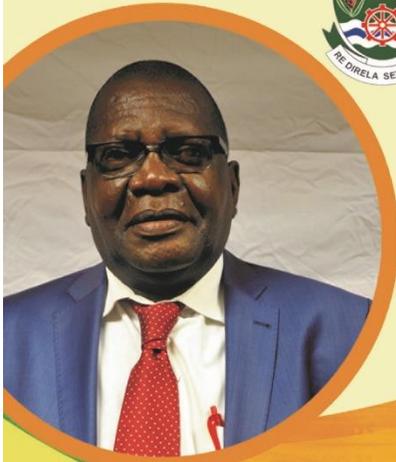


BUDGET SPEECH 2017/2018



MOSES KOTANE
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



The Speaker of Council, Clr Siphosiso Vava hereby gives notice of an ordinary meeting of Moses Kotane Local Municipality Council for presentation of the Budget Speech by MKLM Mayor, Clr Ralesole Diale.

Date: 31 May 2017, Wednesday

Venue: Obakeng Community Hall

Time: 10h00



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**Budget Speech for 2017-2018 financial year as presented by MKLM
Mayor, Clr Ralesole Diale on 31 May 2017 at Obakeng Village, 12h00**

Honourable Speaker of Council, Sipho Vava
Single Whip, Clr Maria Matshaba
Members of the Executive Committee
Fellow Councillors
Municipal Officials led by the Acting Municipal Manager, Mr Tertius
Chiloane
Magosi a etsho
Members of Traditional Councils present
Leaders and representatives of religious, business and all sectors,
Ward committee members,
Community Development Workers
Learners of high schools present
Distinguished guests
Ladies and gentlemen, Bagaetsho botlhe
Good day, Goeie dag.... Dumelang

Re kopana fa gompiano re le kgotlha-teropo ya Masepala wa Moses
Kotane go tthagisa tekanyetso- kabo ya ngwaga wa dichelete wa 2017/
2018 e e tsileng go tsena tirisong fa kgwedi ya phukwi e simolola. Gonne re
kaelwa ke melwana ya bomasepala ya matlotlo gore lekgotlateropo le
tshwanelwa ke go atlagenisa tekanyetso kabo kgwedi pele ga tshimologo
ya ngwaga wa dichelete. Mme tla ke tseye tšhono e go leboga
makhanselara a masepala wa Moses Kotane go bo ba tsere karolo go
tshegetsatshegetsa le go etella pele tsamaiso go akaretsa kamagano ya batsaya
karolo mo mererong ya puso.

It pains me more that we are meeting here, a week after court appearance
of a murder suspect who was charged with the murder of Naomi Kgopong
of Manamakgotheng village. Let me also commend the women of Moses
Kotane Local Municipality who came in their numbers to attend the bail
hearing application at Mankwe Magistrate court last week.

We have just been sadly informed that a woman was burnt to death in a shack in Mogwase Unit 8. This is morally incorrect, we must stand up as men and say enough is enough.

I am also making a call to all the men of Moses Kotane Local Municipality to advocate for the safety of women and children, and we must boldly say: Not in our name... we pledge to always protect our women and children in our democratic South Africa.

Let us also observe that 28 May to 04 June 2017 is the National child protection week. Protect a child, wear a green ribbon. Report child abuse, neglect and exploitation. Let us protect children to move South Africa forward

This is the first presentation of the budget speech of the new Council which was inaugurated in August 2016 after the local government elections.

It is indeed the greatest honour for me to be standing in front of you today in the village of Obakeng in ward 1 to present the budget speech of the Moses Kotane Local Municipality for the 2017/18 financial year which begins on the first of July 2017.

This comes at a time when our national government has declared 2017 the Year of Oliver Reginald Tambo for us to celebrate, educate and preserve his Life and Legacy. OR Tambo who epitomized the struggle for liberation. Tambo was instrumental in rallying support, assistance and solidarity against the oppression of colonialism and apartheid on the continent. It is therefore befitting that the theme for this year's Africa Month celebrations is ***“The Year of OR Tambo: Building a Better Africa and a***

Better World". The role played by OR Tambo during struggle cannot be ignored.

Honourable Speaker, 2016/ 2017 financial year was the first year of the fourth administration term which will run until 2021. We continued with the realisation of our vision of ensuring that the municipality is best to live in, work for and business with through working together in concluding the previous generation of the IDP which started in 2011 to 2016.

Honourable speaker, this is the ninth month since the inauguration of the new council... for this term we have highlighted and placed emphasis on the potential of local economic development as a catalyst for economic stimulation in our municipality.

Let me welcome you all to this historic meeting Council to present the budget. It is truly an honor to be here standing in front you after being elected to serve the people of Moses Kotane Local Municipality. Fortunately I have been part of this organization that touched lives of the people from all 107 villages and two townships.

Our five-year journey of this Council term has begun and the onus is upon us all to ensure that we leave the permanent legacy in terms of service provision to the people of Moses Kotane Local Municipality because the only reason we are here is to serve them to improve the quality of their lives for them to live better in a democratic South Africa that was fought for by the likes of Moses Kotane, OR Tambo, Nelson Mandela, Barney Molokwane, amongst the struggle heroes of our liberation movement, African National Congress.

I am very fortunate to have been part of the team that started this municipality from the scratch and put it where it is now. The footprints of service delivery and good governance are visible because the road we have travelled thus far portrays a blend of our history, milestones, successes and challenges which have packaged as some of the legacies of democracy in our lifetime.

I believe it is proper to acknowledge the excellent work done by administration led by Acting Municipal Manager, Rre Tertius Chiloane for leading this institution through smooth administration.

As political leaders, we cannot choose to ignore the important role played by municipal officials in the delivery of our mandate to provide basic services to the people. Re a lo leboga badiri ba rona ba masepala, tswelelang go tsetsepela go direla setšhaba ka botswapelo.

Honourable speaker, we held a three day strategic planning session wherein we have set the tone as political leadership that local economic development is the key driver of our plans to ensure that radical economic transformation becomes a reality in line with the five provincial concretes

We acknowledge and treasure the efforts and work done by our councilors, officials and key stakeholders who have shown high level of commitment to ensure that the dignity of our people is restored through provision of service delivery.

The Integrated Development Plan and budget adopted by council today, sums up our assertion and commitment of ensuring good governance and provision of service delivery as some of the key performance areas of local government are achieved. We listened attentively to the priorities and needs highlighted by our communities during the public consultation meetings and we are confident that our plans and budget are a true representation of community needs and priorities, inclusive of all projects planned for implementation by our partners in service delivery. Our limited financial resources remains the key challenge, hence we are saying *bikie-bikie maak meer*.

2017 is the 17th year since establishment of the Moses Kotane Local Municipality. The road we have travelled thus far depicts a blend of a rich history, worthy experiences and milestones which we know and are fundamental for the coming generations to know as a good story to tell during our democratic era. We are still forging ahead to make this municipality better than it was yesterday.

As we strive to play our oversight role as councilors, we also commit to ensure that there is institutional capacity for sound governance system through consistent, functional and efficient council committees. There is no excuse for lack of Visibility of Councilors in all wards. Emphasis on monitoring of service delivery projects is one of the key issues in our minds. We must always report back to communities.

Back to basics pillars

Back to basics concept was introduced by our national department of cooperative governance to encourage all municipalities to become functional centers of good governance with the need to set the proper standards for municipal performance.

I fully commit that the Moses Kotane Local Municipality conforms to the back to this basics pillars:

Delivering basic services: through creation of decent living conditions for our people in all 107 villages and the two townships. The Management has developed both the road water master plans in compliance with this pillar to sustain basic standards of living and economic activity in our villages and townships.

Good Governance: is at the heart of the effective functioning of every municipality hence we are committing to ensure that there is transparency, accountability and regular engagements with communities for them to meaningfully participate and take ownership of their projects and council programmes. All council committees will have regular meetings as prescribed by legislation.

Public Participation Measures will be implemented to ensure that municipality engage with their communities.

Public participation - Putting people first: Ward councilors will continue to have monthly meetings with communities while ward committee members will continue to be the ears and eyes of government. We will continue to communicate our plans and strategies to deal with current backlogs, monitor and act on complaints, concerns and petitions received from our communities.

Sound financial management is integral to the success of local government through our credible budget that talks to the IDP. We will make sure that the audit improvement action plan as adopted by council is monitored and I have no doubt that there will be notable improvement during the next audit finding by the auditor general. As we strive to consistently the fact that the municipality is financially viable, we will also act decisively against fraud and corruption. Our communities must also take responsibility to pay for the services we are rendering to them, we will therefore conduct campaigns on payment of services... to be called **Duela disuga go tokafatsa thebolo ya ditirelo** We are further appealing communities to report criminal activities of theft encountered recently were taps were stolen in various villages like Pella and Seshibitswe. Protect your infrastructure, it is there to serve you.

Institutional Capacity – our focus remains on building strong municipal administrative system and processes, hence we will ensure the only vacant position of the municipal manager will be filled soon. Financial year 2017/2018 shall be the year of change management in terms of improving our performance management system and management engagement with employees.

As a rural municipality, we respect and recognise the role and authority of traditional leadership in development. Hence we remain committed to consistently interact with Dikgosi and Bahumagadi on governance and development matters. Ke Magosi a rona...

The focus of this current term of administration will be on Local economic development. It is my commitment to ensure that economy of Moses

Kotane Local Municipality will be stimulated to create jobs, alleviate poverty, attract investments, and boost tourism.

Hence the IDP and budget for 2017/ 2018 are aligned to the Provincial concretes of:

- Rebranding, Repositioning and Renewal
- Setsokotsane that brings services to communities within their door step.
- Reconciliation, Healing and Renewal which is set on changing mindset of the people is done by the RHR (domestic violence, older people who are marginalized, substance abuse, inter-tribal/ ethnic fights, and visiting victims of abuse.
- Agriculture, Culture and Tourism - - Anchor tourism nodes that have been identified by provincial government include Sun City/Pilanesberg complex. Madikwe is an identified place along this corridor. As the local authority, we will play a leading role to ensure that tourism remains catalyst in development
- Villages, Towns and Small Dorpies – VTSD this municipality will commit a reasonable percentage of its budget towards VTSD)

In my first three months of the first quarter of the new financial year, my focus will be on the following:

- Effectively maintaining our infrastructure projects through the launch of quick wins projects and programs that require urgent attention to improve service delivery in all areas. This include filling of potholes, repairs on water leakages amongst others, cleaning of storm water channels, regravelling internal roads, resealing internal and external roads & water loss reduction – that is Setsokotsane in progress

- Stakeholder management in order of importance. In as much as we recognize Magosi in development and land use, we will continue to engage them regularly as we have in the past because Moses Kotane Local Municipality belongs to all of us.
- Ensuring that we reclaim the unqualified audit opinion and move towards clean audit
- Enhance Community participation in the affairs of the municipality
- Ensuring good governance in all aspects through adherence to deadlines, compliance to legislation without fail and improved performance
- Councillors will have monthly meetings with communities and there will be consistent feedback
- All Councillors and ward committees will be play their role to ensure that local government touches all the people living in the municipal jurisdiction.

Local government is truly in our hands... and we will make it work

New vision:

We have moved from being the caring and responsive municipality that is best to live in, work for and do business with. And we are now saying for us to achieve economic radical transformation in our lifetime, the new vision places emphasis on what we advocate for, that stimulating our economy to change the lives of the people.

We are therefore saying our messages towards realisation of the vision will be centred around development, collaborative and proactive municipality that strives towards radical transformation. Therefore we will surely pride ourselves of being the municipality that is economically vibrant with citizens at heart through collaborations with strategic partners. This is work in progress, The Council will soon adopt the new vision.

LED and job creation

Whilst Local economic development remains our priority, we also need to acknowledge that there is an estimated 51% of unemployed persons in Moses Kotane Local Municipality due to the following as contributing aspects:

- Lack of a diversity of job opportunities;
- Distance to most existing job opportunities;
- Inefficient or lack of public transport;
- Lack of proper skills;
- Low education or high illiteracy;
- Lack of viable economic strategy especially LED strategy for Moses Kotane

Hence we are saying engagement on the review of the LED strategy is underway. I am truly pleased that the LED function is being moved to Office of the Mayor as resolved by the Bokone Bophirima Premier's Coordinating Council for me as the political head to closely play the oversight role and ensure that LED is maximally explored to attract investment to our municipality.

The effects of unemployment include poverty as a result of lack of income, poor quality of life, high crime rate, lack of food security, lack of tax base and poor economic development. Provision of employment opportunities is hampered by lack of funding, lack of resources, lack of training institutions, and lack of infrastructure such as water and roads and inefficient communication system. It is mostly rural women who are affected because they are the ones often left behind to feed and take care of children. The new revised LED strategy will indeed focus on the following sectors in terms of addressing the root causes of unemployment and poor economic development:

- Instil commitment, diligence and ownership of current and future employment opportunities to working people in the area;
- Access to essential support services such as financial, advisory, equipment and training services particularly to small businesses; maintain a high level of marketing profile;
- Improvement of retail and industrial facilities;
- Integration of large and small businesses;

- Provision of land for small scale farmers;
- Access to marketing and processing facilities
- Strengthening of nodal development;
- Recreation and Attraction of investment
- Social Services and Construction, Mining and Tourism
- Transport Sector and Manufacturing
- Communication and Agriculture
- Electrification and Finances
- Wholesaling / Retail and Trade and Commerce

Revenue enhancement

The municipality will be guided by Municipal Property Rates Act to implement rates on property to make provision for fair and equitable valuation methods of properties. Let me also thank the support provided for by the North West Provincial Department of Human Settlement & human settlement, and the provincial treasury to providing us with support on compilation and maintenance of valuations rolls and promulgation of rate tariffs. As I have indicated, we will embark on awareness campaigns to educate our communities on their obligations to pay for services.

Shared Services Model

We are still forging ahead with provision of the shared services model delivery, and we are looking forward towards optimally exploring it to improve our strategies in the spirit of cooperative governance and intergovernmental relations to share our resources for better institutional capacity.

Let me thank the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality for having accepted our request to implement shared services model on the district audit committee which has been working very well with us on the auditing function.

Overview of the Budget:

Honourable Speaker, allow me to summarize the budget for 2017-2018 financial year which starts on the first of July 2017:

Total budget for the 2017/ 2018 financial year is R1 068 2 billion (one billion, sixty eight million and two hundred and nineteen thousand rand) comprising operating budget of R 745 million and capital budget of R214.7 million

The total anticipated operating revenue amounts to R 745 million comprising:-

- Property rates of R109. 6 million
- Services charges of R181.6 m
- Interest revenue of R9.5 million
- Interest on outstanding debtors R51.5 million
- Traffic fines of R5 million
- Grants and subsidies of R381.7 million, and
- Other revenue of R6 million such as license fees, sale of stand, tender deposits, Refunds from Local Government **Local Government Sector Education and Training Authority** and others.
- Capital grants of R186.8 million
- Borrowing of R8 million

The grants amounting to a total of R381.8 million stated above are broken down as follows:

- Equitable share of R 357.5 million
- Finance management grants of R1.7 million
- Extended Public Works Programme grant of R 1 million
- Department of Water and Sanitation for water assets R 16.5 million

- Municipal Infrastructure Grant for Project management grant of R4.1 Million
- Library grant – R950 thousand

The total expenditure budget amounts to R million comprising the following:

- Employee related cost of R217.1 million
- Remuneration of councillors of R26.8 million
- Depreciation of R118.9 million
- Repairs and maintenance of R 67.2 million
- Finance charges of R6.8 million
- Bulk purchase of R73.2 million
- Contracted services of R42.8 million
- General expenses of R195 million
- Debt impairment of R72.4 million
- Contribution to provisions of R6 million
- Internal transfers of R7.4 million

The 2017/18 financial year budget summary:

The anticipated revenue for the 2017/18 financial year is R745 million (last financial year our anticipated revenue was R654 million, this shows growth in our budget)

The expenditure is estimated at	R854 million.
Resulting in a deficit amount of	<u>R109 million</u>
When adding back all the non-cash expenditure of million	R119
The municipality will remain with a surplus of	R10 million
Then account for the repayment of the loan	<u>R8.5 million</u>
There will be a surplus of	R1.8 million

Honorable Speaker, we tried within a limited resources to present budget that is funded as required by the municipal budget regulations.

In our efforts to pursue ideals of the National Development Plan which the Province is implemented in the context of the Rebranding, Repositioning and Renewal (RRR) complemented by the five concretes; Arts Culture & Tourism, Villages Townships & Small Dorpies, Reconciliation Healing & Renewal, Setsokotsane and Saamwerk-Saamtrek, our budget is fully compliant.

The implementation of the NDP through the RRR (rebranding, repositioning and renewal) approach has also been considered and budgeted under the Operating and Capital Budget and were conceptualized as follows:

ACT (Agriculture, Culture and Tourism);

- The above three are key drivers of the municipal economy and plans need to be developed to cater and be supported by potential funders through collaborations with the mines & other potential funders. Mining sector has sufficient lifespan of operations which ceases to exist when all minerals are exhausted. The mines decrease unemployment. The three pillars of ACT require plans and support to be sustainable for them to make an impact.
- Our role is to support and coordinate.

Villages, Townships and Small Dorpies

- All 34 wards of this municipality, 107 villages and 2 urban areas are incorporated in our needs analysis plans. The municipality has started with the development plans of five villages as a pilot programme. Presently the Community Development Workers are continuously doing economic profiling of all 107 villages to zoom into village specific needs
- Moses Kotane Local Municipality is basically 100% VTSD compliant as all our capital projects are implemented in villages and townships. The municipality continues with its budgeting processes to ensure that all villages and the two townships are provided for through alignment with this pillar given our rural nature of this municipality.

There is therefore a budget provision of R1.5 million for Fencing of cemeteries in various villages in our capital budget. The villages will be prioritized according to community needs as highlighted in the IDP document.

Allocation of R 15 million has been made for construction of Community halls in the following villages:

- Bapong
- Lerome (Mositwane)
- Moruleng (Ward 9)

Land fill sites

- There is provision of R12 million for Mogwase & Madikwe land fill sites in compliance to waste management legislation.

The following villages will benefit for high mast light projects from our capital budget:

- Tweelagte - R717 thousands
- Makoshong - R1.076 Million
- Welverdient - R1.4 million
- Ntswana le metsing R717 thousand
- Nkogolwe- R717 thousand
- Moruleng - R9. 54 million(nine. five million rand)
- Moruleng – R1.8 million (one. eight million)
- Lesetlheng - R1.76 million, and
- Moubana - R717 thousands
- R700 thousands is set aside for Electrification of various Communal rental units

Amount allocated for electricity projects is R14.3 million

Municipal Vehicles In our efforts to assist with operations for efficient service delivery, we must have fleet that is in good working condition hence we have made provision of R 8 million (eight million rand) for purchasing of new Municipal Vehicles

Roads and storm water

Honourable speaker,

We are fully aware of our different mandates/ competencies as spheres of government wherein our sole responsibility as the municipality is construction of internal roads while our national government is responsible for construction national and provincial roads as this is in our road master plan

Overview of provincial roads

- Moses Kotane Local Municipality's road network consists of 2292.3 km
 - Total Kilometers of paved/tarred is 110.6km
 - Total Kilo meters of Unpaved is 2181.7km
- Overall % of provincial road network that requires resurfacing and re-gravelling is 3866.7 km (three thousands & sixty six. Seven kilometers)

The outlook of provincial roads as per road master plan give us a picture of 48% of our provincial roads being surfaced, whilst we still have the remainder of provincial roads that needs to be graveled. Which gives us motivation to mobilize resources to ensure excellent service provision.

Our road network consists of 2292.3 kilo meters

Our council has laid a solid foundation of having had conducted an audit of our roads informed by the needs of the people we serve from 107 villages and two townships. Working Together we will continue to make Moses Kotane Local Municipality a better place to live in...

We acknowledge the fact that Infrastructure development is one of the catalysts of local economic development and investor attraction.

The total budget for internal roads and storm water projects amounts to **R61 million (sixty one million rand)** towards completion and construction of new internal roads and storm water projects in the following villages:

R2.5million is set for **Phase 2 - Ramokoka** internal road
R1.5 million for phase 2 of Lesetlheng /Legkraal internal road
R780 thousands for completion of Disake internal road
R1 million for completion of phase 2 of Ledig internal road
R1.5 million for completion of Matlametlong internal road
R11.8 million for construction of Kameelboom internal road
R11.6 million for construction of Witranjie internal road
R9.6 million for completion of Lerome internal road
R11.5 million for construction of Obakeng internal road
R8.9 million for construction of Ledig internal Road

The following villages will benefit on the rural Sanitation programme (VIP toilets)

Ratau R583 thousands
Molatedi R583 thousands
Mmorogong R583 thousands
Ramasedi R583 thousands
Bojating R583 thousands
Mantserre R583 thousands
David katnagel R1 million
Leruleng R1 million
Moopyane R1 million
Phalane R1million
Manamakgotheng R1 million

R8.5 million (eight.five million rand) has been set aside for all rural sanitation projects

Water projects

Water remains a key priority as the municipality because water is a source of life. Hence we have allocated overall amount of R 76 million for water projects:

Below is a breakdown of water projects planned for 2017/ 2018:

- Ground water optimisation phase 3 at Witranjie village for an amount of R3.6 million
- Ground water optimisation phase 3 at Ramokgolela village for an amount of R3.6 million
- Ground water optimisation phase 3 at Manamela village at R3.6 million
- Ground water optimisation phase 3 Koffiekraal village at an amount of R3.6 million
- Ground water optimisation phase 4 Khayakhulu village at an amount of R1.8 million
- Ground water optimisation phase 4 Welverdiend R1.8 million
- Ledig village bulk supply(5ml reservoir) R1.033 million
- Welgeval water supply for an amount R8.1 million
- Mogwase reservoir R5 million
- Refurbishment of water assets R3 million
- Bulk water augmentation Mmorogong village at R12.8 million
- Bulk water augmentation Mositwana village at R12.8 million
- Bulk water augmentation Mantsho village at R12.8 million

Provision has been made for planning phase of bulk line that seek to supply water to the following villages:

- PPM Bulk pipeline at Masilela village - R624 thousand
- PPM Bulk pipeline at Bofule village - R624 thousand
- PPM Bulk pipeline at Lekutung village - R624 thousand
- PPM Bulk pipeline at Tswaneng village - R624 thousand

Chunk of our capital budget is directed towards water projects as a key priority amounting to seventy six million followed by roads at sixty million rands.

These capital programs that I mentioned above will be funded from the following sources:

- MIG(Municipal infrastructure grant) R 148,279,503
- DWA(Department of water affairs) R 38,500,000
- External Loans – Finance of Vehicles R 8,000,000
- Own Revenue R 18,900,000

Total budget provision for all Capital Projects is two hundred & thirteen million, six hundred and seventy nine thousands and five hundred and three rands. (R213, 679,503)

RHR - Reconciliation, Healing and Renewal

- Remains amongst the five key pillars, to bring unity and reconciliation within the province and to heal all past wounds. The above will only come to pass when we join hands and work together within the Province. Let us all rally behind this concrete to ensure that all the people of Moses Kotane Local Municipality are safe and live freely. Where there are challenges of immorality, we will intervene through RHR because we care.

Setsokotsane - Comprehensive and Integrated Service Delivery Campaigns

Saamwerk - Saamtrek Philosophy- by working together as the province and all as South Africans

Economic Activities revisited

- We will surely review the Local economic development Strategy (LED) to comprehensively cater for Agriculture, Culture and Tourism initiatives with high impact.
- An amount of R7.4 million is allocated for Construction of formal stalls for informal traders in Mogwase as part of revitalisation programme to keep Mogwase clean and attractive sourced from the MIG as allocation for the LED projects

It is important to note that: Division of Revenue Act for the 2017/2018 financial year amounts to one hundred & fifty two million, four hundred & fifteen thousand rands (R152, 415,000). Of which an amount of R4, 135 (four million, one hundred and thirty five thousand rands) has been allocated to Project Management Unit which leaves an amount of R148, 279,503 available for MIG projects

To our communities that are not catered for in the 2017/18 financial year budget, kindly note that you are not forgotten, if it was possible I would provide for each area but to limited funding we are unable to implement service delivery project in each village or township of our jurisdiction.

Let me also emphasize that we need to strengthen the evaluation and monitoring of service delivery projects by being rigorously interrogating monthly performance reports and doing physical inspection through projects visits. This intervention would intensify accountability and early detection of poor performance at an early stage to ensure maximum performance and avoid roll overs and withholding of funds.

Our pledge as the ANC municipality is to:

Remain true to our values of courage, service, self-sacrifice, human solidarity, integrity, humility, honesty, hard-work, self-discipline and mutual respect.

Work with all stakeholders and our communities to move the municipality forward through the commitments we have set out when we started our council term.

Strengthen the bonds of trust and solidarity with our people where these have been broken and continue to listen to and effectively communicate with our people.

Honourable speaker, it is proper for me to express my sincere thanks to the people of Moses Kotane Local Municipality for having bestowed the greatest political movement in the continent, African National Congress

with the confidence to consistently continue with the reigns to lead the municipality. Re a leboga bagaetsho gonne mokgatlho o re golotse mo dikeetaneng tsa apartheid mme gompiano re phelela mo kgololesegong ke ka moo re nang le makoko kgatlhanong mo tsamaisong ya rona.

I have full trust that the budget we are adopting today is credible and will indeed advance the ideals of radical transformation in our lifetime. Financial viability is one of our key performance areas and we are therefore proud that we are on the right track as the municipality

Let me also thank the party that I serve, African National Congress for having bestowed me with the honor of ensuring that we continue with the pursuit of working together to advance the people's power in every community by deploying me to be the political leader of Moses Kotane Local Municipality. Because it is a well-known fact that together we have built better communities and better local government over the past years and we are forging ahead.

In conclusion, let me present the budget for the coming financial year of 2017/ 2018 before Council.

Ke a leboga