on municipal website | Municipal Manager | 07 April 2023 |
| R 04 UNE) | IDP Stakeholder Representative Forum meeting | Mayor and IDP/PMS Manager | 10 May 2023 |
| QUARTER 04 (APRIL – JUNE) | Draft IDP Assessment Feedback | IDP Coordination BU, Sector Departments, COGTA BUs, SOEs: Provide feedback per KPA on assessment findings gaps and recommendations to improve the IDP, SDF, sector plans and policies, prior to the adoption of the Final IDP. Ensure alignment between the IDP, Ward based | 12 May 2023 |

ANNEXURE A: IDP, BUDGET AND SDF TIMELINES

| PERIOD | ACTIVITY | RESPONSIBILITY | TIMEFRAME/ TARGET |
|--------|---|--|----------------------|
| | plans, DGDP goals and objectives and the District Development Plan. Municipal officials: Incorporate comments into Final IDP and SDF. | | |
| | 5 th IDP and Budget Steering Committee meeting | IDP/PMS ManagerBudget Manager | 08 May 2023 |
| | Adoption of the final 2022/23 IDP Review | Mayor and Municipal Manager | 31 May 2023 |
| | Submission of approved 2022/23 IDP to COGTA and all relevant departments | Municipal Manager Office of the MM | 10 June 2023 |

ANNEXURE B: BUDGET TIMELINES

| MONTHLY | BUDGET ACTIVITY | BUDGET ACTIVITY |
|-----------|--|-----------------|
| ACTIVITY | | DATE |
| | Submit Monthly Report | 45 /00 /2022 |
| August | Submit Data Strings Mayor tables in Council a time schedule outlining key deadlines for: preparing, tabling and approving the | 15/08/2022 |
| | budget; reviewing the IDP | 8/28/2022 |
| | Submit Monthly Report | 0/20/2022 |
| | Submit Data Strings | 14/09/2022 |
| September | Council through the IDP review process determines strategic objectives for service delivery and | 14/03/2022 |
| Сертение | development for next three-year budgets including review of provincial and national government sector and | |
| | strategic plans | |
| | Submit Monthly Report | |
| October | Submit Data Strings | 14/10/2022 |
| | Section 72 report | |
| November | Submit Monthly Report | 14/11/2022 |
| November | Submit Data Strings | |
| | Submit Monthly Report | |
| | Submit Data Strings | 14/12/2022 |
| December | First Meeting of the budget steering committee | |
| December | re: Preparation for Adjustment budget setting due date for inputs and templates | 02/12/2022 |
| | Accounting officer and senior officials consolidate and prepare proposed budget and plans for next financial | |
| | year taking into account previous years performance as per audited financial statements | |
| | Submit Monthly Report | |
| | Submit Data Strings | 16/01/2023 |
| | Section 72 report | |
| January | Table Mid year & Perforamnce assessment to council | 25/01/2023 |
| , | Second Meeting of the budget steering committee | 31/01/2023 |
| | re:reviewing of inputs for adjustment budget | |
| | Accounting officer reviews proposed national and provincial allocations to municipality for incorporation | |
| | into the Adjustment budget for tabling | |
| | Submit Monthly Report | 14/02/2022 |
| February | Submit Data Strings | , , |
| rebluary | Third Meeting of the budget steering committee | |
| | re:Preparing for draft budget and setting due date for inputs | 03/02/2023 |

ANNEXURE B: BUDGET TIMELINES

| MONTHLY | BUDGET ACTIVITY | BUDGET ACTIVITY |
|----------|---|-----------------|
| ACTIVITY | | DATE |
| | Recommend adjustment Budget to council for Aproval | 28/02/2023 |
| | Accounting officer finalises and submits to Mayor proposed budgets and plans for next three-year budgets | |
| | taking into account the recent mid-year review and any corrective measures proposed as part of the | |
| | oversight report for the previous years audited financial statements and annual report | |
| | Submit Monthly Report | |
| | Submit Data Strings | 14/03/2023 |
| | Fourth: Meeting with Treasury and Management for assessment of adjustment | |
| | re :Mid-year budget(Adjustment Budget) and performance assessment | 17/03/2023 |
| | Submit Adjustment budget to Both National Treasury and Provincail Treasury | 14/03/2023 |
| March | Accounting officer publishes tabled budget, plans, and proposed revisions to IDP, invites local community comment and submits to NT, PT | |
| | Council to adoption Draft Budget (2024-25) in the Municipal Council | |
| | Submit Draft budget to Both National Treasury and Provincail Treasury and upload strings | 31/03/2023 |
| | Mayor tables municipality budget, resolutions, plans, and proposed revisions to IDP at least 90 days before | 31/03/2023 |
| | start of budget year | |
| | Submit Monthly Report | |
| | Submit Data Strings | 14/04/2023 |
| | Section 72 report | |
| | Public Consultation to be managed in a coalition with the Office of the Speaker in the | |
| April | Municipal Council | |
| | Fifty Meeting of the budget steering committee | |
| | re: To evaluate and review the inputs received from the public consultation process | 28/04/2023 |
| | Accounting officer assists the Mayor in revising budget documentation in accordance with consultative | |
| | processes and taking into account the results from the third quarterly review of the current year | |
| | Submit Monthly Report | 10 - 10 0 0 |
| | Submit Data Strings | 15/05/2023 |
| | Sixthy Meeting with treasury budget feed back | 19/05/2023 |
| May | re :Tabled (Draft) Budget Assessments | |
| - | Accounting officer assists the Mayor in preparing the final budget documentation for consideration for | |
| | approval at least 30 days before the start of the budget year taking into account consultative processes and | |
| | any other new information of a material nature | 24 /05 /2022 |
| | Final approval of the 2023/2024 to 2025/2026 MTREF Budget and I.D.P. | 31/05/2023 |

ANNEXURE B: BUDGET TIMELINES

| MONTHLY | BUDGET ACTIVITY | BUDGET ACTIVITY |
|----------|--|-----------------|
| ACTIVITY | hadha Maraka an Caracil | DATE |
| | by the Municipal Council | |
| | Council must approve annual budget by resolution, setting taxes and tariffs, approving changes to IDP and budget related policies, approving measurable performance objectives for revenue by source and | |
| | expenditure | |
| | Budget and I.D.P. administrative tasks | |
| | re: Printing of the final budget and I.D.P. document and upload to portal | |
| | Submit Monthly Report | 14/06/2023 |
| | Submit Data Strings | 11,00,2023 |
| | Budget administrative tasks | |
| | re: Loading of the 2023/2024 MTREF Budget - EMS | 09/06/2023 |
| | Last meeting reviewing of final budget to system | 16/062023 |
| | Accounting officer submits to the mayor no later than 14 days after approval of the budget a draft of the | 10,002020 |
| June | SDBIP and annual performance agreements | |
| | Submission of the 2023/2024 to 2025/2026 MTREF Budget and I.D.P. | |
| | Document to: | |
| | | 30/06/2023 |
| | 1. Provincial Treasury | |
| | 2. Upload to portal | |
| | Submit Monthly Report | |
| | Submit Data Strings | 14/07/2023 |
| | Section 72 report | |
| | Budget Evaluation Process | |
| | re: 2025-26 MTREF Budget, the SDBIP & I.D.P | |
| July | Accounting officers and senior officials of municipality planning for next three-year budget | |
| Jany | Mayor must approve SDBIP within 28 days after approval of the budget and ensure that annual | |
| | performance contracts are concluded | |
| | budget document to all relevant stakeholders | |
| | 1. Upload to partal | |
| | 2. Provincial Treasury | 14/07/2023 |
| | | |

1. INTRODUCTION

Integrated Development Planning is a process through which municipalities prepare a strategic development plan, for a five year period. The Integrated Development Plan (IDP) is a product of the integrated development planning process. The IDP is a principal strategic planning instrument which guides and informs all planning, budgeting, management and decision-making in a municipality. In terms of Section 28 of the Municipal Systems Act (No 32 of 2000), municipalities are required to prepare a process that will guide the planning, drafting, adoption and review of the Integrated Development Planning.

All municipalities have to undertake an integrated development planning process to produce integrated development plans (IDPs) as required in terms of the Section 32 of the Municipal Systems Act (No 32 of 2000). The IDP is a legislative requirement and it has a legal status, and it supercedes all other plans that guide development at local government level.

The 2023/24 IDP Review will serve as a second cycle of the review process of the 2023/24 IDP as required in terms of Section 34 of the Municipal Systems Act (No 32 of 2000).

2. FRAMEWORK PLAN

The District Municipalities are required to prepare and adopt Framework Plans which indicate how the District and Local Municipalities will align their IDP's. The Framework Plan provides the linkage and binding relationship to be established between the district and local municipalities in the region and in doing so, proper consultation, coordination and alignment of the review process of the district municipality and various local municipalities can be maintained.

The function of the Framework Plan also serves to ensure that the process of district and local IDP's are mutual linked and can inform one another. If parallel processes are supposed to be smoothly inter-linked, one has to agree on a joint

schedule and some crucial joint milestones. This will be done through the Framework Plan which the district has been in charge in drafting, and it will be agreed to by local municipalities and as it will be used by all municipalities as a basis for finalizing their Process Plans.

3. KEY MATTERS OF IDP ALIGNMENT

In order to ensure that the requirements of the IDP Review are met, and that proper co-ordination is regulated between and within the different spheres of government (local and provincial, vertical and horizontal), there is a need for the preparation of a process plan. The process plan serves as a good base for the municipality in addressing the following issues:

- Comments from the MEC for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs need to be considered as part of the IDP preparation process;
- Consider new Council priorities;
- Since the completion of the 2022/23 IDP, new information has emerged and priorities have be adjusted;
- Ensuring alignment with the newly introduced One Plan One Budget initiative for faster and coordinated service delivery.
- Championing the National Strategic Plan through mainstreaming of Gender Based Violence and Femicide into IDPs.
- The municipality is currently preparing various Sector plans. As such, the impact that these sector plans will have on the district as a whole need to be taken into account when undertaking the IDP Review;
- Implementation and alignment to the New policies;
- Ensuring the involvement of Councillors and their Constituent Communities;
- Ensuring alignment with the Local Municipalities and Sector Departments particularly with regards to programmes, projects and sector plans;
- Interaction with funding and implementing agents;
- Appropriate mechanisms, processes and procedures of consultation and participation for local communities, sector departments, stakeholders and also feedback mechanism to ensure responsiveness to communities; and

Addressing and alignment of issues for Operation Sukuma Sakhe / Back to Basics campaign which serves to reach out to more poverty - stricken communities, with the intention of making maximum impact on those communities in the shortest possible way, and also to ensure that communities including the private and the public sector join forces to fight against poverty.

4. DM / LM CONSULTATION AND PROCEDURES

| N0 | ACTIVITIES | RESPONSIBLE PERSON / STRUCTURE | TARGET DATE |
|----|--|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. | Mayor begins planning for the next three - year budget in accordance with the co-ordination role | CF0 | 01 July 2022 |
| | of the budget process. | | |
| 2. | Finalize Performance agreements and plans for Section 54 and 56 Managers and Work Plans for | Manager: IDP/PMS | 31 July 2022 |
| | Middle Managers for 2022/23, and subsequently submitted to COGTA | | |
| 3. | Submission of the Draft 2023/24 IDP Review, Budget and PMS Process and Framework Plan to | Manager: IDP/PMS | 31July 2022 |
| | the COGTA for assessment purposes | | |
| 4 | Preparation of the One Plan and one budget Process plan linked to National and Local | Technical team | 01 July – 30 September |
| | Government Processes. | | 2022 |
| 5 | Co-ordination of the dates for the 2023/24 Process and Framework Plan with the IDP Managers | Manager: IDP/PMS | 13 August 2022 |
| | of the family of municipalities, for alignment purposes. | | |
| 6 | MEC Panel Assessment | COGTA | July/August 2022 |
| 7. | Mayor tables in Council for adoption of the Final 2023/24 IDP Review, Budget and PMS Process | CFO / Manager: | 31 August 2022 |
| | and Framework Plan and subsequently submitted to COGTA, PT and NT for consideration. | IDP/PMS | |
| 8. | Assist the Mayor in the preparation of time schedule for the Budget and related policies. | CF0 | September 2022 |
| 9 | 1st Planning and Development forum – to Discuss Framework and Process Plans of Family. | Manager IDP/PMS | September 2022 |
| 10 | IDP Indaba | Manager: IDP/PMS | 17 September 2022 |
| 11 | Advertisement of the 2023/24 IDP Review, Budget and PMS Process and Framework Plan | Manager: IDP/PMS | 15 September 2022 |

| N0 | ACTIVITIES | RESPONSIBLE PERSON / STRUCTURE | TARGET DATE |
|-----|---|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 12. | IDP Alignment Session | Manager: IDP/PMS | November 2022 |
| 13. | 1st Quarterly performance assessment of Section 54 and 56 Managers as required by Section | Manager: IDP/PMS | October 2022 |
| | 28(1) of the 2006 Performance Regulations | | |
| 14. | Initial Review of the National policies and Budget plans | CFO / Acting MM | October 2022 |
| 15. | UDM 1st IDP_LED Technical Committee (IDP Representative Forum) – inter-sphere alignment | Manager: IDP/PMS and | 18 November 2022 |
| | session (integration / alignment of issues and also key municipal priorities which require funding | LED Manager | |
| | for 2023/24 fy - IDP Alignment Session. | | |
| 16. | 2 nd Planning and Development forum - discussion of the MEC Comments Action Plan and IDP | Manager: IDP/PMS | November 2022 |
| | Review Situational Analysis | | |
| 17 | Review and Reprioritisation of the One Plan one Budget (Review profile, Gap analysis, Vision | Technical Team | 31 December 2022 |
| | setting and strategy formulation) | | |
| 18 | Municipal departments to prepare the Draft 2023/24 staff structure and staff budget (salaries) | Heads of Departments | November 2022 |
| | and departmental budgets. | | |
| 19 | Review budget related policies and determine guidelines for 2023/24 Budget | CFO / MM / Council | November 2022 |
| 20 | IDP Best Practise | Manager: IDP/PMS | 19 November 2022 |
| 21 | Submission of the 2022/23 Mid – Year Budget and Performance Assessment Report to the | CFO / MM | January 2023 |
| | Internal Audit Unit and subsequently submitted to the Audit Committee | | |
| 22. | Tabling of the 2022/23 Mid – year Budget and Performance Assessment Report to Council for | CFO / MM / Council | 25 January 2023 |
| | adoption, and its submission to COGTA, PT and NT | | |
| 23. | Tabling of the 2021/22 Annual Report to Council | MM / Council | 25 January 2023 |

| N0 | ACTIVITIES | RESPONSIBLE PERSON / STRUCTURE | TARGET DATE |
|-----|--|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 24. | 2 nd Quarterly performance assessment of Section 54 and 56 Managers as required by Section | Manager: IDP/PMS | 14 January 2023 |
| | 28(1) of the 2006 Performance Regulations and Work Plans of Middle Managers | | |
| 25. | Strategic Planning Session – to serve as a framework for the 20223/24 IDP Review and Budget | Management and | February 2023 |
| | | Council | |
| 26 | Provincial IDP Stakeholders Meeting – IDP Assessment Criteria | Manager: IDP/PMS | 04 February 2023 |
| 27. | 3 rd Planning and Development Forum – Alignment of programmes and Projects, Presentation on | Manager: IDP/PMS | February 2023 |
| | the progress of the 2022/23 IDP Review and Budget (Alignment & integration of project lists, | | |
| | sector plans, finalizing implementation programmes) | | |
| 28. | Council to approve the 2022/23 Adjustment Budget | MM / Council | 28 February 2023 |
| 29. | Consolidation of the Draft 2023/24 Budget | CF0 | 31 March 2023 |
| | Review of the provincial and national allocations for the incorporation into the Draft | | |
| | 2023/24 Budget; and | | |
| | Alignment of the Draft 2023/24 Budget to the IDP Review. | | |
| 30. | Special Manco Meeting, for each department to present and motivate the 2022/23 staff structure, | HODs / MM / ExCo | March 2023 |
| | operating and capital budget. | | |
| 31. | UDM 2 nd IDP_LED Technical Committee Meeting (IDP Representative Forum) to obtain feedback | Manager: IDP/PMS and | 10 March 2023 |
| | on key municipal projects submitted to Sector Departments and Private Sector. | LED Manager | |
| 32 | Submission of the long term draft One Plan One Budget to Technical and Political hub for | Technical Team | 31 March 2022 |
| | approval. | | |
| 33 | Submission of the Draft 2023/24 IDP Review, Budget and Budget related policies, and SDF to | MM / ExCo | 31 March 2023 |

ANNEXURE C: UDM FRAMEWORK PLAN

| N0 | ACTIVITIES | RESPONSIBLE PERSON / STRUCTURE | TARGET DATE |
|-----|---|--------------------------------|----------------|
| | ExCo, to recommend to Council the approval thereof. | | |
| 34 | Council to approve the Draft 2023/24 IDP Review, Budget and Budget related policies, and SDF | MM / Council | 31 March 2023 |
| | and their submission to COGTA, PT and NT for assessment purposes. | | |
| 35 | Council to adopt the 2021/22 Oversight Report and Annual Report and its submission to COGTA, | MM / Council | 31 March 2023 |
| | PT, NT and Provincial Legislature. | | |
| 36 | Mid – Year Budget and Performance Assessment Visits. | CFO / PT | March 2023 |
| 37. | Advertisement of the Draft 2023/24 IDP Review, Budget and SDF for a period of 21 days as | Manager: IDP/PMS / | April 2023 |
| | required by the Municipal Systems Act, for public comments and inputs. | CF0 | |
| 38. | Convening of Decentralised IDP Assessment Forums. | Manager: IDP/PMS / COGTA | April 2023 |
| 39. | Public Consultation Meetings on the Draft One Plan and Draft 2023/24 IDP Review, Budget and | Manager: IDP/PMS / | April/May 2023 |
| | related policies, and SDF in terms of the Municipal Systems Act, (No 32 of 2000) and the | CF0 | |
| | Municipal Finance Management Act, (No 56 of 2003) in all four Local Municipalities. | | |
| 40. | IDP /SDF/ DGDP Assessment Feedback Session. | Manager: IDP/PMS | 25 April 2023 |
| 41. | Third Quarterly performance assessment of Section 54 and 56 as required by Section 28(1) of the | Manager: IDP/PMS | May 2023 |
| | 2006 Performance Regulations | | |
| 42. | 4 th Planning and Development forum – to finalize and align the programmes and projects, and key | Manager: IDP/PMS | May 2023 |
| | strategic issues, IDP and Budget. | | |
| 43. | Budget and Benchmark Assessment | CFO / PT | May 2023 |
| 44. | Adoption of the 2023/24 IDP Review, Budget and related policies, and SDF by Council | Council | 31 May 2023 |

| N0 | ACTIVITIES | RESPONSIBLE PERSON / STRUCTURE | TARGET DATE |
|-----|--|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 45 | Submission of the Final One plan One Budget for adoption by the Technical and Political Hub | Technical Team | May/June 2022 |
| 46 | Submission of the Final 2023/24 IDP Review, Budget and Budget related policies, and SDF to COGTA, PT and NT within 10 days after adoption. | CFO / Manager: IDP/PMS | June 2023 |
| 47 | Gazetting of the adopted One Plan One Budget. | Cogta/Technical team | 30 June 2022 |
| 48. | Commence with the implementation of the 2023/24 IDP Review, Budget and SDF, and monitor performance through PMS | CFO / Manager: IDP/PMS | 01 July 2023 |

5. LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES - IDP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND REPRESENTATIVE FORUMS

Herewith below are the IDP Steering Committee and IDP Representative Forum meeting dates for the local municipalities:

Msinga Local Municipality

| ACTIONS | RESPONSIBLE PERSON / STRUCTURE | TARGET DATE |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 1st IDP Steering Committee Meeting | Manager: IDP/PMS | 15 November 2022 |
| 2 nd IDP Steering Committee Meeting | Manager: IDP/PMS | 24 January 2023 |
| 3 rd IDP Steering Committee Meeting | Manager: IDP/PMS | 14 March 2023 |
| 4th IDP Steering Committee Meeting | Manager: IDP/PMS | 18 May 2023 |

| 1 st IDP Representative Forum Meeting | Manager: IDP/PMS | 21 February 2023 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| 2 nd IDP Representative Forum Meeting | Manager: IDP/PMS | 09 May 2023 |

Umvoti Local Municipality

| ACTIONS | RESPONSIBLE PERSON / STRUCTURE | TARGET DATE | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------|--|--|
| 1st IDP Steering Committee Meeting | Manager: IDP/PMS | November 2022 | | |
| 2 nd IDP Steering Committee Meeting | Manager: IDP/PMS | March 2023 | | |
| 3 rd IDP Steering Committee Meeting | Manager: IDP/PMS | May 2023 | | |
| | | | | |
| 1st IDP Representative Forum Meeting | Manager: IDP/PMS | November 2022 | | |
| 2 nd IDP Representative Forum Meeting | Manager: IDP/PMS | March 2023 | | |

Endumeni Local Municipality

| ACTIONS | RESPONSIBLE PERSON / STRUCTURE | TARGET DATE |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 st IDP Steering Committee Meeting | IDP Manager | October 2022 |
| 2 nd IDP Steering Committee Meeting | IDP Manager | February 2023 |
| 3 rd IDP Steering Committee Meeting | IDP Manager | March 2023 |

| 4th IDP Steering Committee Meeting | IDP Manager | May 2023 |
|--|-------------|---------------|
| | | |
| 1st IDP Representative Forum Meeting | IDP Manager | October 2022 |
| 2 nd IDP Representative Forum Meeting | IDP Manager | February 2023 |
| 3 rd IDP Representative Forum Meeting | IDP Manager | May 2023 |

Nquthu Local Municipality

| ACTIONS | RESPONSIBLE PERSON / STRUCTURE | TARGET DATE |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1st IDP Steering Committee Meeting | Manager: IDP/PMS | 30 September 2022 |
| 2 nd IDP Steering Committee Meeting | Manager: IDP/PMS | 09 November 2022 |
| 3 rd IDP Steering Committee Meeting | Manager: IDP/PMS | 03 February 2023 |
| 4 th IDP Steering Committee Meeting | Manager: IDP/PMS | 15 March 2023 |
| 5 th IDP Steering Committee Meeting | Manager: IDP/PMS | 16 May 2023 |
| | | |
| 1st IDP Representative Forum Meeting | Manager: IDP/PMS | September 2022 |
| 2 nd IDP Representative Forum Meeting | Manager: IDP/PMS | April 2023 |
| 3 rd IDP Representative Forum Meeting | Manager: IDP/PMS | April 2023 |

6. ALIGNMENT MECHANISMS

6.1 Horizontal Alignment

Alignment of the Umzinyathi IDP with the local municipalities is imperative to ensure that there is a sharing of information – particularly with regards to strategies, objectives, programmes and projects, and it will be undertaken through the Planning and Development Forum which convenes on Quarterly basis. The meetings of the Planning and Development Forum will assist the district family to monitor the alignment and integration of issues constantly.

6.2 Vertical Alignment

Alignment with Sector Departments and Service Providers will also take place as it is essential in order for the district family of the municipalities to have consistence planning and also priorities can be indicated in their project prioritization. This will be undertaken through various meetings or one-on-one basis.

The district will convene two IDP_LED Technical Committee Meetings (IDP Representative Forum), the first session will be in November 2022 to discuss integration issues and also to present to Sector Departments the key municipal priorities which require funding for implementation in 2023/24 financial year, and the second session will be in March 2023, to obtain feedback from Sector Departments and also for integration.

6.3 Cross Boarder Alignment

Cross border alignment meetings, Umzinyathi District Municipality will also be arranging meetings with cross border district municipalities to align and integrate issues of functional areas on the IDP, Spatial Development Framework and Disaster Management when needed. It will also assist the municipalities to align development issues in an efficient, effective and sustainable manner especially where there are shared and interdependent functional areas across the district.

The municipality also has in place other intergovernmental forums to enhance the preparation of the IDP and its implementation. These forums include amongst others but not limited to the District Co-ordinating Forum, Municipal Managers

Forum, Planning and Development Forum, Infrastructure Forum, Communicators Forum, Disaster Advisory Forum etc.

6.4 Alignment During COVID 19

During the Pandemic the District Municipality as well as its Local Municipality will be interacting physically and virtually for alignment purposes. All other stakeholders are encouraged to also adopt the methods for communicating with the family.

6.5 District Development Model Approach

The DDM approach will be process by which joint and collaborative planning is undertaken at local, district and metropolitan levels by all three spheres of government resulting in a single strategically focussed One Plan for Umzinyathi.

It is also seen as a practical Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) mechanism to enable all three spheres of government to work together, with communities and stakeholders in order to plan, budget and implement efficiently and effectively. The One Plan is currently being reviewed and will be adopted by the Technical and Political hubs.