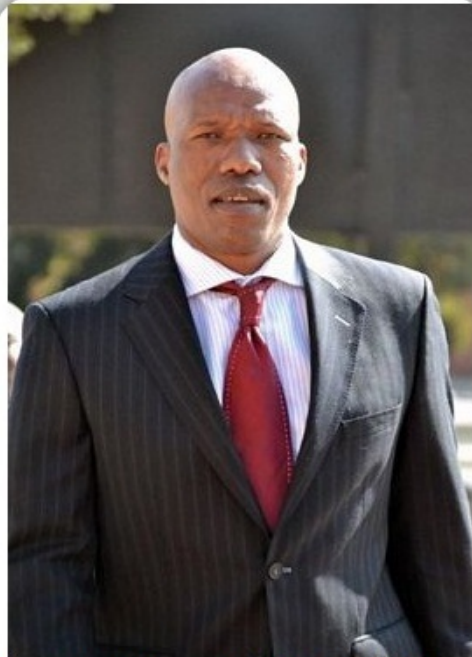


**EXECUTIVE MAYOR MOEKETSI MOSHODI ANNOUNCES THE 2012/13
FEZILE DABI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY BUDGET**



Executive Mayor: Cllr. Moeketsi Moshodi
During Budget Speech at Enienne Rousseau Theater,
Sasolburg

The Executive Mayor of Fezile Dabi District Municipality has tabled the 2012/13 budget of this Municipality, and told the community in attendance that this year's budget is prepared in accordance with the five key performance priorities as outlined in the local government strategic agenda namely; Municipal transformation and Institutional development, Basic Service Delivery and Infrastructure Investment, Local Economic Development, Good Governance and Community Participation, Financial Viability and Good Financial Management, all these taking into consideration the five key priority areas of government, Education, Health, Rural Development and Land Reform, Creating Decent Work and Fighting Crime.

The Executive Mayor Moshodi reiterated that this year's budget will attempt to address the following key issues;

- I. 1.Capacity building to our local municipalities, this remains one of the critical objectives of the district municipality as mandated by the Municipal Structure Act.
- II. 2.We will continue to forge linkages to potential sources of funding and build partnerships with private sector on behalf of our local municipalities.
- III. 3.To accelerate local economic development and growth in terms of supporting municipalities own initiatives to create a sustainable local economic growth and to identify economic growth potential to local municipalities and support their programs accordingly.
- IV. 4.To intensify our financial support to local Municipalities by limited financial backing for identified agreed upon operational and Infrastructure needs
- V. 5.Maintaining sufficient emergency funds for acquisition of fire and rescue equipments and mobilization of disaster relief such as food parcels and temporary accommodation.

“Speaker, South African Local Government Association was correct when stating that, local government is the sphere of government closest to the people, is perceived as an important sphere of government and as essential for the delivery of services to our communities and more so the promotion of popular democracy.



Fezile Dabi District Municipality Mayoral Committee members with Speaker: Cllr Sizwe Mbalo on your right and next to him is Ex Mayor: Moeketsi Moshodi

However local government still experiences severe service delivery challenges, such as;

- Poor revenue collection
- The absence of a robust revenue base
- The paucity of municipal infrastructure
- Absence of good governance structures
- Effective and efficient use of resources
- Leadership and capacity challenges

Moshodi posed a very important question to the leadership, “As we present this state of the district address and this budget today, we must ask a very important question, whether as municipalities we are moving forward and moving away from this depressing situation that SALGA alluded to six years ago, are our municipalities becoming financial viable, and are they able to honor their responsibilities of provision of quality un-interrupted service delivery to our people.

Let us leave this theatre invigorated and knowing that it is time for us to stand up and serve, our people have had enough of explanations, what they want is service delivery and trustworthy leadership. The time has arrived that all of us must play our part, politicians are politicians and not administrators, administrators are not politicians but administrators , if we can respect this, our municipalities will be run professionally and our people will be beneficiaries of a better improved service delivery”.

The Executive Mayor expressed his position on corruption, ‘Let us work together to stop corruption in our municipalities, programmes are supposed to be designed to address the needs of our community, and not to address our financial needs as leaders, all the progress that we have achieved as local government this far has been overshadowed by allegations of corruption and mal-administration, and it is only you, and me, that can put a stop to this endemic that is destroying our local government”