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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

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To : Concerned Community of VKLM

From : Executive Mayor
Cllr K.V Buda

Date : 28 November 2024

RE: Response To The Memorandum

The municipality appreciate the members of the community, if there are any concerns, they saw it fit to raise with the municipality. We have taken our time to comprehensively respond to your demands or concerns. We are looking forward in engaging with your good selves to find an everlasting solution. We are alive with fact that the challenges we face can only be resolved if we work together with communities and as a responsive municipality we must be accountable to its citizen.

Here is the response to the issues raised. We would like to meet with you on the 04th December 2024 (Wednesday) at 08h30 outside the municipal building where will take you through these responses.

1. The municipality has the debt amount to R 1.1 billion total Debt Book

DEBT BOOK PER SERVICE				
SERVICES	CURRENT CHARGES	VARIANCE	TOTAL	ALLOCATIONS
WATER	5,652,572.26	251,621,635.07	257,274,207.33	23%
HIRE	6,082,185.43	240,579,847.41	246,662,032.84	22%
INTEREST	8,171,039.59	183,850,350.81	192,021,390.40	17%
RATES	8,807,321.94	175,771,460.07	184,578,782.01	16%
VAT	5,222,373.80	71,366,350.75	76,588,724.55	7%
SUNDRY NON VAT	54,648.62	48,226,793.97	48,281,442.59	4%
ELECTRICITY	21,147,687.33	20,005,955.26	41,153,642.59	4%
SUNDRIES VAT	435.04	28,344,893.30	28,345,328.34	3%
REFUSE	1,279,502.63	26,156,924.84	27,436,427.47	2%
SEWERAGE	1,054,596.78	23,913,914.28	24,968,511.06	2%
OTHER SERVICES	-	2,430,547.53	2,430,547.53	0.2%
DEPOSIT	4,414.82	7,562.23	11,977.05	0.001%
ADVANCE PAYMEN	- 909,874.86	- 5,923,717.10	- 6,833,591.96	1%
Grand Total	56,566,903.38	1,066,352,518.42	1,122,919,421.80	100%

The municipality is being owed **R 257 274 207** by the community and business on the water services and the result is unable to make the monthly payment to Rand Water. Furthermore, the collection rate of the municipality is 62% due to non-payment by consumers.

DEBT PER CATORY

DEBT BOOK PER ACCOUNT TYPE				
ACC TYPE	CURRENT CHARGES	VARIANCES	TOTALS	ALLOCATIONS
RESIDENTIAL	19,361,841.11	800,277,318.68	819,639,159.79	73%
FARMS	3,279,226.24	86,967,474.24	90,246,700.48	8%
BUSINESS	13,583,876.12	70,610,809.54	84,194,685.66	7%
INDIGENT	283,296.43	67,516,175.72	67,799,472.15	6%
GOVERNMENT	7,917,705.90	21,774,779.13	29,692,485.03	3%
MINES	1,907,732.19	13,907,706.58	15,815,438.77	1%
TOP FIFTY	10,041,266.62	2,076,084.38	12,117,351.00	1%
OTHER	180,939.02	3,071,716.09	3,252,655.11	0.3%
MUNICIPAL PROP	11,019.75	150,454.06	161,473.81	0.01%
Grand Total	56,566,903.38	1,066,352,518.42	1,122,919,421.80	100%

The top owing consumer group is that of residential. These includes conventional residents and pensioners. 73% of the debt book is owed by this category and it has remained the same as of the month of October 2024. This is historical debt from for the past 3 years.

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Wards	Total Settlement	Billing	Percentages
Ward 1	R 761 050.00	R 3 191 481	24%
Ward 2	R 252 417	R 1 167 942	22%
Ward 3	R 2 443 656	R 6 749 266	36%
Ward 4	R 328 044	R 3 536 039	9%
Ward 5	R 76 669	R 2 352 377	3%
Ward 6	R 5 565 940	R 9 226 677	60%
Ward 7	R 5 907 282	R 6 965 465	80%
Ward 8	R 3 215 943	R 2 052 056	64%
Ward 9	R 16 966 547	R 14 801 703	87%

The municipality collection rate per ward is displayed and the average collection is 62%. The municipality has adopted a new policy to encourage the customer to pay on monthly basis. However, there is a rise in illegal tempering with municipal electricity meter to avoid being blog that leads to non-payment of services.

1.1 An immediate and transparent plan to resolve the water crisis, including timelines and accountability measures.

RESPONSE:

The municipality has planned to mitigate the current water supply crisis/disruption as follows:

- Recommission the Delmas Water Treatment Plant to produce about 5MI/d by 20 December 2024. The municipality is in the process of refurbishing the steel water storage tank at the Delmas WTP.
- The municipality has identified high yielding boreholes within Delmas town that will be re-equipped. The boreholes will be used as and when there are water supply disruptions. The anticipated completion date for this exercise is end of January 2025.
- Water trucks are allocated to intervene, a schedule of water supply is issued

1.1 We demand a comprehensive report on the R 12 million borehole project, to supplement the water shortage as sponsored by Exxaro

2. Responses;

The municipality is implementing a project for the provision of boreholes in Delmas over two financial years 2021/2022 and 2022/2023. The following were archived

- Special studies
 - Botleng Groundwater investigation report
 - Botleng water supply challenges
 - Delmas groundwater resources investigation for water supply

Table 1: Summary of the abundant boreholes

Borehole Number	Coordinates (WGS84)		Depth (mbgl)	Water Strike (mbgl)	Comments
	Latitude	Longitude			
Wellfield-A Boreholes					
AA4	-26.11971	28.70400	33	28	Borehole abundant due to unstable ground causing the area to subside.
AA5	-26.12085	28.70842	65	37	Hole abundant due to cavities - casing got stuck during installation
AA9	-26.12097	28.69890	27	18	Rod got stuck during drilling. No air returns due to cavities. Hole collapsed on top of hammer.

Table 5: Provide summary of the boreholes drilled

Borehole Number	Alternative Name	Coordinates (WGS84)		Depth (mbgl)	Water Strike (mbgl)	Steel (273mm OD)	Steel Casing (177mm OD)		Collar Height (mbgl)	Water (mbgl)	Blow Yield (l/s)	Comments
		Latitude	Longitude				Solid (m)	Perforate (m)				
Wellfield-A Boreholes												
AA1	ABH1	-26.11985	28.70049	101	37.57	0	30	30	0.27	23	30	intersected small cavities
AA2	ABH2	-26.12077	28.12077	40	29.32	0	23	12	0.22	19	20	intersected cavities
AA3	ABH3	-26.12091	28.70304	46	28.42	0	22	18	0.5	11	30	intersected cavities and boulders
AA4	ABH4	-26.119718	28.704001	33	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	Hole abundant due to sinkholes
AA5	ABH5	-26.120850	28.708424	65	37	0	9	30	0	0	0	Hole abundant due to cavities instability
AA6	ABH6	-26.11968	28.70712	80	37.55	10	32	24	0.36	16.65	40	intersected cavities
AA7	ABH7	-26.12084	28.70862	66	32.48	10	29	12	0.36	14.2	30	Smelly water
AA8	ABH8	-26.119093	28.702977	120	41	15	36	24	0.67	21	40	intersected cavities
AA9	ABH9	-26.120604	28.698925	115	39		36	24	0.37	22.03	10	Intersected cavity at 39m
Wellfield-B Boreholes												
BBH1		-26.11134	28.68456	137	62	10	36	0	0.65	39.84	4	Intersected Fractures
BBH2		-26.11197	28.68803	87	38	0	36	24	0.75	23.73	20	Intersected Fractures and cavity
BBH3		-26.111000	28.69137	118	54	0	50	18	0.55	31.92	3	intersected fractures
BBH4		-26.109510	28.690860	74	56	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	intersected small fracture (deemed dry)

PHASE 2:


- Equipping 6x boreholes and reticulate to Delmas Water treatment plant
- Material is procured by Exxaro and labour by Victor Khanye Local Municipality
- There was delay in delivery of material due to service provider not being able to supply material

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

3. That the recommendations be considered.

It is trusted that you will be above to be in order.

Kind Regards


Cllr K.V Buda
Executive Mayor