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Municipal Vision, mission, Values, Legislative Mandate & Organisational strategic Objectives

Vision:

"Be financially viable municipality, geared towards the improvement of quality of life of the people, by providing sustainable services".

Mission:

"To effectively and efficiently provide quality basic services and thus make a significant contribution to social and economic development of the community"

Values:

- Honesty ,
- Transparency ,
- *Ubuntu*,
- Consultation,
- Value for time and money,
- Access to information.
- Access to services.

LEGISLATIVE MANDATE

The Constitution of the Republic (1996)

Section 152 of the Constitution mandates local government, among others, to:

- Provides democratic and accountable government for local communities
- Encourage the involvement of communities and community organizations in the matters of local government.

The White Paper on Local Government of (1998)

The White Paper on Local Government (1998) puts forward for the new developmental Local Government system and identifies tools for realising a developmental local government through:

- Integrated Development planning and budgeting;
- Performance management; and
- Working together with local citizens and partners.

Municipal Systems Act (No. 32 of 2000)

The Municipal Systems Act no 32 of 2000, Chapter 6 enforces the idea of local government PMS.

Municipal Planning and Performance Management Regulations (2001)

The Municipal Planning and Performance Regulations (2001) set out in detail requirements for municipal PMS. It entails a framework that describes and represent how the municipal cycle and processes of performance planning, monitoring, measurement, review, reporting and improvement will be conducted, organised and managed including the determining of the roles and responsibilities of different role players.

The Municipal Finance Management Act No 32 2003

The Municipal Finance Management Act states requirements for a municipality to include its annual municipal performance report with its financial statement in constituting its annual report. In essence, the Act requires that a municipality must, among other things:

- Audit of performance measurement; and
- Annual performance reports

The Municipal Performance Management Regulations (2006)

The Local Government Municipal Performance Regulations for municipal managers and managers directly accountable to municipal managers sets out how the performance of Section 57 staff will be uniformly directed, monitored and improved. The regulations address both the employment contract and performance agreement of municipal managers and managers directly accountable to municipal managers. It further provides a methodology for the performance management system as well as criteria for performance bonus payments.

Organisational Strategic Objectives:

- ✓ To Provide Sustainable Basic Services and Infrastructure development.
- ✓ To enhance financial viability and management.
- ✓ To increase the capability of the municipality to deliver on its mandate.
- ✓ Promote good governance and active citizenry.
- ✓ Promote shared economic growth and job creation.

Municipal Powers and Functions

The provision and maintenance of child care facilities;	Administer cemeteries, funeral parlours and crematoria;
Development of local tourism;	Cleansing;
Municipal planning;	Control of public nuisances;
Municipal public transport;	Control of undertaking that sell liquor to the public;
Municipal public works;	Ensure the provision of facilities for the accommodation, care and burial of animals;
Storm water management systems;	Fencing and fences;
Administer trading regulations;	Licensing of dogs;
Provision and maintenance of water and sanitation;	Licensing and control of undertakings that sell food to the public;
Administer billboards and display of advertisement in public areas	Administer and maintenance of local amenities;
Development and maintenance of local sport facilities;	Development and maintenance of municipal parks and recreation;
Develop and administer markets;	Regulate noise pollution;
Administer Pounds;	Administer street trading;
Development and maintenance of public places;	Provision of municipal health services.
Refuse removal, refuse dumps and solid waste disposal;	

The division of powers and functions between the district municipalities and local municipalities were adjusted by Limpopo MEC for Co-Operative Governance in terms of Sections 16 and 85 of the Municipal Structures Act, 1998 and published in Provincial Gazette No. 878, dated 07 March 2003. The following district municipal powers and functions were transferred to Lepelle-Nkumpi Municipality:

Solid waste disposal sites;	Promotion of local tourism; and
Municipal roads;	Municipal public works relating to any of the above functions or any other functions assigned to the local municipality.
Cemeteries and crematoria;	

Chapter 1: Mayor's foreword and Executive Summary

1.1 Mayor's Foreword

Please allow me, on behalf of the newly elected public representatives of Lepelle-Nkumpi to thank the residents of our municipality for their participation in the election of 3 August and the confidence they placed in us.

We are thankful for the significant turnout of voters on Election Day. This augurs well for the future representative democracy and accountability in our municipality. At the outset I want to thank and congratulate the Independent Electoral Commission for its sterling work in organising and running the local government elections in an effective and professional manner. I trust that all councillors will join me in thanking the IEC, as well as the Electoral Officer of Lepelle-Nkumpi and all staff members for the way in which the process was conducted.

I would like to congratulate the Honourable Speaker, on his election to this high office. Your election is proof of the confidence that this Council has in your abilities and leadership. The Office of the Speaker is an essential element of our system of democratic local governance. It provides a continuous link between council and the electorate throughout the term of office. Our best wishes also go to the newly elected Chief Whip of Council who will continue to play a critical role towards the effective functioning of this institution.

I also want to congratulate each and every member who has been elected as a councillor either as a ward or PR representative.

The people have spoken. 67, 15% of our electorate gave ANC the mandate to govern this municipality for the coming five years. They want us to build better communities together advance people's power in every community. Over the past fifteen years we saw significant progress under the direction of my predecessors, Mayors Chego, Masoga and Phaaahla respectively that served our municipality with such distinction.

We believe that an in-depth assessment of our achievements over the past fifteen years will reveal remarkable record of success. Under their stewardship:

- We successfully created a united municipality from disparate administrations and councils,
- We established an exemplary record of efficient and accountable administration with a strong community participation in the decision making process,
- We extended the coverage of residents receiving basic services to the point where almost 92% of our residents have access to reliable electricity

These are living monuments of the work done during their tenure. I am proud to have been a member of their team and to associate myself with their legacy and track record. Our task as new generation of leadership will be to build on their legacy and take the achievements of the municipality to a higher level.

Some of our people still do not have access to proper basic services and live in abject poverty; more than two thirds of our households require grants from the government to survive from one month to the next; and our unemployment rate is unsustainably high.

In addition, we are still dealing with the scourge of HIV/AIDS, as well as TB and other curable diseases. These and the social ills of crime are a reflection of the poverty of our residents.

As local government, in tandem with provincial and national government, we can only do so much; we thus need active contribution and efforts of all residents and stakeholders, especially those who have the means, to address these challenges, because it is only together that we can build better communities.

As you are all aware, the 3 August 2016 local Government Elections were highly contested, the elections are now over and it is now time to work together as different political parties in Council to deliver on our Constitutional mandate in order to advance people's power in every community within Lepelle-Nkumpi. It is time to put our differences aside and unite in the service of the residents of our great municipality. Lepelle-Nkumpi deserves only the best efforts from everybody, whether they are in the political leadership, in management, in all positions within our administration and across the spectrum of our partners in business, labour, the faith-based community and civil society.

I want to express, at the outset of my tenure as Mayor, my willingness to work with all political parties and stakeholders. This will enable us to find workable solutions for the diverse range of development facing Lepelle-Nkumpi as we move towards our vision of making our municipality better.

We have every intention to serve the people of Lepelle-Nkumpi guided by the vision of the ANC, to create a non-racial, non-sexist, democratic and prosperous South Africa, free of the ills of the injustices of the past.

We want to give the people of Lepelle-Nkumpi the assurance that we will not let up in our efforts to help create a better Lepelle-Nkumpi through the building of better communities.

As we said in our Local Government Elections Manifesto during our door to door election campaign, we had the opportunity of direct contact with people, receiving feedback on progress we are making. We will spare no time to ensure that what we and the people of Lepelle-Nkumpi have said during our elections campaign are realised. I am humbled and honoured to serve this great municipality into this exciting new era, this as we enter the second decade of the 21st century. Lepelle-Nkumpi is poised for an exciting new chapter in its history. We as elected representatives are presented with the opportunity to help shape the future of our municipality.

I am confident that we will be up to this task and that we will not disappoint the trust placed in us by the people of Lepelle-Nkumpi.

Working together with our people we can build better communities. A "business-as-usual" approach with regard to service delivery will no longer be tolerated. A key priority is building sustainable human settlements, which encompasses not only housing provision, but a full basket of services.

Together with our Traditional leadership and our communities we will change and transform the face of Lebowakomo Township and our villages. This will require us to take stock of the provision of all services and amenities within Lepelle-Nkumpi and to relook our Spatial Development Planning in order to ensure a consistent approach to service delivery. Strategic land will be identified following relevant legislations to ensure the establishment of sustainable human settlements.

Lepelle-Nkumpi is a developmental municipality that will continuously strives to improve the quality of life of its community, and as such we subscribe to Batho Pele principles. The Lepelle-Nkumpi Municipality, like all municipalities throughout the country is experiencing financial challenges. As we work together to advance people's power in every community, we want to assure all residents that we are turning the corner. We have the plans, we have the people, and we have the national and provincial support to confront our challenges. We want you, the people, to work together with us in Council as we advance people's power in every community.

We have introduced a debt relief programme and our communities should take advantage of this programme where possible.

As we advance people's power in every community, we will ensure that this institution is free from fraud and corruption at all levels. In this regard the municipality will strengthen the implementation of anti-fraud and anti-corruption strategies. We have experienced some unfortunate incidents which have resulted in litigation on supply chain management issues against the Municipality, and we will correct and address this.

Fraud and corruption will be dealt with harshly at all levels and we call upon all those with information on fraud and corruption to report these to the authorities. In doing so, we call on people to be disciplined. We cannot allow a situation where people become "DJs on corruption". Don't just scream corruption without having proper substantiation. Those who are "DJs on corruption" should actually be arrested by the authorities. We are committed to advance people's power in every community and by making unsubstantiated claims; we sometimes drive much-needed investment away.

The Office of the Mayor is working in close collaboration with the Anti-fraud and Anti-corruption Hotlines to receive any fraud and corruption-related matters, including whistle blowers. As we work together to advance the people's power in every community, we do not want to forget our most valuable resource, our human capital. In this regard our relationship with organized labour will be nurtured and strengthened.

We call upon SAMWU and IMATU to help us to ensure that all officials become advocates and agents of social change and assist us in building a philosophy and culture that puts people, development and social change at the top of our minds.

In the words of President Mandela: Open Quote

"Lead from the front, but do not leave your base behind. Lead from the back and let others believe they are in front"

1.2 Municipal Manager Foreword

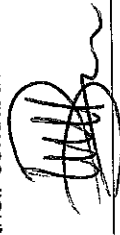
The year 2015/16 has seen a great degree of professionalism and the strengthening of our administrative impetus but there are still major challenges in our endeavour to make a reality the right of all citizens under our municipal jurisdiction to access services.

Building and strengthening the supply chain management unit, Performance Management unit and Project Management unit will improve the work of the municipality, giving support to activities of the Accounting Officer. This report records the progress made by the municipality in fulfilling its objectives as reflected in the IDP, Budget and Service delivery and budget implementation plan. It also reflects on challenges and priorities for the 2015/16 financial year.

The year 2015/16 was particularly significant for the Municipality. Considerable improvement and progress has been achieved in the services, functions and activities of the municipality. Making all these achievements possible has been the unremitting attention to effective and efficient administrative support that the management team and staff provided.

This annual Report sets out the details of what was done by the municipality during the financial year 2015/16, of utmost vitality the report contains the Audited Annual Financial Statements, Audit committee and Risk committee report, Auditor-General's Audit report and other related reports.

A summary of the report can be also included in the report. As Lepelle-nkumpi municipality we have consolidated our programmes however our institutional arrangements need further strengthening to ensure long-term sustainability. I would like to thank the Mayor, the Executive committee, Council and the staff for their contribution in making 2015/16 a success.



Mr Mothogoane TB

Municipal Manager

28 March 2018

Date