

EXECUTIVE MAYOR'S FOREWORD

As stated in our IDP adopted in May 2007, one of our major goals is to build our financial sustainability. It goes further to say that this goal is absolutely critical to the credibility of our IDP, since failure in this respect would undermine all other development efforts. We are convinced that we will achieve this goal during the lifespan of our current IDP.

The Municipality has for a number of months operated without a municipal manager. On 14 of June 2007 Council appointed Mr. James Fortuin as municipal manager. I have full confidence that Mr. Fortuin is most able to lead and It is council plan to engage every citizen of the Witzenberg community with dignity and humility and a steadfast resolve to accelerate and improve service delivery, fight poverty and unemployment and ensure a better life for all inhabitants which is the driving force behind this Municipality. Despite the numerous challenges facing the

Under Financial Viability our strategic efforts will particularly focus on :

- Capacitating the Income Section
- Review of the tariff structure, including Debtor Analysis and Tariff Analysis
- Having a General Valuations done
- Procurement
- The Koekedouw Dam loan, and
- Striving towards an unqualified report of the Auditor-General

In addition to the above, our IDP also states very clearly that the socio-economic profile of the majority of the people of Witzenberg compels the leadership of the Municipality to facilitate the formation (and sustaining!) of smart partnerships with other levels of government to accelerate improvement in particular the areas of health, education

I want to reiterate what the IDP pronounces on organizational matters, namely:

“The Integrated Development Plan represents an organizational strategy as much as a developmental programme since there is a realization that developmental programmes cannot efficiently be implemented without having an

The design of our organisation, aligned to and giving effect to the objectives of the IDP, therefore becomes a critical task for the accounting officer. Our organisational strategies, essentially, would aim at transforming the Municipality for improved performance, having due regard for the following core components of such strategy:

- Improving work methods;
- Aligning structure and organisational design; and
- Addressing behaviour, attitudes and values of staff.

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