

KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY TLM MAYOR, CLLR JOHN MICHAEL FISCHER DURING THE TLM STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION ON 15 MARCH 2019 AT KUMBA BIOSCOPE HALL, THABAZIMBI

Programme Facilitators,

Our Speaker, Dr Bertie Joubert,

The Chief Whip, Cllr Piet Strydom,

Chairperson of MPAC, Cllr Gert Gouws

Chairperson of Audit Committee, ntate Mogotsi in absentia,

All EXCO Members and fellow councillors,

The Municipal Manager, Mr TG Ramagaga, IDP Manager Mme Lena

Monawa-Lesotho and your Management Team,

Leadership of our Unions both SAMWU and IMATU

Officials from our District Municipality,

Office of the Premier,

Representative from AGSA in absentia,

Representatives from CoGHSTA in absentia,

Ladies and gentlemen.

Good Day.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for being part of this important session aimed at transforming and developing objectives and strategies to guide the long term planning of our institution.

The high level engagements, facilitation and discipline displayed during this session for the past three days is much appreciated.

Programme Facilitator, the important question to ask, is whether these sessions are bringing change to the development of the institution or whether we are doing it only for compliance purposes.

The Chairperson of Council known as the Speaker of the third arms of state as per the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa opened this Strategic Planning Session on Wednesday, he said “The expected outcomes of this Strategic Planning should forge the immediate, medium and long-term strategic priorities, as well as financial and political commitments, the recommendations and discussions made during this Strategic Planning must be evidence-based.

The resolutions we adopted from our commissions, give a clear indication of the task ahead of us. The challenge we face will be to follow up all the decisions we have taken, should be advancing of our responsibilities towards vision and the people of Thabazimbi Local Municipality.

The political leadership of our municipality lead by the party leaders known as Chief Whips. The decisions we have taken demonstrate our resolution to live up to the commitments we have made when we accepted the mandate to take up the positions we occupy.

Over the last two and a half days, we have deliberated on a number of important issues which are critical to the future of our municipality. We are confident that when we report to our stakeholders what we have decided, they will have every reason comforted that we remain firm in our commitment to advance their interest and respond to their needs.

Our Municipal Manager, nstate Ramagaga and delegates, the session has given us many tasks, it has pointed the way forward towards the achievement of our vision. It has directed us to work even harder to further accelerate and advance the cause of this vision. It has instructed us to move forward as a united force with clear sense of purpose, to serve our people and mobilise all our stakeholders behind our programme, vision and mission.

Great expectations will however, depend on the implementation of the strategic objectives and action plans coming out of this session. We have to transform these sessions into engines which solves problems and map out a clear way forward.

I am privileged to convey our sincerely gratitude to our Facilitators for making our Strategic Planning a success, your work will always be valued and we thank you for your knowledge and expertise.

As we go back to our wards and workstations, we must continue to demonstrate to our people and all our stakeholders that their confidence is justified. Among other things we must maintain, close contact with them and implement these decisions.

- 1. How should implement the commission recommendations or decisions and how?**
- 2. Municipal sections 79 and section 80.**
- 3. Accountable**
- 4. No excuse from Managers moving forward, vote numbers and budget amount.**

5. Exodus 20. Verse 15, O seke wa utswa.

On behalf of the Thabazimbi Local Municipality and its Council, I wish you a safe journey home and declare the TLM Strategic Planning Session 2019 closed.

I thank you!!!! Baie dankie!!! Ke a leboga!!!.