

**PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT  
2017/18 BY HER WORSHIP MAYOR OF LEPELLE-  
NKUMPI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY COUNCILLOR MARIA  
MOKGAETSI RAMOKOLO HELD AT LEBOWAKGOMO  
CIVIC CENTRE**

**06 MARCH 2019**

Honourable Speaker Councillor Ntsoane,

Chief Whip Councillor Thobejane,

Members of Executive Committee,

Chairpersons of Section 79 Committees,

Acting Municipal Manager and his team,

Comrades and Friends,

Good Morning.

In the State of the Nation Address, President Ramaphosa said  
**“The task of building a better South Africa is our collective  
responsibility as a nation, as the people of South Africa. It is  
the centre of the work of every sphere of government, of  
every agency, of every entity”.**

In line with the sentiments expressed by the President, we are  
presenting this 2017/18 Draft Annual Report being certain  
that at the centre of our work has been the determination to  
build a better municipality. We can say without any fear of  
contradiction that we have created the necessary conditions

for the renewal and growth of our municipality. The result of our work were encapsulated during the Mayor's Budget Adjustment Speech on the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in this hall.

Let us reflect on our past, engage on the present and imagine the future the way we would want to see it.

I think we all agree that we need this time to examine the status of the municipality in order to chart a clear way forward.

We must therefore redouble our efforts and maximise the remaining two financial years to deliver on our electoral promises and mandates and commitments.

We need to use these two years or so to expedite the delivery of basic services such as roads and electricity to our people. These are legitimate expectations from our people. The very basis for these expectations is the very promises we made as leadership in our election manifesto.

Moving forward we have to embark upon strengthening our institutional capacity to deliver services and ensure good governance. This should include the filling of critical senior management posts, attending to organogram, addressing under-expenditure, addressing the culture of non-payment of services and providing quarterly reports related to the operation clean audit campaign.

Council have adopted Circular No. 82 as a cost driver reduction and as such we must ensure that it is adhered to in particular with reference to attendance of unnecessary workshops, trips and overtime. We must cut non-essential cost by amongst others, reduce and limit advertisements in newspapers, supply of non-core stationery, provision of catering and refreshments; and travelling of employees' limited kilometres per month.

We must revisit our resolve regarding these challenges, and renew our collective will and consensus about resolving these problems considerably and completely, once and for all.

We do so conscious of the urgency of the task of correcting these ills so that we can relieve our people of the brunt of poor service delivery.

A great possibility lies in all of us collectively to find solutions, if we are united in both will and effort, to root these challenges. In doing so we will be able to strengthen and also restore the hopes and faith of our people.

Programme Director

Our municipality is faced with a colossal task of improving the living standard of the people of Lepelle-Nkumpi. Our success cannot be measured by the amount of time we spend in meetings, but it will be measured by the impact we are making in the lives of the people.

We have agreed that our administration should be action orientated and always be motivated by the desire to make a meaningful difference in the lives of the ordinary masses on the ground.

Yes, it is true that every day we offer services to the people. Yes, it is true that we report to work every day as expected and also attend meetings, but the most important question of them all is, what value we add in the objective of accelerating service delivery to the people.

What is it that we can name as a living testimony that municipality has further improved its services in conformity with the articulation of the President Ra that we must be smarter and faster in providing services to the people.

The achievements of our administration should be informed by the catalytic projects which are able to create sustainable job opportunities for the people, whilst at the same time rolling back the wheels of poverty.

It is time to up our game. The choice before us is clear: either we are prepared to take hard decisions and discharge our duties as elected public representatives or municipal officials in respect with our respective mandates, or we face the consequence of poor performance. We want to see harsh consequences for non-performance in the interest of the people whom we are all supposed to serve.

Programme Director, our performance for the financial year 2017/18 can be summarised as follows:

<b>Key Performance Areas</b>	<b>Percentage Achieved</b>
Basic Service Delivery	10%
Spatial Rationale	20%
Local Economic Development	25%
Financial Viability	86%
Municipal Transformation	75%
Good Governance	77%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42%</b>

## **PERFORMANCE COMPARISON ON THE 2017/18 AND 2016/17**

<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>
55%	42%

Programme director, Lepelle Nkumpi is a much better place to live in than it was before. I accordingly present the Draft 2017/2018 Annual Report for public comments.

I thank you.

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