

CLOSING REMARKS BY TLM MAYOR, CLLR JOHN MICHAEL FISCHER ON THE OCCASION OF THE 2021 STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION HELD ON THE 14 MAY 2021 AT KOMMA NADER GUEST LODGE

Program Director

Ladies and Gentlemen, we have just concluded our successful one day Strategic Planning Session, an important legislative requirements which assist us to clearly set goals for the next financial year as it will be captured in the Service Delivery Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) and IDP. Two days ago we had a very successful session with our Mining Houses where most of our Mines attended and presented their Social Labour Plans.

Planning ahead is central to the execution of the municipal programme. The strategic planning session was a success. This session raised number of critical issues and correctly took resolution not box ticking which should help us to accelerate the pace of service delivery. Infrastructure development is core for local government developmental agenda and therefore needs to be strengthened so that there should be sufficient capacity to respond to massive challenges of basic service delivery especially on human rights issues like access to portable water, sanitation, roads and storm water.

We must as a matter of extreme urgency remove all obstacles that make us to collect revenue. If a meeting of minds is needed to address such let it be so for the sake of our community hence People First, Others shall follow.

Acting Municipal Manager, Directors and the entire Managers, we need as a matter of extreme urgency deals with our revenue generation mechanism. It is very clear that we will not be able to address all our developmental challenges if we don't collect enough.

This outcome of this strategic planning session will guide us in our quest for a better life for all. With this tool, we will remain focused on ensuring that we deliver on our mandate.

People have bestowed their trust on us with considerations that local government is the closest sphere of government to the people and their first point of contact with communities hence we shall neither fail nor falter in our pursuit to fulfil their mandate.

One of the factor that make a good municipality is community satisfaction. People must be able to see that their councillors and municipal officials care for them and are responsive to their needs.

Let us all take care of ourselves as we are told that there is possibility of Covid~19 third wave. Please continue to wear your masks, wash your hands regularly, keep on sanitizing and continue to keep social distancing.

Program Director and all members present here, I officially closed the session and wish you a safe journey back home.

I thank you.