

27. FINANCE: APPROVAL OF THE 2024/2025 CAPITAL AND OPERATIONAL BUDGET, FEES, CHARGES, TARIFFS AND BUDGET RELATED POLICIES: (RV) : (DIRECTORATE BUDGET & TREASURY OFFICE)

27/03/2024 (RESOLUTION

1. **That Council approves the 2024/2025 draft operational budget expenditure of R880,386,113 and the 2024/2025 draft operational revenue of R935,919,398, which include Capital Transfers, as set out in Annexure A to the report.**
2. That Council approves the following increases in property rates, fees, charges and tariffs with effect from 1 July 2024 –
  - 2.1 Property rates with approximately with 7.0%;
  - 2.2 Water tariffs with approximately 6.0%;
  - 2.3 Sewerage / sanitation fees with approximately 6.0%;
  - 2.4 Refuse removal fees with approximately 6.0%;
  - 2.5 Electricity tariffs with approximately 12.72%

That note be taken that NERSA must still approve these increases

  - 2.6 All other fees, charges or tariffs with approximately 5% - 6% as set out in Tariff List.
3. That Council approves the 2024/2025 draft capital budget expenditure of **R165,539,283** as set out in Annexure B of the report to be financed through –
  - 3.1 The Capital Replacement Reserve (R56,111,028);
  - 3.2 External loans (R0) and
  - 3.3 Grants from national and provincial government and other organs of state (R93,228,255).
4. That the Municipal Manager and Executive Mayor engages in discussions with national and provincial government to transfer unfunded mandates back to the relevant departments.
5. That the Virement Policy be amended by 31 May 2024 to be in line with the mSCOA guidelines. The Virement Policy will be used to enable managers to only shift funds between items in the same projects. Any shifting of funds to another project will only be done during an Adjustment Budget process.

6. That the following budget related policies of Council be reviewed to be approved with the approval of the final budget in May 2024 –
  - 6.1 Supply Chain Management Policy;
  - 6.2 Tariff Policy;
  - 6.3 Customer Care, Credit Control, Debt Collection and Indigent Support Policy;
  - 6.4 Writing-Off of Irrecoverable Debt Policy; and
  - 6.5 Funding and Reserve Policy
  - 6.6 All other policies related to the budget
7. That the Chief Financial Officer submit to Council with the final budget by the end of May 2024 particulars of the municipality's investments.
8. That the Municipal Manager compile the draft Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan with measurable performance objectives for revenue from each source and for each vote in the budget to be submitted to Council with the final budget by the end of May 2024.
9. That the Municipal Manager submit to Council with the final budget by the end of May 2024 any particulars of any proposed service delivery agreements, including material amendments to existing service delivery agreements.
10. That the Municipal Manager in terms of legislation invite the local community through advertisements in the local press to submit representations in connection with the 2024/2025 draft operational and capital budget and proposed tariffs as required by the Municipal Systems Act.
11. That the Municipal Manager in consultation with the Executive Mayor and Speaker arrange public meetings with the ward councillors and their ward committee members and local community to discuss the 2024/2025 draft operational and capital budget and proposed tariffs.
12. That the Executive Mayor and its Executive Committee together with all councillors and senior manager workshop the draft budget after the public participation process together with any inputs from the local community and any other stakeholder before the final budget is submitted to Council for consideration at the end of May 2024.
13. That Council rescinds all Council decisions regarding the sale of ervens for less than market value. Therefore, all unfinalized erven sales be cancelled and be sold against the market value.